

# Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts

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## 2009 Funeral Service Survey

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### Non-Traditional Funeral Service Options

Are you willing to provide services for part of a funeral such as death registration and transportation with the family handling the rest?  yes  no

Will you handle a wake at a residence instead of your funeral home?  yes  no

Do you provide refrigeration facilities?  yes  no

Is viewing without embalming available?  yes  no

Does your direct cremation listed price include:

Crematory fee  yes  no

Permits  yes  no

Other fees  yes  no

Which crematory(ies) do you use for cremation? MT. AUBURN - FUNERAL HILL, - WOODBURY

Will you allow/use other crematories?  yes  no

**Please attach your General Price List with this survey.**

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Thank you for your cooperation in completing and returning this survey and your GPL by February 13, 2009 to the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts. Please note that we cannot accept faxes over 9 pages in length.

# **BROWN-FLAHERTY FUNERAL HOME**

261 Washington Street  
Somerville, MA 02143  
617-625-2131

## **GENERAL PRICE LIST**

***These prices are effective as of January 5, 2007***

The goods and services shown below are those we can provide to our customers. However, any funeral arrangements you select will include a charge for our basic services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected.

### **BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND STAFF. . . . . \$1575.00**

Our fee for the services of funeral director and staff includes, but is not limited to staff to respond to initial request for service; arrangement conference with family or responsible party; arrangement of funeral; preparation and filing of necessary authorizations and permits; recording vital statistics; preparation and placement of obituary notices; staff assistance prior to, during and following the funeral, e.g. cemetery, crematory and others. Also included in these charges are overhead expenses relative to our facility such as insurance, maintenance and utility expenses, secretarial and administrative costs, and equipment and inventory costs.

This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you selected. (This fee is already included in our charges for direct cremation, immediate burial, and forwarding or receiving remains).

### **EMBALMING. . . . . \$475.00**

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.

### **OTHER PREPARATION OF THE BODY . . . . . \$75.00**

Includes cosmetology, hairdressing, dressing and casketing and special care of autopsied cases.

### **USE OF FACILITIES & STAFF FOR VIEWING/VISITATION . . . . . \$450.00**

Our services include set-up of visitation area, placement of encased remains, display of floral arrangements, supervision of and attendance during the visitation. (Charge per day)

### **USE OF FACILITIES & STAFF FOR FUNERAL CEREMONY . . . . . \$125.00**

Our services include coordinating the funeral arrangements, supervision of funerals, and staff to attend funeral ceremony.

### **USE OF FACILITIES & STAFF FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE . . . . . \$250.00**

Our services include coordinating the memorial service arrangements, supervision of the memorial service, and staff to attend the service.

### **USE OF EQUIPMENT & STAFF FOR GRAVESIDE SERVICE . . . . . \$1200.00**

Our services include accompaniment of remains to cemetery, supervision of graveside service, and staff to attend service.

### **USE OF EQUIPMENT & STAFF FOR CHURCH SERVICE . . . . . \$1500.00**

Our services include coordinating the funeral arrangements, supervision of funeral, and staff to attend funeral ceremony.

## **GENERAL PRICE LIST (continued)**

### **AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

**TRANSFER OF REMAINS TO FUNERAL HOME . . . . . \$250.00**

Beyond 20 miles add additional \$2.00 per mile.

**HEARSE (Casket Coach) . . . . . \$300.00**

Beyond 20 miles add additional \$2.00 per mile.

**LIMOUSINE . . . . . \$300.00**

Beyond 20 miles add additional \$2.00 per mile.

**FLOWER CAR . . . . . \$300.00**

Beyond 20 miles add additional \$2.00 per mile.

**SERVICE/UTILITY VEHICLE . . . . . \$150.00**

Beyond 20 miles add additional \$2.00 per mile.

**CASKETS . . . . . \$425.00 to \$5750.00**

A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.

**OUTER BURIAL CONTAINERS . . . . . \$575.00 to \$2525.00**

A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.

### **MISCELANEOUS MERCHANDISE**

**CREMATION URNS . . . . . \$100.00 to \$250.00**

**AIR TRAY . . . . . \$150.00**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARDS (per twenty-five) . . . . . \$5.00**

**REGISTER BOOK . . . . . \$15.00**

**PRAYER CARDS . . . (per one hundred) . . . . . \$100.00**

### **FORWARD REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME**

This charge includes removal of remains, necessary services of funeral director and staff, embalming, necessary authorizations and local transportation to airport.

A. With minimal shipping container . . . . . **\$875.00**

B. With casket selected from our funeral home (in addition to cost of casket) . . . . . **\$850.00**

C. Air Tray . . . . . **\$150.00**

### **RECEIVING OF REMAINS FROM ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME**

This charge includes temporary shelter of remains, transportation of remains to cemetery, and necessary services of funeral director and staff. . . . . **\$625.00**

**IMMEDIATE BURIAL . . . . . \$1250.00 to \$2100.00**

Our charges for an immediate burial, without any attendant rites or ceremonies, includes removal and shelter of remains, local transportation to the cemetery, necessary services of funeral director and staff, and authorizations

A. Immediate burial with casket provided by purchaser . . . . . **\$950.00**

B. Immediate burial with . . . . . **\$950.00**

C. Immediate burial with casket selected from our funeral home (in addition to casket cost) . . . . **\$950.00**

**DIRECT CREMATION . . . . . \$1250.00 to \$2100.00**

Our charge for a direct cremation without any attendant rites or ceremonies include removal of remains, local transportation to crematory, necessary services of funeral director and staff, and authorizations. If you want to arrange a direct cremation, you can use an alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composite materials, with or without outside covering. The container we provide is a strong fiberboard encasement.

A. Direct cremation with container provided by purchaser . . . . . **\$1000.00**

B. Direct cremation with alternative container . . . . . **\$1025.00**

C. Direct cremation with casket selected from our funeral home (in addition to casket cost) . . . . **\$1000.00**