

**WITNESS AUTHORIZATION FORM**

The undersigned hereby warrants that they have authorized the cremation of \_\_\_\_\_ (decedent) and request the Harleigh Crematory for permission for the following people to witness the cremation services of the decedent, to be held at the Crematory on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby confirms that they understand there is limited space in the Crematory, that witnessing the cremation of the decedent is a privilege, that the Crematory can be a dangerous place and they will not engage in any activities that will endanger themselves or anyone else present at the Crematory for the cremation services of the decedent. The undersigned, in consideration of the Crematory's consent to witness the cremation of the decedent, agrees to comply with all of the Crematory's rules and regulations related thereto, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Further, the undersigned on behalf of themselves, their immediate family and their relatives agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the Crematory from any claim, action, liability, costs, agents expenses or legal fees with respect to all claims of any nature whatsoever made by any person or entity, including their immediate family, relatives of the immediate family and relatives of the decedent arising out of any actions taken by the Crematory pursuant to the Witness Authorization Form or the cremation services performed on decedent.

In the event this witness authorization is executed by more than one person, the singular shall include the plural, and each shall be jointly and severally liable for all representations and warrants and indemnifications contained in this Authorization. If this witness authorization is executed by a legally authorized party on behalf of a group of people that will be witnessing the cremation of the decedent, then that party, as the undersigned, hereby confirms that they are legally authorized to act on behalf of the group they are representing and will be responsible and hold Crematory harmless for the actions of the group or any member thereof.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person Authorizing Cremation

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CREMATORY WITNESS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Crematory is not generally open to the public and witnesses to a cremation are only allowed for religious or other similar good cause and only with the consent of the Crematory. Because witnessing a cremation is a privilege, the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by Crematory for the mutual protection of its employees and of all persons who are authorized to witness a cremation service at the Crematory:

1. No person may witness a cremation unless they are a close relative of the decedent, a close friend of the decedent, a member of the clergy who officiated the funeral or memorial services for the decedent, and they or someone legally authorized on their behalf, executed an approved Witness Authorization Form from the Crematory.
2. Witnesses must comply with the instructions of Crematory personnel at all times.
3. Witnesses shall remain at the approved location for viewing of cremation services.
4. Upon advance notice to Crematory and with its consent, one Witness may be designated to start the cremation unit for the cremation.
5. No witnesses, other than the one designated to start the cremation unit, may be near the cremation unit.
6. Witnesses shall maintain the decorum required for a ceremony of this kind and may be removed by Crematory personnel for any violations.
7. Children, other than members of the immediate family of the decedent, will not be allowed to witness the cremation service.
8. Because of the limited facilities of the Crematory for witnessing, any person who has any physical limitations must notify the Crematory of those limitations and any special requirement in advance. If the crematory is not notified in advance, it reserves the right to restrict the witnessing by that person if it is unable to reasonably accommodate their special requirements and that time.
9. Witnessing a Cremation can be an emotional experience. Because witnessing a Cremation is a privilege, Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and understand the Crematory has no responsibility or liability with respect to the process.

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