# Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

**(Please print or type)**

I(We), the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby authorize and request Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of _____ (the "decedent") and to arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form.

**Initials of AA**_____

I(We) _____have _____have not identified the human remains that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, and have authorized the funeral home to deliver the decedent to Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, for cremation.

**Initials of AA**_____

I(We) have read the attached document entitled "Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory Policies, Procedures and Requirements," and hereby authorize Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory to perform the cremation of the decedent in accordance with that document. (Reverse side of this document)

**Initials of AA**_____

## IDENTIFICATION

Address of Decedent _____

Date of Death _____ Time of Death_____AM / PM Sex_____ Race_____ Age_____

Place of Death: City, Borough, Twp. _____ County_____ State_____

Was the decedent treated with radioactive therapy? Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐

If yes, please specify type: _____

***ALL PACEMAKERS, DEFIBRILLATORS AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS / SEEDS MAY BE DANGEROUS WHEN PLACED IN A CREMATION CHAMBER AND MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO DELIVERING THE DECEDENT TO LAUREL MEMORIAL PARK, INC. CREMATORY***

*Please initial **ONE** of the next two paragraphs. (for pre-arrangement, answer as of current status)*

The decedent's remains ***do not*** contain a pacemaker, defibrillator, radioactive implant or any other device that could be harmful to the crematory. They are ***safe to cremate***.

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The decedent's remains ***do*** contain a pacemaker, defibrillator, radioactive implant or any other device that could be harmful to the crematory. The following list contains all existing devices (including all mechanical, radioactive implants and prosthetic devices) which are implanted in or attached to the decedent, that should be removed prior to cremation: _____.

I have instructed the funeral home to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to transporting the decedent to Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory.

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## FINAL DISPOSITION

After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains have been processed and the processed cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorizes Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory to release, the cremated remains as specified. Check one of the following:

1._____ Release the cremated remains to the funeral home to be picked up within 10 days.

2._____ Release the cremated remains to _____

Address_____ Phone_____(To be picked up within 10 days)

**Initials of AA**_____

## AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

I(We), the undersigned, hereby certify that I have charge of the remains of the decedent and possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the state of New Jersey to execute the authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent because I was either named by the decedent to control the funeral and disposition of the decedents remains or, if no such person was named, I am the legal next of kin in accordance with New Jersey law. In addition, I am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, or civil union or domestic partner, child, parent or sibling.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I(We) hereby agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, its officers, trustees, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description, in law or equity, including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the decedent or the human remains transmitted to Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, the processing, and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedent's cremated remains, or any other actions performed by Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, its officers, trustees, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only intentionally wrongful acts or gross negligence.

**Initials of AA**_____

## SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

By executing this Cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

Executed at_____ this_____ day of_____,20_____

Name _____ Signature_____

Relationship to Decedent_____ Phone No. (  )_____

Address_____

Name _____ Signature_____

Relationship to Decedent_____ Phone No. (  )_____

Address_____

Signature of Funeral Director as Witness for Signature(s) of Authorizing Agent(s) _____

Name and Address of Funeral Home _____

**WHITE: Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory YELLOW: Next of Kin/Authorizing Agent PINK: Funeral Home**

## LAUREL MEMORIAL PARK, INC. CREMATORY POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory and the designated funeral home.

This document describes many of the policies and requirements of Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory and is incorporated in our Cremation Authorization Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Cremation Authorization Form.

### LAUREL MEMORIAL PARK, INC. CREMATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATION

***Cremation will take place only after all the following conditions have been met.***

1) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed.
2) 24 hours have transpired since the death occurred.
3) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
4) All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.

### CASKETS/CONTAINERS

Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory requires the use of a casket/alternative container for cremation. Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory does not accept metal caskets. All wooden caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of materials suitable for cremation; 2) be able to be closed to provide a complete covering for the human remains; 3) be resistant to leakage or spillage; 4) be sufficient for handling with ease; and 5) be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, e.g., decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

### PACEMAKERS, DEFIBRILLATORS, PROSTHESES AND RADIOACTIVE DEVICES

Pacemakers, defibrillators, and prosthesis, as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. It is imperative that pacemakers, defibrillators, and radioactive devices be removed prior to cremation. If the funeral home is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damages caused to Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

### TIME OF CREMATION

Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, at its discretion, and according to its own time schedule as work permits, without obtaining any further authorization or instructions.

### THE CREMATION PROCESS

All cremations are performed individually.

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other nonhuman material) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prosthesis or dental bridgework), that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory. Arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory. Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory reserves the right to inspect the contents of the casket/container, prior to cremation, and remove any item(s) which could pose a danger to the crematory or personnel, in a non-recoverable manner.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

### WITNESSING

Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory does allow the witnessing of the casket/container being placed in the cremation chamber, only if the authorizing agent has so authorized, and has executed a hold harmless agreement.

### URNS/CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle, The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Cremation Authorization Form.

### FINAL DISPOSITION

Cremation is NOT final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provision must be made for the final disposition of these cremated remains. Therefore, Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made and that the Cremation Authorization Form is completed.

If for any reason the cremated remains have not been claimed by a relative or friend of the deceased, then Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory will dispose of the remains in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions of New Jersey State Law.

### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The obligation of Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Cremation Authorization Form. No Warranties Express or Implied are Made by Laurel Memorial Park, Inc. Crematory. Damages Shall be Limited to the Amount of the Cremation Fee Paid.