

DEATHCARE CHOICES FOR CREMATIONS & BURIALS

| Selection | Decisions That Need to be Made | | | | Status | |
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| Disposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation When the deceased person's body is reduced to small bone fragments through intense heat + flame. (Aquamation not yet available in BC). | <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional Burial / Entombment When the deceased person's body is buried in the ground or entombed in a casket and / or vault at a cemetery. | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Burial Environmentally conscious burial in a biodegradable shroud or casket. No embalming. | <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info | | |
| If Cremation | Cemetery Interment | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> In-ground When the urn is buried in the ground. An urn vault may be required. | <input type="checkbox"/> Above-ground When the urn is placed in a niche (columbarium) or mausoleum crypt. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Burial When the ashes are formed into an artificial reef and deployed in the ocean. | <input type="checkbox"/> Scattering When the ashes are scattered on land or in the water. | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Urn Home Consider that at some point the final disposition for the ashes will need to be decided. | <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info |
| Service Types | <input type="checkbox"/> Witness Cremation: Attending at the crematorium to spend time with the deceased, seeing the casket placed, and watching the start of the cremation. <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration of Life: A contemporary, custom service, before or after one dies with the participation of family and friends, often secular. <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral: Deceased is present in a closed or open casket, at church or other service venue, secular or religious. <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial: A service without the deceased present, ashes may be present, at church or other service venue, secular or religious. <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info <input type="checkbox"/> Graveside: A service at the cemetery graveside for full body burial or interment of ashes, secular or religious. <input type="checkbox"/> Viewing Service: Private or everyone welcome time to be with and pay respects to deceased person in a private home, at funeral home, in church or other service venue. <input type="checkbox"/> Home Vigil / Funeral: When the family gathers in a private space with the deceased body present either for a brief time or multiple days. <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid or Virtual: Live streaming and/or recording any of the above services or creating an unique digital service to share with others remotely. <input type="checkbox"/> Receptions: Refreshments are served separately from or as a part of a service, private or everyone welcome, in a family home, event venue or restaurant. | | | | | |
| Physical Body Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Essential Natural, non-invasive <input type="checkbox"/> Embalming Injection of chemicals for sanitation and preservation. Optional and not required for viewing services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Personal Care Natural care with bathing, and dressing | <input type="checkbox"/> By Family By family in a private home setting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Assisted With assistance by trained KORU staff, in KORU's facility or in private home. | Other Options <input type="checkbox"/> Lock of Hair Cuttings <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Fingerprint <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Memorials | <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info |
| Additional Service Options | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Live, potted plants <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles <input type="checkbox"/> Photo(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorabilia <input type="checkbox"/> Video or Slideshow <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Music, live or recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrant - professional ceremonialist. | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Obituary <input type="checkbox"/> Online Obituary (complimentary) <input type="checkbox"/> Family or Friend as MC | |
| Merchandise Caskets | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation Casket Purchased or homemade combustible casket or coffin. | <input type="checkbox"/> Burial Casket Purchased or homemade casket or coffin. Made from solid wood, metal, wood composite or biodegradable materials. Carrying handles. | <input type="checkbox"/> Shroud Fabric enclosure made with sewen in carrying handles, if used in place of a burial casket. | <input type="checkbox"/> Casket Vault Outer container that surrounds casket. Made from concrete, fiberglass, metal or plastic. May be required. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Markers or Headstones Upright Granite Flat Granite Bronze on Granite or Concrete Base | <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info |
| Cremation Urns | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodegradable <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Urns | <input type="checkbox"/> Brass <input type="checkbox"/> Family Provided / Made | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Scattering | <input type="checkbox"/> Handcrafted <input type="checkbox"/> Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Urn Vault (may be required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Decided <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided <input type="checkbox"/> Need More Info |
| Things to Bring | <input type="checkbox"/> Government ID <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Effects <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Vital Statistics Info <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Pay Documents | | | | | |

Our hope is that this document will be a guide to help you with the myriad decisions that need to be made. Our KORU staff are here to work with you at your pace and in a manner that is best for you. We can be flexible in how we communicate with you, whether it is in-person, by phone, by email, video conference call or a combination of these things.

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