

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts

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2009 Funeral Service Survey

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Non-Traditional Funeral Service Options

Are you willing to provide services for **part of a funeral** such as death registration and transportation with the family handling the rest? yes no

Will you handle a ~~xxx~~ **Funeral service** at a residence instead of your funeral home? yes no

Do you provide refrigeration facilities? yes no

Is viewing without embalming available? yes no

Does your direct cremation listed price include:

Crematory fee yes no

Permits yes no

Other fees yes no

Which crematory(ies) do you use for cremation? Usually Newton Crematory

Will you allow/use other crematories? yes no

Please attach your General Price List with this survey.

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Thank you for your cooperation in completing and returning this survey and your GPL by February 13, 2009 to the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts. Please note that we cannot accept faxes over 9 pages in length.

Levine Chapels

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General Price List

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These prices are effective as of Jan. 1, 2009, but are subject to change without notice.

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 list does not include prices for certain items you may ask us to arrange, such as cemetery expenses, flowers, newspaper notices, etc. The prices for those items will be shown on the Funeral Purchase Agreement, or on the bill you will eventually receive.

BASIC SERVICES

OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND STAFF \$2,895.00

Our basic service charge includes, but is not limited to, twenty-four hour staff, consultation with family and clergy, arranging the funeral; preparation and filing of necessary notices, authorizations and consents; coordination of service with cemetery, vault companies and others as required. Also included in this charge are overhead expenses relative to our facility such as insurance, maintenance and utility expenses, secretarial and administrative costs, and equipment and inventory 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 immediate burials, direct cremations and forwarding or receiving remains).

TAHARA \$ 100.00
Religious preparation of remains.

OTHER PREPARATION \$ 100.00
Washing or disinfecting unembalmed remains.

EMBALMING \$ 495.00
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

USE OF PREPARATION AREAS & SUPPLIES....\$ 325.00

DRESSING, HANDLING and CASKETING.....\$ 225.00

PROCUREMENT, PREPARATION AND FILING OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR FUNERALS (DEATH CERTIFICATES AND BURIAL/TRANSIT PERMITS)..... \$ 160.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Use of Chapel and staff for funeral service..... \$ 795.00

Use of Staff & Equipment for funeral service at Temple or other facility \$ 795.00

Refrigeration..... \$ 395.00

Use of Chapel and staff for visitation \$ 795.00

Graveside service \$ 395.00

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

Initial local removal..... \$ 450.00

Hearse to cemetery/airport (25 mile radius) \$ 475.00

Limousine within the greater Boston area (25 mile radius)..... \$ 475.00

Any additional removal \$ 450.00

Extra territorial charges (per mile).....\$ 3.95

MERCHANDISE

CASKETS \$ 865.00 TO \$ 11,500.00
A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.

OUTER BURIAL CONTAINERS....\$ 895.00 TO \$ 10,995.00
A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.

Acknowledgement Cards – starting at \$ 125.00
Ea. add'l 100 cards or re-orders. 100.00
Custom Ack. Cards available (orders of 100) from \$195 on up

Shrouds:..... Muslin . . \$ 185.00 Linen . . \$ 285.00
Talis \$ 60.00
Religious package – starting at \$ 60.00
(includes shiva candle, memorial prayer books, kriaiah ribbons, temporary grave marker, register book, etc)

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RECEIVING OF REMAINS FROM ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME..... \$ 3,290.00

This charge includes: Basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs, pick-up of remains, temporary shelter of remains, and transportation to the cemetery and religious package.

This charge does not include limousines, clergy fees, use of chapel for service, manpower & equipment at temple, graveside service fees, cemetery charges, newspaper notices, or any other items not included in the paragraph above.

FORWARDING OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME \$ 4,280.00

This charge includes: Basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs, local pick-up of remains, temporary shelter of remains, embalming or other preparation, securing necessary permits, air tray if necessary, and hearse to airport.

This charge does not include: use of Chapel and staff for funeral service, limousines, clergy fees, cemetery fees, transportation fees, newspaper notices, certified copies of death certificate or any other items not included in the paragraph above.

FORWARDING OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME (J.F.D.A.)..... \$ 925.00
..... Plus securing death certificate and permit, \$ 160.00

This charge includes: Basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs, local pick-up of remains, temporary shelter of remains, embalming or other preparation, minimum shipping container (Zeigler case, add \$450.00 if necessary), securing necessary permits, air tray, and hearse to airport.

This charge does not include the use of any facilities and staff for any visitation or ceremony, public or private, prior to the forwarding of remains, or any items not included in paragraph above.

DONATION OF REMAINS TO MEDICAL SCHOOL..... \$ 1125.00

This charge includes basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs, shelter of remains if necessary and securing necessary authorizations and permits.

This fee does not include transfer of remains to medical school (**see below), use of facilities and staff for any visitation or ceremony, public or private, prior to donation, or any other items not listed in above paragraph.

****The charge for "transfer of remains to medical school" is USUALLY reimbursed to Levine Chapel by the Medical School. If the Medical School refuses to reimburse Levine Chapel for any reason, the family will be billed for said service.**

DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS..... \$ 2,150.00

This charge includes basic services of funeral director and staff at disinterment (and reinterment if necessary): a proportionate share of overhead costs, and obtaining all necessary permits and legal documents.

This does not include any items not listed above such as: vault and transportation charges, cemetery fees, Zeigler fee (if necessary), or any other charges in connection with the disinterment and reinterment.

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DIRECT CREMATION \$ 2755.00 to \$ 3,620.00

The charge for a direct cremation (without ceremony) includes basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs; local removal of remains, sheltering remains for mandatory forty-eight hour waiting period (M.G.L. Chapter 114, Sec. 44), securing necessary authorizations and local transportation to crematory.

This does not include the crematory fee, medical examiner fee, final disposition costs or the use of facilities and staff for any visitation or ceremony, public or private, prior to the cremation.

If you want to arrange a 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 that we provide is an unfinished, plywood/cardboard or similar container.

Direct cremation with container provided by the purchaser \$ 2,755.00

Direct cremation with container provided by the Chapel \$ 2,995.00

Direct cremation with an unfinished pine box provided by Chapel..... \$ 3,620.00

IMMEDIATE BURIAL..... \$ 2,755.00 to \$ 14,255.00

The charge for immediate burial (without ceremony) includes basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs; local removal of remains, securing necessary authorizations and local transportation to the cemetery.

This does not include the cemetery fees, clergy fees (if used), preparation fees or the use of facilities and staff for any visitation or ceremony, public or private, prior to the burial.

Immediate burial with container or casket provided by purchaser \$ 2,755.00

Immediate burial with unfinished particleboard container provided by Chapel \$ 3,055.00

Immediate burial with casket selected from Chapel's Casket Price List \$ 3,620.00 to \$ 14,255.00

USE OF CHAPEL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE \$ 1675.00

This charge includes services of funeral director and staff, use of chapel for memorial service