

**E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.**

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**E. Franklin Griffiths III, Supervisor**

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**GENERAL PRICE LIST**

**These prices are effective as of: January 2014**

The goods and services shown below are those we can provide to our customers. You may choose only the items you desire. However, any funeral arrangements you select will include a charge for our basic services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected. This fee includes professional knowledge.

This list does not include prices for certain items that you may ask us to buy for you, such as cemetery or crematory services, flowers and newspaper notices. The prices for those items will be shown on your bill or the statement describing the funeral goods and services you selected. (We do not charge you for our services in buying these items.) This list does not include all the costs for final disposition that you may be required to pay.

**Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff and Overhead..... \$1,700.00**

Our fee for basic services of funeral director and staff includes, but is not limited to: staff to respond to initial request for service; arrangement conference with family and responsible parties; arrangement of funeral; preparation and filing of necessary authorizations and permits; recording of vital statistics; preparation and placement of obituary notice; and coordination with those providing other portions of the funeral, e.g. cemetery, crematory, vault companies, and others as required. Also included in this charge are overhead expenses relative to our facilities such as professional licensing, legal and accounting fees, insurance, building and utility expenses, parking lot and grounds, taxes, maintenance, equipment, furnishings, inventory cost, record keeping, and secretarial and administrative expenses. The fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select. (This fee is already included in our charges for direct cremation and forwarding or receiving remains, Immediate Burial.

**Embalming ..... \$ 775.00**

Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary, however, if you select certain funeral arrangements, such as a funeral with viewing. If you do not want embalming, you usually have the right to choose an arrangement that does not require you to pay for it, such as direct cremation or immediate burial.

**Embalming after Autopsy .....\$100.00**

**Embalming is required if you:**

1. Select a service with a viewing.
2. Arranged for shipment by common carrier or interstate transportation.

## Other Preparation of the Body

Includes: Sanitary care, dressing and placement in casket, cosmetizing, grooming (other than hairdresser) and restoration as needed. ....\$ 350.00

Hairdressing and Grooming.....\$ 40.00

Specialized Care following Autopsy or Organ and Tissue Donation..... \$ 100.00

Washing and Disinfecting of Remains with no Embalming.....\$ 350.00

**Transfer of Remains to the Funeral Home** (Within 20 mile radius)..... \$ 200.00

**Beyond this radius we charge \$3.00 per mile**

**Staff and Use of Facilities for Funeral Service, Graveside Service and accessories as needed, Memorial Service, or Service at a location other than Funeral Home..... \$ 650.00**

*This includes visitation up to three hours prior to service. Add \$150 for each additional hour.*

**Staff and Use of Facilities for Visitation or Viewing in conjunction with Funeral Service or Memorial Service at our Funeral Home ..... \$ 650.00**

**Staff and Use of Facilities for Visitation or Viewing not in conjunction with a Funeral or Memorial Service**

..... **\$ 650.00**

*This charge applies to evening calling hours not made in conjunction with a scheduled evening service or to calling hours made in conjunction with or prior to a graveside service or cremation. This includes visitation or viewing up to three hours. Add \$150.00 for each additional hour.*

## Final Goodbye Option Cremation

Our final goodbye option is a no embalming and very limited time that the deceased can be viewed out of refrigeration and identified by family or friend within 48 hrs. from time of death. (Refrigeration or embalming is required by the state law of Pennsylvania 24 hrs. after death no individual can be cremated or buried until a 24 hr. period has occurred, and proper authorization granted from the county of death). The deceased is in a refrigerated state, dressed and viewed in an alternative container suitable for cremation process. This final goodbye is limited to ten people and not to exceed thirty minutes from time of entry, in the interest of full disclosure, there must be minimum movement of the deceased. In case of autopsy, or extreme nature of death, embalming may be required at an additional fee.

.....**\$550.00**

## Family-Witnessed Cremation (Cremation container needed)

For those families wanting peace-of-mind of being present for the cremation, we will schedule the cremation for a mutually agreed upon time.....**\$ 250.00**

**Use of Refrigeration ( for un-embalmed remains)**

An additional fee charged for sheltering and refrigeration after three days.....\$150.00

**Use of Crematorium**

All cremations occur at our Tamaqua crematory, and are performed by a certified professional According to our 8 Step Cremation Standards of Excellence.....\$ 350.00

**Other Services**

**Simple Cremation**

Includes basic services of funeral director and staff, local transfer of the deceased from place of death, medical examiner fee, use of refrigeration, cremation container, crematory fee in our own on-site facility. If you wish to arrange a simple/direct cremation you can use an alternative container.

Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composition materials with or without an outside covering. The container we provide is a particle board container which is already included in our direct cremation charge. If purchaser provides their own container, subtract \$25 from the above price.....\$2,450.00

Additional fee (for those above 350 pounds).....\$ 350.00

*Our Price for Direct Cremation does not include the price of embalming and dressing.*

**Direct Cremation with container provided by the purchaser .....\$2,425.00**

**Direct Cremation with fiberboard container ..... \$2,450.00**

*\* This charge does not include merchandise, viewing ceremony or shipping charges.*

**Staff for Graveside Service and Accessories as Needed .....\$ 350.00**

**Hearse ..... \$ 225.00**

**Flower Car ..... \$ 75.00**

**Family Car (Sedan holds 6 passengers).....\$ 125.00**

**Sedan Lead or Clergy.....\$ 75.00**

**Limo .....\$ 250.00**

**Caskets .....\$575.00-\$2,250.00**

*A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.*

**Outer Burial Containers .....\$900.00-\$1,050.00**

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**Forwarding of Remains to another Funeral Home .....\$3,100.00**

Our charge includes: Basic services of funeral director and staff, a proportionate share of overhead costs, removal of remains, embalming or other preparation of remains, if relevant, and local transportation within 20 mi. radius.

*\* This charge does not include merchandise, viewing ceremony or shipping charges.*

**Receiving Remains from another Funeral Home .....\$1,925.00**

Our charge includes: Basic services of funeral director and staff, a proportionate share of overhead costs, care of remains, transportation of remains to funeral home and to cemetery or crematory.

- This charge **does not include**: merchandise, viewing ceremony or shipping charges.
- This charge includes mileage from Philadelphia 200 mi. @ \$3.00

### Reception Room

A comfortable room we offer families to receive friends for talk and fellowship after funeral or memorial services. Our staff will personalize your event with special touches and can accommodate all faiths. We have established relationships with local caterers or welcome family food- seating for groups of thirty or less, \$150 per hour, not to exceed 2 hrs.

### Immediate Burial .....\$2,700.00 - \$3,350.00

Our charge for an immediate burial (without ceremony) includes: Basic Services of funeral director and staff, transfer of deceased from place of death, other preparation of the body, use of refrigeration, and local transfer to cemetery

- *This charge does not include merchandise, viewing ceremony or shipping charges.*

Immediate burial with casket provided by purchaser.....	\$2,700.00
Immediate burial with salem fiberboard casket.....	\$3,350.00
Immediate burial with casket selected from our funeral home.....	\$2,700.00

## Disposition of Cremated Remains

### Release of cremated remains.....No Charge

We will hold cremated remains at no charge for up to sixty days until arrangements are made for their release to the family at our facility during regular business hours.

### Shipment of Cremated Remains (Domestic Shipment).....\$95

We will carefully package and ship the cremated remains via USPS Registered Mail to any U.S. destination (Shipment may take 5 business days).

### Home Delivery

We will hand deliver in our service area at a mutually agreed upon time.....\$150

### Storage of Remains (after sixty days).....\$75

## Cash Advances

### Nationwide Coverage and Protection Plan.....\$385

For those that have prearranged their services with us and travel, or temporarily or permanently move out of our service area, this unique extended service plan guarantees our continuity of care regardless of where our services are needed in the United States. If death occurs anywhere in the country, your family simply calls us and we will make all the necessary arrangements at no additional charge to your family. Our Nationwide Coverage and Protection Plan can only be selected at the time of prearrangement and your family must call and notify us at the time of death so that we can contact the funeral home of choice in our network.

## Merchandise

### Memorial Record Package:

Register Book, 100 Prayer Cards/Memorial Records and 2 Boxes of Acknowledgement cards.....\$145.00

Burial Clothing .....\$25.00-\$500.00

Cremation Urns.....\$60.00-\$5,000.00

Crucifix .....\$40.00

Video – DVD .....\$80.00

Additional Copies .....\$10.00

Temporary Grave Marker.....\$20.00

Electronic Obituaries.....\$50.00

As local newspapers continue to charge significant fees for placing obituaries, families are either eliminating or scaling down the printed notice and relying more on online listing. Advantages not only include lower cost, but also more flexibility in content, provides relatives and friends immediate access to information and can serve as a social networking site and long-term tributes to the deceased.

## IDENTIFICATION POLICY

This funeral home requires that all human remains be positively identified in the funeral home, or in the family's residence, prior to burial or cremation.

The reason that the positive identification procedure is required is to eliminate the possibility of cremating or burying the wrong individual, in the event that a hospital, nursing home, or other institution incorrectly identifies the deceased.

The identification process also provides an opportunity for a "Private Family Viewing," if desired by family members. The funeral home includes up to one hour for the private family viewing with any service selected.

This funeral home guarantees all services will be handled with dignity and respect.

Prior to the private family viewing, it is our policy to obtain clothing for the deceased as provided by the family.

Your loved one will be dressed as the family deems appropriate and placed in the casket or alternative container selected for burial or cremation.

Identification will take place in an appropriate funeral home viewing/visitation area.

## Cash Advances

This list does not include prices for certain items you may ask us to buy for you such as cemetery charges, newspaper notices, clergy fees, and music. The prices for those items will be shown on the statement describing the goods and services you selected.

## **Payment & Credit Policy**

Our firm has established a uniform credit policy to serve all families fairly and to alleviate misunderstandings. A sound credit policy enables us to contain our costs to the families we serve. As a small business providing services and merchandise, we are totally dependent upon our clients for prompt payment. Our general credit policy is that the entire amount of the funeral is due and payable prior to services being rendered. We realize that caring for the death of a loved one is often unexpected and unplanned. For your convenience, we offer 10 payment options:

- Personal Check
- Bank Check
- Money Order
- Cash
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Discover
- American Express
- Debit Card
- Prearrangement

The following are acceptable credit arrangements:

Assignable Life Insurance: Life insurance may be used as a means of full or partial payment for funeral and other related expenses.

We will accept settlement of estates through attorneys or probate court as a means of financial arrangements. All unpaid balances after sixty (60) days from the date of service accrue a late fee of 1% per month (12% per year).

## **Special Situations**

As a community service, it is our policy to offer our services and facilities at no cost to infants less than one year of age as well as those in public emergency service who lost their life in the line of duty. Services for children and special groups are offered at a reduced rate. It is our policy that no one be denied a service because of limited financial resources. If you would like to arrange a service and do not have sufficient funds to pay in accordance with the Payment & Credit Policy outlined in our General Price List, we will be pleased to discuss alternative arrangements.