

Cremation Process at Our On-Site Crematory

Our cremations are performed by placing the deceased remains in a cremation cardboard or wood container or casket with our approval. No metal containers or caskets will be accepted at our crematory for cremation. We place the remains in your selected container in our crematory, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. Through the use of natural gas, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished by raising the temperature to approximately 1600 degrees F. for an average of 2.5 hours. All substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (Calcium components) and metal (including dental gold, silver and other non-human 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 anybody prostheses or dental bridgework), that are left with the decedent and not removed from the container or casket prior to cremation will be destroyed or will otherwise not be recoverable. As the container or casket will not be opened by our staff (to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason), the Authorized Agent understands that arrangements must be made with Cremation & Funeral Gallery to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time the decedent is ready for the cremation process. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are then swept from the cremation chamber. The crematory operator who is licensed by the State of Montana 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 unintentionally left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid co-mingling, inadvertent or incidental co-mingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Authorized Agent understands and accepts this fact. After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework and materials from the container or casket, (hinges, latches, nails, etc) to which some bone particles or other human residue may be affixed, will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by our licensed staff with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only the human bone fragments will remain. 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 be mechanically processed (pulverized), which includes crushing or grinding and incidental co-mingling of the remains with the residue (dust) from the processing of previously cremated remains, into granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, virtually unrecognizable as human remains, prior to placement into the designated urn or container with the proper identification tag that was assigned and required by this State at the beginning of the cremation process. If the cremated remains are scattered, it is recommended to not dispose of the ID tag with the cremated remains but perhaps in some other manner, preferably retained by the family or person in charge of such disposition. The identification tag is required to accompany the cremated remains when buried in a cemetery or placed in a niche.

I have reviewed the cremation process. Signature: _____