

# Comparing Funeral, Burial & Cremation Options

This table can be used as a guide to help organize information when comparing costs at several funeral homes or exploring burial options. Keep it with you when you are asking questions on the phone or visiting. Be sure to have extra paper (a notebook) to jot down additional information.

Name of Funeral Home/Other Options				
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<i>Simple disposition of the remains:</i>				
Immediate burial				
Immediate cremation				
If the cremation process is extra, how much is it?				
Donate the body to a medical school or hospital				

<i>Traditional, full-service burial or cremation:</i>				
Basic services fee for the funeral director and staff				
Pickup of body				
Embalming				
Other preparation of body				
Least expensive casket				
Description, including model #				
Outer Burial Container (vault)				
Description				
Visitation/viewing — staff and facilities				
Funeral or memorial service — staff and facilities				
Graveside service, including staff and equipment				
Hearse				
Other vehicles				
Total				


<i>Other Services:</i>				
Forwarding body to another funeral home				
Receiving body from another funeral home				

<i>Cemetery/Mausoleum Costs:</i>				
Cost of lot or crypt (if you don't already own one)				
Perpetual care				
Opening and closing the grave or crypt				
Grave liner, if required				
Marker/monument (including setup)				

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