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Welcome

The Fioritto Family of Fioritto Funeral Service has been providing the finest funeral service for 67 years. Founded in 1950 by Mario & Corinne Fioritto, Fioritto Funeral Service is completely family owned and operated. Fioritto Funeral Service provides all types of services from the simplest burial or **immediate cremation** to a full service **traditional funeral**.

Our family will assist you with pre-arrangements, pre-payment options, at-need funeral services, transferring your pre-arrangements from another funeral home, memorial services, merchandise & floral selections, cemetery headstone/marker selections, catering, bereavement groups and even travel arrangements.

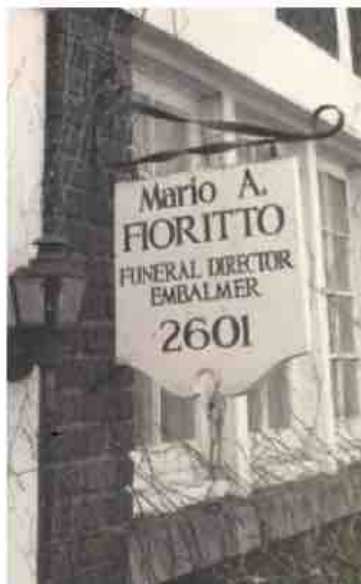
Please take the time to read through our funeral planning guide. If you are in immediate need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us or ask any questions you may have at 440-442-5900

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The Fioritto Family



Located in **Lyndhurst**, Fioritto Funeral Service has facilities available in **Mentor, Willoughby, and Broadview Heights**, as well as throughout Northeastern Ohio to conduct our funeral services at a facility closer to your home. Fioritto Funeral Service handles all services, but uses a facility more convenient for you at no additional charge. For information or to schedule an appointment, please contact our family staff. Fioritto Funeral Service serves all faiths and ethnicities. We are proud that we are strictly a family owned and operated business. This allows us to customize and personalize our service to each family we serve. Mario and Corinne's devotion inspired their children to join the business. They all helped out while growing up, and all three children became licensed funeral directors. Each one worked side by side with their father and mother learning their legacy. Shortly before his death in 2006, Mario was

elated to guide the family business into the third generation as his grandson obtained his license. We have always found it comforting that family is just a phone call away during your time of need. While Mario and Corinne are no longer with us, we are proud that they left us, their children and grandchildren, the legacy of love, faith, family and service we continue to share with the families we touch.

Fioritto Funeral Service is a Proud Member of:

- National Funeral Directors Association
- Ohio Funeral Directors Association
- Cuyahoga Funeral Directors Association
- Embalmers Association
- Funeral Ethics Association



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Our Story

Our story began during the depression in a Cleveland neighborhood known as Blue Rock Springs (University Circle). Marianna Fioritto, a young widow and the mother of Mario Sr., owned a little general store known as The Shack. Watching and helping his mother in The Shack, at the young age of 13, Mario learned compassion for helping families in need who couldn't pay for simple items like milk or eggs. Mario would carry this compassion through his 56 years in the funeral business.

In World War II Mario served as a medic in the US Army. During this time, he finalized his plans to become a funeral director and embalmer. Upon his return home, he married the love of his life, Corinne Petrarca in 1947 and enrolled at Western Reserve University Cleveland College of Mortuary Science. After graduation, he served his apprenticeship and started Fioritto Funeral Service in 1950, with Corinne working by his side. Mario was a pioneer in the funeral industry. Since he did not own his own funeral home, he went against the grain, and started a funeral service. He conducted his own personalized funeral services using the facility of another funeral home. In 1967 Mario and Corinne relocated to the existing building on Mayfield Road in Lyndhurst. While finally owning their own funeral home, Mario and Corinne maintained their business as a funeral service, not just a funeral home. Through the years, Mario continued his original practice of bringing his personal services to a funeral home closer to a family in need.



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-Mario A. Fioritto, Jr.



Our Staff

Mario A. Fioritto, Jr.

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Mario Jr., son of founders Mario A. and Corinne P. Fioritto, has worked at the funeral home his entire life. A 1976 graduate of Charles F. Brush High School and 1980 graduate of John Carroll University, Mario served his apprenticeship under his father while attending John Carroll, becoming a second-generation Funeral Director licensed in 1981. He lives in Lyndhurst and enjoys music, playing bocce, watching baseball and spending time with his family. He is a member of Knights of Columbus Gilmour Council 310, Past-Treasurer of the Societa San Antonio di Padova of Blue Rock Spring, President of the Rionero Sannitico Recreational Club, Past & Founding Board Member of Club Molisani, Member of Americans of Italian Heritage, Cleveland Italian-American Heritage Committee, Il Cenacolo Italiano di Cleveland, Order of Italian Sons and Daughters of America University Lodge, Charles F. Brush and JCU Alumni Associations, Charter Member of the Funeral Ethics Commission, Member of The National Funeral Directors Association, Ohio Funeral Directors Association, Ohio Embalmers Association and was a founding member of the John Carroll University Italian Club.

DonnaMarie Fioritto-Tamburro

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DonnaMarie Fioritto-Tamburro has been a licensed funeral director since 1975. She was one of the first women in the 70s to be an active funeral director, not just holding a license but playing an active role in the funeral business. Her husband Paul Tamburro, Jr. passed away in 1997. At that time DonnaMarie took a brief hiatus. She worked for a computer consulting firm during this time. Upon her return in 2000 to the family-run funeral home she brought a new level of compassion to the families she serves having experienced her own grief firsthand.

DonnaMarie attended Beaumont School for Girls, Eastern Cuyahoga Community College and Notre Dame College of Ohio. DonnaMarie is the mother of four children. Her first child, Mark A. Schneider, is an attorney. Her second son William A. Schneider, is a licensed funeral director who works side-by-side with her in the family business. Her daughter, Cristine Yankovic, also works in the family business as the Comptroller. Cristine and her husband John have 3 children, which are the light of DonnaMarie's life. DonnaMarie's youngest daughter, Mariana Tamburro, is a recent graduate of Xavier University in Accounting and Finance.

DonnaMarie is an active member of Christ Child of the Western Reserve, where she has served as a board member & chairman of the Daisy Classic for three years. She is a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW post 7536, and is a member of the benefit committee for House of Champions. She is a past member of Beaumont Mothers Club, Gilmour Academy Mothers Club and Mayfield Boosters. DonnaMarie enjoys golf, spending time with her grandchildren and is an active member in a book club.

William A. Schneider

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Bill Schneider, the son of DonnaMarie Fioritto-Tamburro, is a third-generation Funeral Director. Bill is a graduate of Gilmour Academy ('95) and John Carroll University ('00.) Bill began working with his family in 1996 before the start of his second year at John Carroll. Bill worked at the funeral home full time while also coaching baseball at Gilmour in addition to carrying a full class load. He became a Licensed Funeral Director in 2005. He lives in Highland Heights and enjoys playing golf with his friends and is a bleeding-heart Cleveland sports fan. Bill is also currently employed by Gilmour Academy as an assistant Baseball Coach, a position he has held since 1996. Bill is a member of Ohio Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, Gilmour Academy Alumni Association, Treasurer of Gilmour Baseball Boosters, John Carroll University Alumni Association, Mayfield High School Boosters, Red Line Club, Holy Angels Church, Italian Sons and Daughters of America University Lodge and Vice President of the Rionero Sannitico Recreational Club.



Have the Talk of a Lifetime

It's time to tell OUR story, with ONE voice.

What is Have the Talk of a Lifetime?

Have the Talk of a Lifetime™ is designed to help families talk about what matters most in their lives and how they made a difference. These discussions can help families make important decisions about how they wish to remember and honor the lives of their loved ones.

Why is having the talk important?

Deep down, most of us want to know that we, in some way, made a difference in this world. Having the Talk of a Lifetime can make the difference of a lifetime. It can help reacquaint us with our loved ones and help us get to know them in a new and different way.

Sitting down with your loved ones to talk about their lives can be rich and satisfying. Learning about memorable events and people, places and favorite activities, values and lessons they have learned can help bring us closer to those we care about most. The talk helps us reaffirm to our loved ones how much they have impacted our life.



Pre-Planning A Funeral A Gift to Your Family

The death of a loved one is a tragedy every family experiences. Traditionally, when a death occurs, the family is not only dealing with the grief of their loved one passing, but also the stress of planning the funeral. Most families find themselves unprepared to deal with the decisions and financial burden a death forces upon them.

While our family is ready to help guide you through the process at your time of need, we encourage families to discuss funeral arrangements in ADVANCE. There are many decisions and details that need to be made at the time of a death in regard to a funeral or memorial. It is a difficult time to fulfill someone's wishes with so many emotions involved.

Pre-arrangements can be as simple as writing down some ideas or can be very specific about every detail you desire. You may ask us to simply keep your wishes on file, or you may decide to prepay your arrangements. Whichever you chose, we would be honored to meet with you to discuss your ideas and answer any questions.

Benefits of Making Pre-Arrangements

Peace of Mind

By pre-planning your final arrangements, you are giving your family a most important gift, PEACE OF MIND. When a death occurs, the grief is immeasurable. Taking the time to plan ahead will give your family the confidence of knowing that all the details have been sorted out in advance according to your wishes. Therefore, your loved ones will not have the stress of making decisions at such a difficult time.

Freeze the Cost

As with everything, funeral costs continue to rise. Prepaying your funeral expenses at today's price is the best way to protect your family from rising costs in the future. You may choose to pay all at once or take advantage of our many affordable payment plans. If you choose to prepay, you alleviate a financial burden, allowing your loved ones to focus on honoring your life.

Preserve Insurance

Most life insurance is purchased to allow a family time to adjust to the loss of income a death causes. If arrangements are not prepaid, a large amount of insurance proceeds can be spent on cemetery and funeral items, adding financial burdens to your loved ones left behind.

It's Your Decision

Pre-planning a funeral gives you the time to make decisions in a calm frame of mind. Your decisions can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. Your arrangements will reflect your personal choices and prevent your family from having to guess what you would have wanted. You eliminate the stress they may have to make important decisions under time constraints.

Qualify for Medicaid

Most families choose to prepay their loved one's final expenses when spending down for Medicaid. Our Directors can assist you with this process.

Since 1950, the Fioritto Family has been honored to serve our families with the utmost care, compassion and respect. Many of our families have told us of the lifted burden because a loved one had the foresight to prearrange their services. If you wish to set up an appointment, visit our funeral home, or ask questions, please contact us at your convenience.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why have a Funeral?

Funerals fill an important role for those mourning the loss of a loved one. By providing surviving family and friends with an atmosphere of care and support in which to share thoughts and feelings about death, funerals are the first step in the healing process. It is the traditional way to recognize the finality of death. Funerals are recognized rituals for the living to show their respect for the dead and to help survivors begin the grieving process.

You can have a full funeral service even for those choosing cremation. Planning a personalized ceremony or service will help begin the healing process. Overcoming the pain is never easy, but a meaningful funeral or tribute will help.

What does a Funeral Director do?

- Arrange transport of the deceased to the funeral home (anytime day or night).
- Notify proper authorities, family and/or relatives.
- Arrange and prepare death certificates.
- Provide certified copies of death certificates for insurance and benefit processing.
- Work with the insurance agent, Social Security or Veterans Administration to ensure that necessary paperwork is filed for receipt of benefits.
- Prepare and submit an obituary to the newspapers of your choice.
- Bathe and embalm the deceased body, if necessary.
- Prepare the body for viewing including dressing and cosmetizing.
- Assist the family with funeral arrangements and purchase of casket, urn, burial vault and cemetery plot.
- Schedule the opening and closing of the grave with cemetery personnel, if a burial is to be performed.
- Coordinate with clergy if a funeral or memorial service is to be held.
- Arrange a funeral escort and transportation to the funeral and/or cemetery for the family.
- Order funeral sprays and other flower arrangements as the family wishes.
- Provide aftercare or grief assistance to the bereaved.

When I call, will someone come right away?

If you request immediate assistance, yes. If the family wishes to spend a short time with the deceased to say good-bye, that's perfectly acceptable. Your funeral director will come when your time is right.

What do I do when a death occurs?

The funeral home will help coordinate arrangements with the cemetery.

- Bring the following information to complete the State vital statistic requirements:
 - ☐ Birth Date ☐ Birthplace ☐ Father's Name
 - ☐ Mother's Name ☐ Social Security Number
 - ☐ Veteran's Discharge or Claim Number
 - ☐ Education ☐ Marital Status
- Contact your clergy. Decide on the time and place of the funeral or memorial service. This can be done at the funeral home.
- The funeral home will assist you in determining the number of copies of the death certificate you will be needing and can order them for you.
- Make a list of family, close friends and employer or business colleagues. Notify each by phone.
- Decide on appropriate memorial to which gifts may be made (church, hospice, library, charity or school).
- Gather obituary information you want to include such as age, place of birth, cause of death, occupation, college degrees, memberships held, military service, outstanding work, list of survivors in immediate family. Include time and place of services. The funeral home will normally write an article and submit to the newspapers (newspapers will accept pictures and they will be returned intact).
- Arrange for members of family or close friends to take turns answering the door or phone, keeping careful record of calls. If Social Security checks are automatic deposit, notify the bank of the death.

Should I choose Burial or Cremation?

Burial in a casket is the most common method of disposing of remains in the United States, although entombment also occurs. Cremation is increasingly selected because it can be less expensive and allows for the memorial service to be held at a more convenient time in the future when relatives and friends can come together.

A funeral service followed by cremation need not be any different from a funeral service followed by a burial. Usually, cremated remains are placed in the urn before being committed to a final resting place. The urn may be buried, placed in an indoor or outdoor mausoleum or columbarium or interred in a special urn garden that many cemeteries provide for cremated remains. The remains may also be scattered, according to state law.



Why have a public viewing?

Viewing is a part of many cultural and ethnic traditions. Many grief specialists believe that viewing aids the grief process by helping the bereaved recognize the reality of death. Viewing is encouraged for children, as long as the process is explained and the activity is voluntary.

What is the purpose of embalming?

Embalming sanitizes and preserves the body. Embalming makes it possible to lengthen the time between death and the final disposition, allowing family members time to arrange and participate in the type of service most comforting to them.

Does a dead body have to be embalmed, according to law?

The Federal Trade Commission says, “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.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are funerals so expensive?

When compared to other major life events like births and weddings, funerals are not expensive. A wedding costs at least three times as much; but because it is a happy event, wedding costs are rarely criticized. A funeral home is a 24-hour, labor-intensive business, with extensive facilities (viewing rooms, chapels, limousines, hearses, etc.), these expenses must be factored into the cost of a funeral.

Additionally, the cost of a funeral includes not only merchandise, like caskets, but the services of a funeral director in making arrangements; filing appropriate forms; dealing with doctors, ministers, florists, newspapers and others; and seeing to all the necessary details. Funeral directors look upon their profession as a service, but it is also a business. Like any business, funeral homes must make a profit to exist.

Do I have to make different funeral arrangements if I choose cremation?

It really depends entirely on how you wish to commemorate a life. One of the advantages of cremation is that it provides you with increased flexibility when you make your funeral and cemetery arrangements. You might, for example, choose to have a funeral service before the cremation; a memorial service at the time of cremation or after the cremation with the urn present; or a committal service at the final disposition of cremated remains. Funeral or memorial services can be held in a place of worship, a funeral home or in a crematory chapel.

Funeral Arrangements

Whether you're planning for yourself or for a loved one, the funeral service is one of the most important elements of a person's final arrangements. There's no one, right way to plan a funeral service - we truly believe that each funeral should be individual and memorable. And by providing you with the opportunity for personalization the funeral service can truly reflect the uniqueness of the life it honors.

Regardless of whether you or your loved one have opted for burial or for cremation, the funeral or memorial service fills an important role. It can:

- Honor, recognize and celebrate the life of the deceased.
- Allow friends and family to say their last good-byes.
- Provide closure after the loss of a loved one.
- Allow friends to console the family of the loved one.

So what is a funeral? In general terms, a funeral is a gathering of family and friends after the death of a loved one that allows them the opportunity to mourn, support each other and pay tribute to the life of the deceased. It often consists of one or more of the following components:

Burial Plans

When considering final arrangements for yourself or a loved one, one of the first decisions you might make is whether you prefer burial or cremation. This decision often influences other important considerations, such as elements of the funeral service and the type of cemetery property.

Funeral Service

A formal or informal ceremony or ritual prior to burial, a Funeral Service often provides a sense of closure to family and friends. Although your faith or culture may dictate some elements of a funeral service, you may want to personalize other aspects of the service. At a Funeral Service, a casket or urn is present, though you may choose to have the casket open or closed.

Visitation, Wake or Viewing

Held the night before or immediately prior to the Funeral Service, the Visitation - also called a "Wake" or a "Viewing" - provides a way for friends and acquaintances to pay respects and offer condolences to your family. As with the Funeral Service, you may want to decide if you want an open or closed casket should one be present.

Memorial or Tribute Service

At a Memorial or Tribute Service, a casket or urn is usually not present. Otherwise similar to a funeral or visitation, a Memorial Service gives family and friends a time to come together in your memory and celebrate your life.

Graveside Service

As its name implies, a Graveside Service may be held at the grave site just prior to burial of a casket or urn, and usually consists of final remarks, prayers or memories. The service may occur after or in place of a funeral service.

There's no one, right way to plan a funeral service, we believe that each funeral should be as unique and memorable as the life it honors.

When planning your own funeral service in advance, think about the way you want to be remembered. Perhaps you'd like a traditional funeral aligned with certain religious or ethnic customs. Or, a celebration focusing on great memories made with family and friends may be your preference. Maybe it's a combination of both. You can have one service, or several, to honor your life.

Regardless of the service or services you choose to include in your funeral plan, you can personalize them in almost any way imaginable. For example, just consider the following questions:

- Where should the funeral be held? At your place of worship? At the funeral home?
- Who should officiate the service?
- Will your service adhere to the traditions of your faith or culture?
- Do you want a eulogy, and who should deliver it?
- Would you like an open or closed casket?
- What music should be played?
- What readings would you like to have?
- Is there a special poem you'd like shared with the guests?
- Are there any special photographs or other memorabilia you would like displayed?
- Should the decor reflect a particular hobby or interest of yours, such as fishing, gardening or music?
- Is there a particular emblem or engraving you want on your headstone or marker?
- Should there be refreshments served or a more elaborate party held after the service?

Cemetery Property

In addition to funeral services and the choice of burial or cremation, cemetery property, or “interment rights,” is another consideration when you’re making final arrangements, either for yourself in advance, or for a loved one.

Burial

Most people are familiar with the concept of burial, or “interment,” but may not be aware of the variety of options that are often available. Many cemeteries offer one or more of the following:

- **Ground Burial:** burial of the casket below ground. A “vault” or “outer burial container” is required at many cemeteries.
- **Mausoleum, or Community Mausoleum:** a large building that provides above ground entombments.
- **Private Family Mausoleum:** a small structure that provides above-ground entombment of, on average, two to twelve decedents.
- **Companion Crypt:** permits two interments or entombments side-by-side.
- **Private Family Estate:** a small section of a cemetery, usually bordered by gates, shrubbery, or other dividers, that allows for ground burial of several members of the same family.

Headstones

Some cemeteries allow upright headstones, called “monuments,” to be used with ground burials. Headstones that are flat against the ground are called “markers.” In some cemeteries, or sections of cemeteries, only flat markers are used to preserve the natural appearance of the landscape.

Cremation

Many people overlook the importance of a cemetery property for those who choose cremation, but permanent placement, or “final disposition,” of the ashes or “cremated remains” is an important part of final arrangements. Just consider:

- A permanent site gives loved ones a physical place for visitation and reflection.
- The ceremony accompanying the placement of an urn in a cremation niche or a cremation garden in a cemetery provides family and friends with closure after the loss of a loved one.
- When ashes of a loved one are kept with relatives, they can easily become misplaced or discarded through the years, as future generations may not feel a connection to the deceased.
- A permanent placement provides future generations with a location to visit when researching heritage.

Some common methods of final disposition of cremated remains are:

- **Cremation Niche:** an above-ground space to accommodate a cremation urn.
- **Columbarium:** Often located within a mausoleum or chapel and constructed of numerous niches designed to hold urns.
- **Cremation Garden:** a dedicated section of a cemetery designed for the burial, scattering or other permanent placement of ashes.
- **Memorial Benches:** benches that either simply memorialize a loved one scattered or buried in a cremation garden, or actually contain the remains within.



What To Do First - A Checklist

Notify these people as soon as possible:

- ☐ The funeral home to arrange for the transfer of the deceased (usually this can be done within 1-2 hours although it may take longer to obtain a release from the hospital) and set an appointment with you to make further arrangements.
- ☐ Relatives, executor/executrix and friends.
- ☐ Employers (the employer of the deceased and relatives who will need time off).
- ☐ Insurance agents (life, health and accident).
- ☐ Religious, fraternal, civic and veterans organizations and unions, if applicable.
- ☐ Lawyer and accountant.

Secure the vital statistics of deceased

- ☐ Full legal name - other names must be identified by "also known as" (AKA).
- ☐ Home address and telephone number.
- ☐ Name of business or employer's name, address and telephone number.
- ☐ Industry and occupation.
- ☐ Military Service Serial Number.
- ☐ Date and place of birth.
- ☐ Citizenship.
- ☐ Father's name and birthplace.
- ☐ Mother's name, maiden name and birthplace.
- ☐ Locate the Will.

Pay For:

- ☐ Ambulance services, if any.
- ☐ Funeral arrangements, including clergy, florist and transportation.
- ☐ Cemetery and memorialization services.
- ☐ Current and urgent bills (i.e. mortgage, rent, taxes, telephone, etc.).

Meet with the funeral home within a few hours to decide:

- ☐ Whether your loved one is to be buried, cremated or entombed
- ☐ The Funeral Director will ask if you have made any arrangements with a cemetery or crematorium. If you have not done this, you will need to visit the cemetery
- ☐ Service details - would you like a visitation period, formal service, a reception?
- ☐ Whether a member of the clergy will be engaged for the service
- ☐ Casket selection
- ☐ Clothing that the deceased will be buried or cremated in
- ☐ Pallbearers, music, pictures, flowers, scripture or other readings
- ☐ If you would like a charity to receive donations in lieu of flowers

If Cremation:

- Would you like to use our chapel for a short service prior to the cremation?
- What type of urn would you prefer (metal, wood, marble, ceramic, etc.)?
- What type of final resting place would you prefer for your loved one (choice of burial, above ground niches or scattering of cremated remains)?
- Would you like other members of the family to be with your loved one in the future? This determines the size of the resting place.

Decisions to be made regarding burial of an urn:

- What type of memorial do you prefer (bronze or granite marker set flush with the ground or an upright memorial)?
- Would you like to protect your loved one's urn with a concrete vault?

Decisions to be made regarding above ground niches:

- Would you like the niche to be inside a building or outside?
- What type of material would you like the niche to be constructed from? Granite or bronze are choices for outdoor niches and marble or glass are choices for indoor.

Decisions to be made regarding scattering:

- Would you like to be present for the scattering?
- Would you like a memorial to be placed in the area?

If Casket Burial:

- Would you like other members of the family to be with your loved one in the future? This determines the size of the lot.
- What type of memorial do you prefer (a marker set flush with the ground or an upright memorial)?
- Would you like to protect your loved one's casket with a concrete vault?
- What type of presentation would you prefer for the burial service e.g. a tent canopy, chairs, mats leading to the grave etc.?

If Casket Entombment:

- Would you like other members of the family to be with your loved one in the future? This determines the size of the crypt.
- What type of memorial package would you prefer (choice of flower vase and memorial light)?





Practical info for your Survivors

In addition to pre-planning your funeral, completing a Personal Information Form and giving a copy to your estate trustee, spouse and children will give you the peace of mind of knowing they will have all the information they need to properly handle your wishes and the details of your estate. Don't put this form in your safety deposit box as these can remain sealed until after the funeral.

About cremation

Cremation is an alternative to earth burial or mausoleum entombment: it does not limit the funeral in any way. Should you choose cremation, you will still have the same options for memorialization that any other family has. Cremation can take place before or after the Funeral Service.

In this section, we've answered the most common questions we are asked about cremation. If you require further information, please contact us at any time.

What is cremation?

Cremation is a process of reducing the body to bone fragments by applying intense heat for a period of two to three hours. The cremated remains, which are commonly referred to as "ashes," are removed from the cremation chamber. They are then processed into finer fragments and placed in a temporary container. The ashes weigh typically between three and six pounds. An urn may be selected for the final disposition of the cremated remains.

Do we need to buy a casket?

Ohio State Law requires that at a minimum, the deceased must be placed into a rigid combustible container. Many options of caskets and containers are available to you.

Can we place personal mementos in the casket prior to cremation?

Many personal items may be placed in the casket; however, some items may need to be removed prior to the cremation process. All items left in the casket will be destroyed during the cremation. Your funeral director can advise you on which items may stay and which items must be removed from the casket.

Do we need to have a funeral if we select cremation?

Cremation does not limit the type of Funeral Service that may be chosen. The same options that apply to earth burial are available with cremation. Some of these choices include: casket type, location of the service and visitation, music selection, open casket and the display of personal mementos. Some families elect to have a complete service at the funeral home or place of worship. Others prefer to have a procession to the crematorium, similar to that often done to the cemetery, for an earth burial.

Is embalming required?

Embalming is not mandatory; however, some circumstances may require it. If you prefer an open casket with a visitation prior to the service, embalming is required by the funeral home.

What is an urn?

An urn is a container designed to hold the cremated remains permanently. It may be constructed from a variety of materials such as wood, bronze, copper, steel, pewter, granite, marble, clay pottery or fine porcelain. We have a large selection of urns available designed to reflect the lifestyle of an individual. Urns may also be personalized by engraving and come in a variety of sizes that allow more than one member of the family to have a portion of the cremated remains.

What can we do with the cremated remains?

Burial

The cremated remains may be buried in an existing cemetery plot or a new plot may be purchased.

Inurnment

The urn may be placed in a niche in an above ground structure called a columbarium.

Scattering

Some cemeteries have scattering areas on their property. Please check local laws for scattering.

Keeping

Many people prefer to have the urn at home with them.

Shipping

You may wish for the cremated remains to be shipped to another country. We can look after these arrangements for you. You may also be permitted to take the cremated remains yourself to another country. Check with us first and we can assist you to obtain any additional documentation that may be required.

Is cremation less expensive than burial?

Typically, it may be less expensive than earth burial. Depending on which cemetery is selected, the cremation cost may be less expensive than the purchase of a cemetery plot. There are coroner fees to authorize the cremation, an urn to purchase and possible transportation costs of delivering the urn to its final destination.



Tips for Writing a Death Notice

A death notice will be posted in the “Current Services” section of our website. You may also choose to have it printed in a newspaper. When you have the arrangement conference, your funeral director would be glad to assist you in composing the death notice and will make arrangements with the newspaper for you.

The following information is customarily included in a death notice:

- Full name of the deceased (nickname could be included).
- City or town of residence.
- Some indication of the nature of the death - such as, “suddenly,” or “after a long illness”.
- List of immediate family members of the deceased, specifying if they are alive or dead, through the terms “deceased was pre-deceased by his sister...” or “is survived by his wife”.
- Locations and times for the visitation and funeral service.
- Any memorable way of honoring the deceased, as by mentioning personal achievements, hobbies and interests, military service.

Acknowledging kindness

In the month after a funeral, it is customary to send “Thank You” notes to friends and family who have served as pallbearers, made memorial donations, or sent flowers, mass cards, food or other condolence gifts. You can order acknowledgement cards through your funeral director. Short personal notes can be written on the acknowledgement cards. People tell us they sometimes find it hard to come up with the appropriate words for these thank you notes. Just a few lines are all that is needed to show that you and the family appreciate the kindness that has been shown you.

Experiencing Grief

When someone close to us passes, the confusion and mixed emotions we feel can often become overwhelming. However, it is important to recognize that there is no standard way of experiencing loss and no right way to grieve. It is completely normal to feel a mixture of shock, anger, guilt, despair and relief, along with many other different emotions. There are, however, some things that you can do which may help you to cope, along with people who can support you, if you need it, during this period in your life.

Recognizing grief

Losing someone we love is something that we all have to go through at some point in our lives. Each experience is personal and different, and can be influenced by many factors. Your feelings are likely to be affected by the relationship you had with the person, your cultural background, and your religious beliefs.

It is important to remember that grief may be displayed in different ways for each individual.



Grief can manifest itself in a range of emotions:

Shock – you may have thought that you were prepared if the death was expected or because you've experienced a loss previously. But whatever the circumstances it is common to feel an initial sense of shock at the passing of someone close to us.

Anger – it is very common to feel anger whilst you are grieving; this can be because they passed before their time, things that happened between you or did not happen, or anger that they are no longer there.

Guilt – people often feel a sense of guilt that they themselves have not passed, or guilt at certain circumstances involving their loved one.

Despair – a grieving person can feel despair and feel at a loss as to how they will cope and what their future life will hold.

Numbness – it can often feel like you are living in a "fog" after the loss of a loved one. You may feel numb or worry that you have not cried, but feeling numb is often a coping mechanism when experiencing intense emotional situations. Gradually over time the feeling of numbness subsides, allowing us to start functioning and healing.

Physical symptoms of grief

When grieving it is common to experience physical symptoms, such as:

- Loss or increase in appetite
- Difficulty in sleeping
- Lethargy – feeling drained, having no energy
- Headaches

It is important to be kind to yourself and give yourself the time and care that you need to transition through the grieving process.



Coping with grief

As with the many different factors that contribute to how we express our grief there are also various processes that can help us to cope:

Give yourself time – focus on one day at a time, helping you to cope with your emotions and get through simple, everyday tasks.

Recognize your emotions – recognize the reasons for your emotions and symptoms, even the physical ones. When experiencing them give yourself time to work through them.

Support from family and friends – having a support network of family and friends can be extremely helpful. If you do not have this type of network then support can often be found through counseling services.

Talk about your grief – talking, whether about your feelings or about your loved one, with family, friends or a dedicated grief counselor is an important part of the grief process.

Sometimes our grief can become overwhelming and it is important to recognize when to get additional help. Part of the process is to acknowledge that life will not return to normal - it is about understanding that your life has changed and finding a balance between the two.

Working through your grief is not about forgetting the person but about learning how to live your life with the grief that you feel. Over time your life will take on a new shape and meaning.

“There are things that we don’t want to happen but have to accept, things we don’t want to know but have to learn, and people we can’t live without but have to let go.” – Author Unknown

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To My Loved Ones

I wanted to spare you as much anxiety, doubt and confusion as possible at the time of my death, so in this booklet I have suggested some arrangements in advance.

This booklet includes vital statistics, funeral service guidelines and cemetery requests, which are all important to the funeral director while assisting you to plan the details of my service.

I've also included some more personal material for eulogies, obituaries and other remembrances.

Please accept these arrangements in the spirit in which they are given; with love, hoping to give you comfort and helping you to remember the times we shared.

Signature..... Date:

Witness..... Date:

First person to be notified upon my death:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Relationship:

Notes:

Vital statistics about me:

Name:

Address:

City:

State: Zip Code:

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth: Gender:

Place of Birth:

Occupation:

Employer:

Business/Industry:

Military Service:

Marital Status:

Maiden Name:

Name of Spouse:

Father's Name:

His Place of Birth:

Mother's Name:

Her Place of Birth:

My preference for the location of the Visitation, Service or Celebration of Life:

☐ Fioritto Funeral Home

☐ Reception Room at Fioritto Funeral Home

☐ Place of Worship

Address of Place of Worship

☐ Other

Address of other location:

My preferences for the Service:

Clergy or Officiant:..... or ☐ Funeral Home to Recommend

Name:

Contact Information:

Notes:

Personal Items:

Eyeglasses: ☐ Remove ☐ Leave On

Jewelry: ☐ Remove ☐ Leave On

Clothing: ☐ Purchase at the time ☒ Selected

Pallbearers (Six are required):

1. 4.

2. 5.

3. 6.

Musical Tributes:

Soloist:.....

Organist/Pianist:

Congregational Hymns:.....

Favorite Genre or Artist:.....

Community Organizations or Clubs that may participate:

Cemetery Instructions

The following are my wishes regarding my final resting place.

Name of Cemetery:

Address:

City:

State:

Property, crypt or niche owned?

If yes, specify location written on cemetery purchase agreement:

Final Resting Place: ☐ Earth Burial ☐ Mausoleum

☐ Interment following Cremation ☐ Other

Marker or Monument:

Purchased: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Monument company name:

If no, inscription instructions:

Reception location: ☐ Reception Room ☐ Place of Worship ☐ Other

☐ Reception to follow Cemetery☐ Reception to follow Service

Notes:

Information for newspapers - a guideline:

Place of Death:

Date of Death:

Spouse, Widow or Widower of:

Married for (number of years):

Children, their spouses and their places of residence:

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Grandchildren, their spouses and their places of residence:

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Siblings, their spouses and their places of residence:

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Education:

Clubs and Lodges:

Military Service:

Special Interests, hobbies and pets, etc:

Memorial Donations:

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A personal life review for the funeral and eulogy:

I would like the following religious beliefs expressed:.....

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Favorite poem, verse or scripture:.....

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Some significant accomplishments in my life:.....

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One of my fondest memories:.....

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One of the greatest inspirations in my life:

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If I could live my life over again, I would change:.....

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Favorite places:.....

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Favorite color, flower, food, etc:

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I want my family to remember me for:.....

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A message to my family and friends:

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Special notes:.....

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All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am, no longer old
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- Author Unknown



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Everyone should be remembered, no matter your choice of Traditional Burial, Cremation or Scattering.

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