

PREPARE TO DIE!

The Cost of Dealing With Your Dust

Lesson # 5

Over the years more and more laws have regulated what can be done with the body of someone who has died. The police don't want people driving around with corpses in their cars. The health officials don't want decaying bodies spreading disease throughout the city. Home owners don't want to buy a house with several graves in the backyard. The people who own cemeteries don't want caskets popping out of the ground during rainy times of the year. Besides, there is a lot of money that can be made off of people who are grieving. These factors and others have caused many regulations to be made about what can and cannot be done with the remains of the dead.

Feeding the funeral services industry is the fact that most people fear death. They don't want to talk about death and they certainly don't want to think of their loved one being a carnival for worms. The world is obsessed with the body, with health, with this life. People have a hard time thinking of someone existing apart from their body. Evolutionary thinking tells us that when our bodies quit functioning, we die, there is no afterlife, and everything is over. There are two great emotions that keep the advertising industry alive – lust and fear. Those who realize people fear death have created an entire industry which attempts to make death, not so deathly. The days of rotting, decaying, putrid corpses are over in America. We have corpses of people that look better in the casket than the person did alive! Decay has been delayed with embalming. The corpse is placed on a silk covered mattress, with quilted velvet padding on the sides, and pleated linen on the inside of the lid of the casket. The body is glorified as if it were a person, as if it could feel, as if it had a mind and cared.

Most of us have probably seen pictures of elaborate sand castles that are amazingly detailed. Yet, when the tide comes in, they are all washed away and all the labor that went into constructing them is gone. So it is with the human body. We are fearfully and wonderfully made by God in the womb. God constructs out of water and a little dust an amazing structure. When alive, our bodies are living masterpieces, our spirits fused to our outer man. But when we die our spirit leaves and the tides of death and decay wash all of God's handiwork away. Our spirits, the real us, the conscious us, remain alive and never die.

Most of us have probably wondered, maybe even marveled, at the great deal of effort that the Egyptians went through preparing the bodies of the Pharaohs for the afterlife. We can read about these things and say, "Wow! That is a lot of fuss over a dead body." Yet we, in America, are not that much different. We are obsessed with making decaying corpses look good and acting like the preservation of our dead bodies is somehow beneficial, just like the Egyptians. We have the same mistaken notion as the Egyptians that to treat a corpse nicely is to treat the person nicely, as if a person remains in their dead body. Yet this is not the case. When we die our spirit departs and leaves nothing but the clay vessel, the water and dust which God used to construct us with in the womb.

So what are you going to request in this life to be done with your remains after you die and your spirit departs to be with the Lord? This lesson is designed to help you think through these issues and the costs associated with them. Your death will incur expenses for those left behind. If you love them you will prepare to die by leaving detailed instructions, and financially providing for yourself so that when you are in heaven, your earthly shell doesn't become a burden to those who are on earth.

I. BURIAL OF YOUR BODY¹

- A. There are no real theological implications favoring burial. Some have pointed out that in the Scriptures burial of some sort is always what is modeled. However, we must not confuse “description” with “prescription.” Some biblical characters were buried in the ground, others were buried in underground crypts, Joseph was surely dealt with in the common Egyptian fashion of the day and mummified. Many things are described as happening in the Bible but that does not mean they are prescribed for all believers. This makes burial an acceptable means of dealing with your remains but not a mandated means.
- B. Process and cost of preparing the body
1. The cost of transferring a body at Forest Lawn is \$275 if you live within 60 miles of the cemetery. There is a \$2 a mile additional fee if you live outside of the sixty mile radius. Valley Funeral Home charges \$595 plus \$3 a mile outside the sixty mile radius.
 2. Embalming cost is \$325 at Forest Lawn and \$695 at Valley. You don't have to be embalmed if you are willing to have an immediate burial or cremation.
 3. Basic service costs which include discussing arrangements, securing a death certificate, obtaining a burial permit, clerical staff fees, use of mortuary building cost about \$600 at Forest Lawn and \$1,835 at Valley Funeral Home.
 4. Open casket preparations require embalming and “care and preparation” services. The body is dressed up, shaved, hair is styled, make up applied, etc. so that the body looks as good and/or often better than it did when the person who lived in it was alive. Forest Lawn charges \$250 and Valley Funeral Home charges \$200 to make your dust look good after death.
 5. For on site visiting privileges at Forest Lawn it cost \$150 for four hours, \$200 per day, \$100 for every day after. Valley Funeral Home charges \$175 per day.
 6. Refrigeration of the body costs \$150 for three days, \$50 a day after that. Valley charges a flat rate of \$695.

¹Most of the burial information in this study was graciously collected by Brian Young. Prices are always subject to change and the purpose of including prices is to give you a ball park figure of what it costs to die, not an exact quote.

C. Burial options and costs

1. At Forest Lawn the lowest cost for a burial plot is \$2,600. This might be a plot out of the way, on the far reaches of the maintained property in a low spot by a chain link fence. If you want a very personal enclosed area, that is landscaped like a garden, with flagstone walk ways, and pre-installed concrete vault you pay about \$17,000 for a plot. All plots are charged a one time maintenance fee of 15% which brings costs from \$2,990 to \$19,550. The cemetery at Forest Lawn has many sections, each with different melodious and comforting names such as “Peaceful Memory,” “Loving Kindness,” “Bright Eternity,” etc. Each area has different costs associated with being buried there depending the location within that area. A nice hill top view under an old oak tree costs more than a boggy ditch by the chain link fence. As in all real estate, you pay for location and a view.
2. Mausoleum – is an above ground burial structure. The first above ground burial structure was built by King Mausolus in 335 BC and is where we get the name “mausoleum” from. Some mausoleums are stand alone units that may be placed in a normal cemetery for single or family burial. Other mausoleums are walled structures with many concrete vaults located in cemeteries. These are usually decorated with marble or granite to make the concrete understructure look appealing. The marble or granite cover is removed and your casket or ashes are placed inside the vault. An inscription is made on the cover so your grave can be identified. Being buried in a mausoleum is “the clean way” of burying your remains as your remains are not put in the ground, though inside the casket your body still decays. Cost of being buried in a mausoleum depends upon the mausoleum, location, and many other factors. Prices range from about \$7,000 to \$18,500. This does not include the casket, burial plaque, inscription, or other funeral services. Some choose to have their cremated remains placed in a mausoleum. This requires a smaller space often referred to as a “niche.” Prices range from about \$1,300 to \$3,500.
3. Crypts are underground Mausoleum’s often located under a church. These are not very popular today but some churches, such as the Roman Catholic “Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels” in downtown Los Angeles has a large crypt underneath it. Prices range from \$60,000 to \$350,000 for a burial place in the crypt. This does not include the casket, inscription, and other costs of burial. A more expensive place might be located next to a stained glass window in a crypt the shape of a cross. A less expensive place would be next to the floor near a main walk way.
4. The Neptune Society is a cremation society that seeks to provide affordable burials. You pre-purchase your cremation and in doing so become a member of the society. The cost is \$1,500 which includes transfer of your body to the cremation facility, the cremation process, and the scattering of your ashes at sea or the delivery of your ashes to relatives. You can also purchase a travel plan in case you die anywhere in

the continental United States and they will transport your body at no extra cost.

5. Arrowhead Aftercare is another cremation and burial service located in Highland, California. Their lowest cost direct cremation service is \$540. The cremation is performed within five working days after the death certificate is signed, does not include viewing or any other services. Included is transportation of the body within 30 miles, obtaining of death certificate, refrigeration of body until cremation, card board cremation container, tax, permit to dispose of remains, state fees, and plastic urn. Prices go up from the base price to \$4,200 for the full package of services including things like viewing and church service.
6. Caskets are part of every burial. They vary widely in cost. The least expensive option that Forest Lawn sells is a sturdy cardboard container for \$39 which they are quick to point out doesn't qualify for a casket. Implied in many statements made by funeral service agents is that it is almost criminal for someone's remains to be buried in a card board container. Your basic gray, cloth covered, rayon lined wood casket is \$395. Prices go up from there. The medium to low end caskets are made of nicely painted metal or inexpensive woods like pine, oak, or maple (\$695 to 4,000) . Nicer wood caskets of cherry, walnut, or mahogany can cost up to \$6,000. All of the medium to upper range caskets are beautifully finished with padded silk like linings, air tight seals, gold plated trim, etc. The most expensive casket Forest Lawn sells cost \$25,000. It is the "Promethean," a solid, 48 ounce bronze casket polished to a mirror finish. The interior is plush velvet available in four colors and contains an adjustable bed and mattress. It has a continuous weld "safety seal" and 14-karat gold plated trim. While these prices may seem expensive, Forest Lawn is the low priced leader. The same top of the line "Promethean" polished bronze casket costs \$34,000 at Valley Funeral Home, and Valley's cardboard box cost \$95. Remember, all caskets look bad after being buried in the ground for a while. Air tight seals are only relatively air tight as decay, rust, and corrosion eventually triumph.
7. Burial site options
 - a. Concrete vaults are large boxes made of concrete which the casket is placed into. Concrete vaults are not required by law but many large scale cemeteries do require them. The reason is that after a while the lid of the casket rots and the soil collapses into the cavity of the casket on the remains of the deceased and a slight sinkhole appears. With tractors, large lawn mowers, and many visitors walking on top of the burial sites, uneven terrain becomes hazardous and difficult to maintain. So places like Forest Lawn require every "body" to be buried in a concrete vault. It must be purchased from them if you want to be buried in their cemetery. A

low end vault with an open bottom and a steel reinforced concrete lid costs \$595. You can get an enclosed vault with water resistant coating for \$695, or one with a more reliable water proof styrene lining for \$975, or an even more water resistant ABS Trilon plastic coating with a stainless steel interior for \$1,725 or the top of the line triple reinforced concrete vault with ABS Trilon plastic coating, bronze lining, and a personalized bronze name plate for \$9,500. When it comes to concrete vaults, Valley Funeral home has better prices yet tacked on to these prices are shipping and delivery fees. You have to find a cemetery that allows you to be buried in a vault not purchased from them. Since vaults weigh anywhere from 1,300 to 3,000 lbs shipping can be expensive! Of course, a hole has to be dug, the casket placed in the vault, the lid of the vault placed on, burial, etc., which cost extra.

b. Burial stones, plaques, and statuary

- (1) Bronze grave markers cost from about \$745 for a bronze memorial tablet (28"x16") to \$2,600 for bronze "historical memorial tablet" (30" x 39").
- (2) Statuary is very expensive. One not too detailed example costs \$225,000. Of course, when you purchase a large piece of statuary to rest on or near your burial plot, you also have to purchase the surrounding plots so your statue isn't looming over someone else's grave site. You might need to purchase ten additional plots, at say \$6,900 a piece, since you don't want to put an expensive statue in an ugly location. The ten extra plots with the 15% maintenance fee then adds an additional \$79,350 to the cost of the statuary and original plot! Original plot and maintenance fee \$7,935 + ten extra plots \$79,350 + statuary \$225,000 = \$312,285. This is not including any of the necessary services.
- (3) If you choose to be buried in an above ground mausoleum or crypt, there are also other items they are willing to sell you like plaques and statues. Prices vary but all statuary is very expensive.

D. Keep in mind as you decide what you want for your remains that when you die, you will no longer be in your body. Your body won't be you. When you drive your car to the office or home and get out, your car isn't you. It is merely the vehicle that was used to transport you around town. In the same way, when you die, your body isn't you, it is just the vehicle that you used to get around in. While there is something to be said about maintaining your car, once it is sent to the junk yard it is time to stop pouring money into it.

Everyone spends money on things they don't need. People buy nice cars, houses, TV's, and designer clothes because they like these things. In the same way some people spend money a lot of money for their loved one's burial. The difference is that in most cases people do not prepare themselves to die. The family is then left emotionally traumatized and yet forced to make hasty decisions as the body of their loved one needs to be dealt with. Not wanting to dishonor their loved one and they often decide to get something real nice for them. Yet in this decision they forget that the body that is left behind is not their loved one. This is why preparing to die beforehand is so important. You can leave detailed instructions for your burial so your loved ones don't have to guess at what would honor you and what your wishes are.

II. CREMATION

- A. Some have argued that cremation is "unbiblical" because it is an attempt to thwart the resurrection and because it is not what we see practiced in the Bible. Actually the Bible records one example of cremation in the case of King Saul and his sons (I Sam. 31:12-13). Yet cremation in the Bible is the exception not the norm. However, as we stated earlier, the Bible does not prescribe any specific type of burial procedure. It is a matter of personal conviction and conscience. Cremation is one viable option.
- B. Process of cremation is as follows. The casket or container is placed in a large oven type furnace called a cremation chamber. The temperatures in the cremation chamber reach 1,400 to 1,800 degrees. After about 2 hours all organic matter is consumed leaving only bone and metal fragments. The remains are removed from the cremation chamber and any metal is separated from the bone. The bone fragments are then ground into fine particles, placed in a container, and labeled. The entire process takes approximately three hours.
- C. Cremation costs range widely depending on what you want. To have your remains transported for cremation, the cremation process, and the return of the ashes to relatives in a plastic urn will cost you about \$1,900.
 - 1. If you want your ashes scattered at sea, there is an additional \$75 charge. If you want Forest Lawn to set up a special service at sea there is an additional \$450 cost.
 - 2. Cost of urns vary but can be quite expensive. Remember, any container will do. It doesn't have to be an official urn. Yet if you buy an official urn from a funeral home, you will pay top dollar. A pottery urn might cost \$400 and the Olympus urn, which looks like a Roman Column, is made of Titanium, with 24 karat gold accents, and costs \$5,000.
 - 3. Placing ashes in a mausoleum niche or a burial niche can cost about \$400, prices vary upon location. This does not include the ceremony and burial fees. Forest Lawn's basic "A Simple Goodbye" package costs

\$3,209, plus the cost of above ground burial in a mausoleum at \$570 or in ground burial for \$1,300. If you want to have a church service in one of Forest Lawn's chapels, it cost an additional \$750. Of course many of the other fees associated with burial can also be purchased with a cremation. You can choose to have your body embalmed and displayed at a church service, or at Forrest Lawn then cremated afterwards. Thus you would have to pay \$325 for embalming, \$1,400 for a basic wood casket, \$250 to transport your body, and \$250 to prepare the body and make it look nice for viewing. Basic costs for a lower end complete package cost a minimum of \$5,395. For the top of the line cremation, ceremony, and urn you are looking at \$31,200.

4. Standard cremation packages run from about \$3,000 to \$8,500.
5. If you want to witness the cremation they charge you an additional \$200 yet some packages include this. If you are wondering if they incinerate your remains with the casket, the answer is yes. Everything goes in the cremation chamber and is totally consumed.

III. CRYOGENIC FREEZE

Cryogenics is the science of freezing and relates to a rather rare form of dealing with your remains. You pay to have your body frozen to about 193 degrees below zero. The initial freeze costs about \$80,000 which includes a container that kind of looks like a large stainless steel thermos. The initial cost is expensive but so is the cost of keeping you frozen. Forty people have been frozen so far but only 11 people remain in their frozen state. The rest were thawed out when their estates ran out of the necessary funds to keep them frozen.

Why would someone want to be frozen? The reasoning behind being frozen is that freezing stops all decay. You lie in your frozen state until medical science advances to the point where they can thaw you out, repair you and/or cure your disease, then bring you back to life. The thought is that all of your memories, the real "you" is contained in the molecules of your brain tissue. Hence, if you could be thawed out and repaired, all your memories would remain intact and you would experience a kind of man made resurrection. Of course we know from the Word of God that this will never happen. Even if the medical community can figure out a way to overcome the destructive tendencies of the freezing process and even if they could cure the cause of death, they can't fetch someone's spirit from heaven and hell. Freezing is nothing more than a man made attempt to resurrect the dead and is based on unbiblical and false premises.

IV. FUNERAL CEREMONY OR MEMORIAL SERVICE COSTS

- A. A **memorial service** is a funeral service without the body present. Forest Lawn charges \$600 while Valley Funeral Home charges \$475.

- B. **Limousine and Chauffeur** for family can also be purchased for transportation to and from the place of the service to the grave site and back, with a three hour limit for \$475 at Forest Lawn and \$395 at Valley Funeral Home.
- C. **Saturday Services** cost more because of weekend personnel difficulties and because weekends are more popular and hence cost an additional \$325 at Forest Lawn or \$250 at Valley Funeral Home.
- D. **Funeral Ceremony** (a memorial service with the body present) that includes staff, arrangement and coordination of service, recorded music, church care and maintenance, service personnel for ushering, care of flowers and accompanying cards from donors, costs \$600 at Forest Lawn but includes grave side committal services. Valley charges \$475 without committal.
- E. **Grave Side Ceremony** costs \$450 at Forest Lawn, \$475 at Valley.
- F. **Memorial Registration Book** \$25 to \$195.
- G. **Acknowledgment Cards** \$15 to \$120 per one hundred cards.
- H. **Memory Folders** \$17.50 to \$95 per 100.
- I. **Hearse** fees are \$250 at Forest Lawn for 20 miles then \$2 a mile after that. Valley charges \$345 for 50 miles and \$3 a mile after that.
- J. **Flower Van Services** to haul flowers around cost \$125 for 20 miles, \$2 for every mile after that, Valley charges \$195 for 50 miles, \$3 miles after that.
- K. **DVD Picture Presentation** \$650 at Forrest Lawn, \$375 at Valley
- L. **Organist** \$150
- M. **Vocalist** \$150
- N. **Musical Ensemble** \$500
- O. **Releasing of a Live Dove** \$250
- P. **Motorcycle Escort** at Forest Lawn which is required for procession through public streets is \$300 for two escorts and up to 20 cars, \$150 per additional escort.
- Q. **Receiving a Body from Another Funeral Home** is \$870 at Forest Lawn, \$1,395 at Valley Funeral Home.
- R. **To Forward a Body from One Funeral Home to Another** costs \$1,470 at Forest Lawn and \$1,995 at Valley. This does not include any additional transportation fees for shipping the body.

- S. **Funeral Service Packages** are sold by most funeral homes which include extra freebies for various kinds of services. The more elaborate, the more the cost. A basic low priced package at Forrest Lawn would be \$5,765 and include a low cost casket, grave side services, basic vault, bronze memorial plaque, while an upper end package costs \$19,750 and includes funeral ceremony, grave side service, two days of visitation, walnut or bronze casket, extra large bronze memorial plaque, bronze vault, organist, soloist, professional musical ensemble, and two limousines.
1. Remember that if you go through someone like Valley Funeral home, they don't have a cemetery. If you want to go through Valley and yet be buried at Forest Lawn there is a \$4,700 to \$60,000 extra charge added to Valley's costs depending on where you want your remains to be buried at Forest Lawn and in what you wanted to be buried in.
 2. Keep in mind that those who provide funeral services do it to make money. They realize they are dealing with emotionally fragile people. It's a perfect time to make a sale. Though they come across as very concerned and sympathetic, certain choices cause gloom and disappointment to register on their faces. They are showing you caskets that cost \$5,000 and you say, "I want a cardboard container." Then comes the very subtle but apparent disappointment and disgust. They are going to let you have your way but their expression and body language tells you that you have just dishonored your loved one and they would never treat their loved one that way. Their actions betray their belief that the amount of money spent on loved one's remains is proportional to how much you loved them.

Again, there is a false assumption that the remains of the loved is in fact the loved one. So with craft and experience people are often navigated to spend far more than they normally would have spent if they were not grieving and did not have to make a hasty decision.

V. **QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

- A. *Do you want to be buried, cremated, frozen, or something else?* Decide on this, consider the cost, and make provision for those who have to deal with your remains.
- B. *Do you want to have a place for people to come and visit your dust?* Some people find this important and they want to come periodically to visit the grave site of their loved one to pay respect. Keep in mind, the loved one is not there, only their earthly shell.
- C. *Do you want those who come to visit your dust to have a nice view or pleasantly aesthetic experience?* If you want to have a special place just for your family and friends to visit you it is going to cost you a significant sum of money to have a private garden or enclosed spot that is maintained in a cemetery.

- D. *What kind of clothes should you bury the deceased in?* Clothes can be purchased to dress up your body after you die. Funeral homes are willing to provide these for you at great expense or you can provide the funeral home with some of the deceased's own clothes. If you are not having an open casket the person can be buried in whatever they died in. Again, the thought of "dressing you up" is based on the thought that the person who died is still in their body. The fact is you will be dressing up dust.
- E. *Does the law require you to bury the bodily remains of someone in a certain location?* Bodies have to be buried at approved burial sites. Cremated remains can be buried, kept in the possession of the family, or scattered.
- F. *Can you make your own casket?* Yes. There is no federal law that requires you to purchase a casket from someone else. The funeral home cannot charge you a "handling fee" if you decide to get or make your own casket. They may not like it and may make a snide comment about the bottom falling out, but you can have your remains buried in pretty much any kind of container you want.²
- G. *What are you allowed to do with the ashes after cremation?* You can scatter or bury the ashes from cremation on your own property. "In California, ash-scattering is prohibited in lakes and streams. Written consent from the owner is needed for scattering on private property, and permits from the state are required for dispersal on public land. Rules governing ash dispersal vary from national park to national park. It is allowed by permit in Yosemite, Death Valley and the Grand Canyon, though restrictions apply, such as avoiding popular gathering places."³
- H. *Can you be buried in a body bag?* The least expensive thing you can be buried in is a cardboard box which funeral homes sell from \$35 to \$100. They are approved and rated for 450 lbs.
- I. *Can you be buried without a vault?* Yes, but only in cemeteries that allow this. Forest Lawn does not.
- J. *What is the purpose of the vault?* The purpose of the vault is twofold, to keep the dirt and moisture, which causes decay, off of the casket and to keep the soil from collapsing in on your casket after it decays.
- K. *Why should I have an air tight casket or vault?* There is not really a need. Often times the difference between a "protective" casket or vault is the cost of a \$10 rubber seal which they can charge you \$1,000 extra. Again, the thought is that you want the casket and vault air tight so that the worms don't get to you. But as we have stated many times, they can't get to you because you aren't there. As

²<http://www.funerals.org/caskets.htm>

³<http://www.cremationassociation.org/html/article-destination.html>

one study in Tennessee concluded, “Embalmed or not, dead bodies decompose to one degree or another. And a sealed casket creates a smelly stew.”⁴

- L. *Is embalming required or optional?* Embalming is only necessary if you want to delay burial or have an open casket. For what is called immediate burial, usually within three days, you don’t need embalming. However, if you want to have a viewing or want to wait longer than that, embalming is required.
- M. For a helpful web site that answers many question go to funeral consumers alliance at <http://www.funerals.org>.

VI. COST ESTIMATION SHEET

Item description for in ground burial		Cost
Transfer of the body	\$275 – \$595	
Embalming which is necessary for viewing or postponed burial	\$325 – \$695	
Basic funeral costs from funeral home	\$600 – \$1835	
Open casket “care and preparation” of the deceased’s body	\$200 – \$250	
On site viewing privileges of deceased’s body	\$150 – \$200	
Refrigeration of the body (three days)	\$150	
Burial plot (must add 15% one time maintenance fee to price)	\$2,600 – \$17,000	
Concrete vault	\$595 – \$19,500	
Casket (lowest price listed is a cardboard box)	\$35 – \$34,000	
Bronze Burial plaque	\$795 – \$2,600	
Statuary (In some cases you must also purchase the 10 surrounding burial plots and add a 15% maintenance fee for large statuary)	\$225,000 and up	
Mausoleum for casket burial	\$7,000 – \$18,000	
Mausoleum niche for created remains	\$400 – \$3,500	
Crypts at Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels	\$60,000 – \$350,000	
Basic package for cremation at a funeral home	\$1,900	
Neptune Society basic cremation package	\$1,500	
Arrowhead Aftercare basic cremation package	\$540	
Burial Urn (Any container will do. Prices reflect urns sold by funeral homes.)	\$400 to \$5,000	
Cremation package from funeral home	\$3,200 – \$31,200	
Memorial service charges at funeral home (body not present)	\$475 – \$600	
Limousine and Chauffeur	\$395 – \$475	
Saturday Service Extra costs	\$250 – \$325	
Funeral ceremony from funeral home (body present)	\$475 – \$600	

⁴<http://www.funerals.org/alert/bates.htm>

Item description for in ground burial		Cost
Grave side ceremony	\$450 – \$475	
Memorial Registration book	\$25 – \$195	
Acknowledgment cards (per 100)	\$15 – \$120	
Memory folders (per 100)	\$17 – \$95	
Hearse (20 to 50 miles)	\$250 – \$345	
Flower Van Services (20 to 50 miles)	\$125 – \$195	
DVD Picture presentation at service	\$375 – \$650	
Organist	\$150	
Vocalist	\$150	
Musical Ensemble	\$500	
Clergy services	\$0 – \$10,000,000	
Releasing of a live dove	\$250	
Motorcycle escort (20 cars, \$150 extra per ten cars)	\$300	
Receiving a body from another funeral home	\$870 – \$1,395	
Forwarding a body from one funeral home to another	\$1,470 – \$1,995	
Sub total		
Tax		
Grand Total		