

**MUZYKA & SON FUNERAL HOME
CREMATION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION**

Date _____

This Authorization Form must be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Please read it carefully and ask us any questions you may have. Cremation is an irreversible and final process. It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in Section 8 of this Authorization Form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this Authorization Form, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or the other information in this Form.

THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A CONTRACT FOR CREMATION SERVICES. A SEPARATE CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE SERVICES OF THE FUNERAL HOME AND/OR CREMATORY.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT

Name of Decedent: _____ Date of Death: _____ Time: _____

Place of Death: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___ Age: _____ DOB: _____ S.S.: _____

BECAUSE CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE, IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT IS REQUIRED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

(Initials) The Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the Decedent.

OR

(Initials) The Authorizing Agent has authorized the Funeral Home to photograph the remains and the Authorizing Agent has positively identified the photograph as that of the Decedent.

2. FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

The Authorizing Agent authorizes the Funeral Home and Crematory set forth below to carry out the directions and instructions of the Authorizing Agent contained in this Authorization.

Name of Funeral Home: _____ Address: _____

Crematory: _____ Address: _____

3. IDENTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

Name of Authorizing Agent: _____ Address: _____

Telephone No.: () _____ Relationship: _____

4. AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

As Authorizing Agent, I represent that I have the right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains and I am initialing one of the following three statements accordingly:

(Initials) I certify that I do not have actual knowledge of any living person who has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent.

OR

(Initials) There is another living person(s) listed below who has a superior or equal right to act as Authorizing Agent. That person(s) has provided me written permission to serve as Authorizing Agent.

OR

(Initials) There is another living person(s) listed below who has a superior or equal right to act as Authorizing Agent. I have made all reasonable efforts to contact such person(s), but have been unable to do so. I have no reason to believe that such person(s) would object to the cremation of the Decedent's remains.

Name(s) of Other Persons: _____

5. PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, AND PROSTHESES

Pacemakers, radioactive implants, other implanted battery-powered devices, or certain prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. Any and all implanted devices need to be accounted for on the line below.

Description of Devices: _____

Please initial one of the following statements:

(Initials) The remains of the Decedent do not contain any of the Devices described in #5 on the reverse side.

OR

(Initials) The remains contain a radioactive implanted Device.

OR

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I instruct the Funeral Home to remove each Device (except for a radioactive device) listed above and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such removal. Unless indicated directly below, the Funeral Home is to dispose of all such Devices.

The Devices listed are to be removed and returned to the Authorizing Agent: _____

6. CASKET OR ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER

The remains are to be cremated in a combustible casket or alternative container that is capable of being completely closed, is resistant to leakage or spillage, is sufficiently rigid to be handled easily, and provides protection for the health and safety of Crematory and Funeral Home personnel. Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts (decorative handles or rails) that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. As Authorizing Agent, I authorize the Crematory to remove and discard the non-combustible materials.

Casket or Alternative Container Selected: _____

7. URN OR TEMPORARY CONTAINER

Urn selected by Authorizing Agent. Description of urn: _____

Standard temporary shipping container provided by Crematory.

8. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal property and effects delivered with the remains of the Decedent to the Crematory, including jewelry, clothes, hair pieces, dental bridgework, eyeglasses, and shoes, will be destroyed in the cremation process or otherwise discarded by the Crematory, in its sole discretion, unless specific instructions for delivery to Authorizing Agent are given below.

Items to be delivered to Authorizing Agent: _____

9. VISITATION AND FUNERAL CEREMONIES

Prior to the cremation of the Decedent's remains, the Authorizing Agent or the Decedent's family has arranged for a visitation and/or funeral ceremony as set forth below:

Date(s): _____ Time(s) _____ Place of Ceremonies: _____

10. THE CREMATION PROCESS

The cremation of the Decedent's remains may take place before or after ceremonies to memorialize the Decedent. Cremation is performed to prepare the remains of the Decedent for final disposition. It is carried out by placing the Decedent's remains in the casket or alternative container, which is then placed into a cremation chamber or retort where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. All cremations are performed individually. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the remains of the Decedent in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of suitable fuel, the incineration of the container and its 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 non-human materials) 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 prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the remains and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the remains of the Decedent are transported to the Crematory.

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. Although the Crematory will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible material (insofar as possible) such as dental bridgework and hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection. The Crematory is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only human bone fragments will remain.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often will contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically pulverized. The 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, which are virtually unrecognizable as human remains, will then be placed into a designated container.

11. FINAL DISPOSITION

Once the cremation process has been completed, the cremated remains of the decedent will be returned to the funeral home. The Funeral Home shall deliver the cremated remains of the Decedent for disposition as follows:

- Deliver to _____ Cemetery which with arrangements have already been made.
- Deliver or release to:
Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
- Mail the cremated remains using Priority Express Service through the U.S. Postal Services to:
Name: _____
Address: _____
- Other: _____

12. CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that the Funeral Home and Crematory are relying upon the representations being made by the Authorizing Agent in this authorization. The Authorizing Agent certifies that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. The Authorizing Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Funeral Home and the Crematory, their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any legal fees arising out of or resulting from the Funeral Home's and the Crematory's reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, statements, representatives and agreements contained in the Authorization.

Executed at **MUZYKA & SON FUNERAL HOME**, this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Authorizing Agent: _____

Signature of Additional Authorizing Agents:	Relationship to Decedent:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature of Funeral Home Representative:	Title:
_____	_____

Muzyka & Son Funeral Home 5776 West Lawrence Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60630 NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY:
Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____,
_____ My Commission expires on _____