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In accordance with WV Code 30-6-21(a), all funeral establishments and crematories are required to obtain written permission to cremate prior to said cremation. This form seeks to obtain such permission and the information immediately preceding this instruction is required by law and must be completed in its entirety before cremation can begin.

CREMATION IS AN IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL PROCESS. It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in this cremation authorization form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this authorization form, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or other questions that you may have.

The undersigned authorizes Tri-State Cremation Society, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, to cremate the remains of:

Name of Deceased: _____

Address: _____

Place of Death: _____ **Date of Death:** _____ **Age:** _____

The undersigned hereinafter referred to as the "Authorized Representative(s),"

_____ hereby certifies that they are the person(s) to whom the right of disposition devolves. I understand that due to the nature of the cremation process, any valuable material, including dental gold, will either be destroyed or not be recoverable. Any personal possessions accordingly have either been removed or may be destroyed. I further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Crematory and Funeral Director, their officers and employees from any liability, costs, expenses, or claims resulting from this authorization. I further state that the deceased has not had a heart pacemaker implanted, radiation producing implant device, no any other life sustaining device that could be explosive. If such device exists, I have instructed the Funeral Director or others to remove it before cremation. I also agree that in the event of my failure to notify the Funeral Director or any others responsible for the removal of such a device, I will be liable for any damages to the crematory or injury to the crematory personnel.

Authorized Representative(s)

Signature _____ **Relationship** _____ **Self** _____ **Date** _____

Address _____ **Phone Number** _____

Witness _____ **Witness** _____

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Identification of Authorizing Agent(s) on Page 1

The law is very specific as to who has the authority to make funeral arrangements for the deceased. First and most importantly, the deceased has the right to make his or her funeral arrangements and those arrangements must be honored by the family and the funeral home, to the extent the person has paid for or has the funds to pay for the services they desire. Written instructions include, but are not limited to, preneed funeral contract, medical power of attorney, Will or some other written document. Written instruments DO NOT include durable or nondurable power of attorney which terminated at death. If the instructions are contained in a will they are to be carried out immediately regardless of the validity of the will in other respects or the fact that the will may not be offered or admitted to probate until a later date.

1. **Deceased** – When the decedent has provided instructions and a method of payment of his or her own wishes regarding the disposition, location, manner and conditions of the disposition of their remains through last will and testament, and advance directive or preneed funeral contract as defined by Section 2 Article 14, Chapter 47 of the WV Code.
2. **The decedent's surviving spouse**, unless a petition to dissolve the marriage was pending at the time of the decedent's death.
3. **Surviving Child or Children** (A majority of the children must agree on all aspects of the funeral arrangements).
4. **Parent or Parents** or other permanent legal guardian of the deceased
5. **Surviving biological or adopted brother(s) or sister(s)** who are of legal age. A majority of the siblings.
6. **An order from the Circuit Court.**

Disposition of Cremated Remains

The cremation process is by no means "final". Disposition and memorialization of the cremated remains through an appropriate memorial location should be completed at the same time as funeral arrangements. It is requested that the following disposition be made of the cremated remains:

1. Placed in the following described urn as ordered by Funeral Director: _____
2. Placed in cardboard container for shipment to: _____
3. Held for pickup by family
4. Delivered to: _____

Does the deceased have any pacemaker, implant or a prosthesis which needs to be removed?

Yes

No

Is the Deceased to be embalmed?

Yes

No