

~ Return to Nature Funeral Home ~  
Authorization for Cremation  
*The State of Colorado*

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ declare that I (We) are the direct Next-Of-Kin / Authorized Representative(s) / Authorized Agent(s) of: \_\_\_\_\_ and hereby authorize the execution of cremation services to be performed at the discretion of and by Return to Nature Funeral Home(s) of the state of Colorado on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

**CREMATION IS AN IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL PROCESS.** Cremation is carried out by placing the remains of the deceased and the container holding the remains into a cremation chamber where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. **The heat and flame will incinerate and consume everything except bone and metal, which are all that will be left after cremation.** Following cremation, the crematory will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the remains and other material from the cremation chamber, but some minimal dust and residue will likely be left behind. The crematory will separate incidental and foreign material from the remains and the incidental and foreign material will be disposed of as required by law. The cremated remains will be mechanically pulverized into small pieces and placed into a designated container or urn. **Cremated remains generally are pulverized until no single fragment is recognizable as skeletal tissue.**

The State of Colorado and Return to Nature Funeral Home(s) requires that this Cremation and Disposition Authorization form be fully completed prior to scheduling the cremation process. **THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.** The designation of "The Crematory" represents the crematorium Return to Nature Funeral Home contracts individual cremation services. Cremation will take place in accordance with all rules and regulations of The Crematory and all Federal, State of Colorado and El Paso / Fremont County laws. You need to fully understand the contents in this Form. We are pleased to answer any questions about this document, the cremation process or other information that will be helpful to you.

*This Cremation Authorization form is not a contract for cremation services. A separate contract(s) will be required to purchase the cremation services of Return to Nature Funeral Home(s)*

**Decedent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Death:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Death:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex:** \_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approx. Weight:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Disposition Authorization

The cremated remains are to be packaged / delivered / returned...

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Photo identification will be required before cremated remains may be released. In the event that Authorizing Agent(s) directs that cremated remains be proportioned and placed in multiple keepsake-type urns, this will take place at the funeral home by funeral home personnel, not by The Crematory. The Authorizing Agent(s) understands that the services of The Crematory will have been fully completed when the cremated remains are delivered to the place of disposition or designated receiver or US Postal Service. The Crematory only acts as an agent in carrying out disposition instructions. The Authorizing Agent(s) assumes all liability for any damages or loss that may arise from such disposition instructions and/or delivery and/or release and agrees to indemnify and hold The Crematory harmless from any and all claims arising from these instructions. In the event that Authorizing Agent(s) desires scattering of cremated remains, it is understood that scattering can only be done by funeral home personnel, not The Crematory personnel. Additionally, Authorizing Agent(s) understands that scattering is irreversible and makes the cremated remains unrecoverable in whole or in part. Any and All scattering must be conducted in accordance with the State of Colorado law.

Cremation is irreversible. Verification of the identity of the decedent is required prior to scheduling.

The following method was used:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Authorizing Agent(s) has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the decedent named above: *GPL Identification Fee May Apply*

\_\_\_\_\_ The Authorizing Agent(s) has provided a picture that positively identified them as the decedent named above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify in detail) \_\_\_\_\_

Each and every undersigned individual represents that he/she/they are related to the decedent and that they are the nearest relative of the decedent and constitute the majority of the class of such nearest relatives to the decedent OR that he/she/they are the LEGAL Authorized Agent(s) to the decedent. The undersigned further represent that after reasonable inquiry they are aware of no criminal proceedings which would prohibit disposition of the body by cremation nor are they aware of any testamentary or living wills, pre-need funeral contracts or other written expressions of the decedent contrary to the authorization herein to cremate. The Authorizing Agent(s) acknowledges that the funeral home and The Crematory are relying upon the representations made by the Authorizing Agent(s). The Authorizing Agent(s) certify that all information and statements contained within this Cremation Authorization document are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. Authorizing Agent(s) understand and agree that the obligations of The Crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the Decedent and the release and/or disposition of the Decedent's cremated remains as specified on this form. No warranties express or implied are made. Damages are limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid. The Authorizing Agent(s) agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Return to Nature Funeral Home and The Crematory, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, causes of action, suits of any nature, in law or in equity, cost or expense of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with the instructions in this form, including the failure to properly identify the Decedent, the failure to take possession of

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the cremated remains, disposition of the cremated remains, damage due to harmful or explodable implants-devices in or on the Decedent's remains, claims by other person(s) asserting their right to control disposition of the Decedent or the Decedent's cremated remains, excepting only acts of willful negligence by The Crematory.

**THE CREMATION PROCESS:** Cremation will occur only after all funeral activities have taken place. Only human remains will be cremated by Return to Nature Funeral Home and/or The Crematory, on an individual basis and by appointment only. The deceased is placed into a casket-container which is then placed into the cremation chamber. Through the use of a suitable fuel, the Decedent and the container are subjected to intense heat and direct flame with all contents incinerated with the exception of bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold-silver and other non-human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume these materials. During the process, it may be necessary to open the chamber and reposition the Deceased in order to facilitate thorough cremation. Any personal possessions, either valuable or of a sentimental value, that are left with the Decedent and not removed from the casket-container prior to the start of cremation will be destroyed or otherwise non-recoverable (this includes such things as body prostheses, dental bridgework, dental gold or silver, jewelry, clothing, photographs, letters, etc.) and will be disposed of by The Crematory. The Authorizing Agent understands and agrees that arrangements must be made with the funeral home in advance of delivering the Decedent to The Crematory to remove any such possessions or valuables. The Crematory personnel will not open any casket-container and will not remove personal possessions from inside the casket-container. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which weigh several pounds in the case of an average-size adult, are then collected from the cremation chamber by sweeping and/or raking. The Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the recoverable cremated remains but some dust and residue from the process is left behind in cracks and crevices inside the chamber. In addition, while every effort is made to avoid commingling, inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from previous cremations is unavoidable. After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, non-combustible materials (bridgework, hinges, latches, screws from the casket-container) to which some bone residue will be affixed, is separated and removed from the cremated remains by visible or magnetic means so that only human bone fragments remain. Non-combustible materials will be disposed of by the crematory. When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, they will be processed to a manageable consistency. Unless otherwise specified by the authorizing agent, the cremated remains will be mechanically pulverized into granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, rendering them unrecognizable as human remains. This process may also cause inadvertent and incidental commingling with remains from previously processed remains. When completed, the pulverized cremated remains will be placed into a designated urn container.

**PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, PROSTHESES, MECHANICAL DEVICES:** These medical devices may create a hazardous condition when placed into a cremation chamber and subjected to heat and direct flame. Such devices must be removed prior to delivery of the Decedent to The Crematory. If such devices are not disclosed, Authorizing Agent will be liable for damages to The Crematory and/or personnel. The following describes all devices-materials which may have been implanted or attached to the Decedent:

Description:

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**IF YES:** As Authorizing Agent, I (we) have read, understand and agree to this Cremation Authorization. I (we) instruct Return to Nature Funeral Home(s) and/or The Crematory to remove or arrange for the removal of such devices listed above and acknowledge that a charge may be made for services in removing said devices and further instruct the Return to Nature Funeral Home(s) and/or The Crematory to dispose of said devices.

