



PEOPLE'S
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King County

2004 Survey of Funeral Home Costs

Compiled by the People's Memorial Price Survey Committee
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People's Memorial Association (PMA) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1939 to advocate for the needs of funeral consumers in response to the high-pressure sales tactics of the funeral industry. Since its beginning, PMA has provided educational information to assist individuals and families make informed choices regarding end of life arrangements. Every two years the board of PMA conducts a price survey of funeral homes in its service area to keep the public informed of current costs for cremation and burial.

In compiling the data for the 2004 funeral home price survey, the committee collected General Price Lists (GPLs) from 120 funeral homes in western and central Washington. In order to enable consumers to make as fair a price comparison as possible, we made every attempt to try and assure that we were indeed comparing apples to apples for the three basic plans presented in this consumer version of the survey. The information for this purpose was based on what was printed in each mortuary's most recent GPL. While all funeral homes are required to comply with the Federal Trade Commission's Funeral Rule of 1984 regarding disclosure of costs, the reality is that some price lists are more complete and detailed than others. If it was unclear whether costs such as refrigeration or crematory fee were included in package prices, we added them into the total we used for comparison purposes. For calculating the cost of direct burial or a complete funeral service we included the price of the least expensive casket listed on the printed GPL or casket price list from the funeral home. The actual price you pay for services and merchandise at any of these funeral homes may vary.

For comparison purposes, the descriptions of the services and merchandise included in each of the three plans compared in this survey are as listed below. Included in the cost calculation for each of the three plans are the following **Basic Services**: **1)** Removal of the deceased, 24 hours a day from either a home or health care setting and delivery to the funeral home within a 25 mile service area; **2)** Arrangements conference with the survivors; **3)** Filing of necessary permits and death certificate; **4)** Sheltering and refrigeration of the body; **5)** Non-declinable fee which covers funeral home overhead.

Direct Cremation:

In addition to basic services described above, includes delivery of the body to the crematory (if not performed at the funeral home) and the cost of the actual cremation in a basic alternative container with a basic urn to hold the cremated remains for pickup by survivors.

Direct Burial:

Basic services listed above, plus preparation of the body and placement in a minimum casket with delivery to a local cemetery for burial. No ceremonies are included. The least expensive burial casket listed on the funeral home price was used in calculating this total. At some funeral homes that may be a \$150 casket, at others it may be \$1,500.

Full Funeral Service:

Standard services described above plus minimum casket, embalming, dressing, cosmetology, visitation and chapel service at funeral home, Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. Also included are handling of flowers and delivery of body to a local cemetery, but not a procession or graveside ceremony.

People's Memorial Association (PMA) contracts with fourteen funeral homes in western and central Washington. Members of PMA receive special pricing on six basic packages for either cremation or burial and discounts on additional services or merchandise at any of our contracted facilities.

People's Memorial Association currently contracts with the following funeral homes:

- **Seattle: Acacia**
- **Renton: Barton**
- **Auburn: Price-Helton**
- **Kirkland: Barton**
- **North Bend: Snoqualmie Valley Chapel**
- **Everett: Evergreen**
- **Puyallup: Powers**
- **Olympia: Mills & Mills**
- **Bellingham: Jerns**
- **Yakima: Shaw & Sons**
- **Wapato: Merritt**
- **Wenatchee: Jones & Jones**
- **Cashmere: Braun**
- **Waterville: Waterville**

PMA Plans As a member of PMA, you have the right to choose any of the following six plans for final arrangements with the assurance that you and your survivors will receive no sales pressure whatsoever to upgrade either the casket, urn or services. You or your survivors may however at your own initiative choose to add further merchandise or services at PMA-discounted prices as desired.

Standard Services for All PMA Plans All PMA Plans include the pick-up of the remains of the deceased PMA member at any hour of the day or night within the local 30 mile service area of selected funeral home, sheltering of remains and refrigeration, conference with survivors for arrangements, procurement and filing all certificates and permits to comply with local regulations.

Plan 1 - Direct Cremation **\$599**
Cremation of the remains in an alternative container, standard container for the ashes and storage of ashes for up to 90 days for pickup by survivors.

Plan 2 - Direct Cremation plus Memorial Service **\$999**
Cremation of the remains in an alternative container, standard container for the ashes and temporary storage of ashes for up to 90 days for pickup by survivors. Includes use of chapel facilities, handling of flowers, and directing memorial-type services at mortuary on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Plan 3 - Direct Burial WITHOUT Graveside Service **\$999**
Basic cloth-covered casket, delivery of casketed remains on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to a cemetery in the local service area. This plan does not include a graveside service.

Plan 4 - Direct Burial WITH Graveside Service **\$1,299**
Basic cloth-covered casket, delivery of casketed remains on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to a cemetery in the local service area. This plan includes a graveside service.

Plan 5 - Full Mortuary Services with Basic Casket **\$1,899**
Basic cloth-covered casket and the following services as requested: embalming, dressing, cosmetology, use of chapel and/or viewing facilities, directing services at mortuary Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, handling of flowers, delivery to cemetery in the local service area. This plan does not include a procession or graveside service.

Plan 6 - Full Mortuary Services with Metal Casket **\$2,299**
Basic 20-gauge metal casket and the following services as requested: embalming, dressing, cosmetology, use of chapel and/or viewing facilities, directing services at mortuary Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, handling flowers, delivery of the casketed remains to a cemetery in the local service area without a procession or graveside service.

For further information, contact:

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PROVIDER	Direct Cremation	Direct Burial	Full Funeral Service
Peoples Memorial Association (Non-Profit)	599	999	1,899
Served by 14 Funeral Homes www.peoplesmemorial.org			
SEATTLE:			
Acacia Funeral Home (Alderwoods) 14951 Bothell Way NE 206-362-5525	1,445	2,410	3,490
Bleitz Funeral Home (SCI) 316 Florentia Street 206-282-5220	1,160	1,785	3,750
Bonney-Watson (Bonney-Watson) 1732 Broadway 206-242-1787	2,885	3,285	4,960
Butterworth-Arthur A. Wright Chapel (Stewart) 520 W Raye Street 206-282-5500	1,585	2,025	3,700
Columbia Funeral Home (Independent) 4567 Rainier Avenue S 206-782-1100	1,137	1,690	3,690
Cremation Society Northwest (Stewart) 520 W Raye Street 206-282-5500	788	1,588	n/a
Dayspring-Fitch Funeral Home (Independent) 5504 Rainier Avenue S 206-723-8955	920	2,595	4,050
Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home (Evergreen-Washelli) 11111 Aurora Avenue N 206-362-5200	1,450	2,450	3,615
Forest Lawn Funeral Home (SCI) 6701 - 30th Avenue SW 206-932-0050	1,575	3,210	4,085
Green Lake Funeral Home (Bonney-Watson) 2003 NW 57th Street 206-782-4700	1,240	1,900	3,935
Hoffner Fisher & Harvey (Independent) 508 N 36th Street 206-632-1023	1,363	2,444	3,293
Howden-Kennedy Funeral Home (Weeks) 3909 SW Alaska Street 206-932-0356	1,570	2,165	3,245
Legend Memorial Company (Independent) 201 N. 101st Street 206-706-2956	1,315	2,426	3,616
Rosebud Funeral Service (Independent) 8217 - 30th Avenue NE 206-525-7800	795	1,440	n/a
Southwest Mortuary (Independent) 9021 Rainier Avenue South 206-722-3675	880	1,100	2,990
Wiggen & Sons Funeral Home (Bonney-Watson) 2003 NW 57th Street 206-782-4700	1,500	1,990	3,860
Yarington's Funeral Home (SCI) 10708 - 16th SW 206-242-2771	1,575	2,410	4,085
BURIEN:			
Bonney-Watson Parker Chapel (Bonney-Watson) 900 SW 146th Street 206-244-2320	2,885	3,285	4,960
SEATAC:			
Bonney-Watson-Washington Mem (Bonney-Watson) 16445 International Blvd. 206-242-1787	2,885	3,285	4,960
RENTON:			
Barton Family Funeral Service (Independent) 1400 Talbot Rd S, Suite 104 206-730-9287	630	1,057	2,205
Faull-Stokes Mortuary (SCI) 300 S Third Street 425-255-8281	1,500	3,185	4,615
Greenwood Funeral Home (SCI) 350 Monroe Avenue 425-255-1511	1,405	3,185	4,740

	<u>Direct Cremation</u>	<u>Direct Burial</u>	<u>Full Funeral Service</u>
<u>KENT:</u>			
Edline-Yahn & Covington Memorial (Weeks) 27221 – 156th Avenue SE 253-630-2736	1,395	1,170	3,390
Marlatt Funeral Home (Independent) 713 N Central Avenue 253-852-2620	995	1,290	3,315
Cady Cremation Services (Independent) 8418 South 222nd Street 253-872-8888	645	1,095	n/a
Personal Alternative Funeral Svcs (Independent) 749 N Central Avenue 253-852-9600	635	1,114	1,774
<u>AUBURN:</u>			
Price-Helton Funeral Chapel (Alderwoods) 702 Auburn Way North 253-833-1165	1,825	2,190	3,590
Yahn & Son Funeral Home (Independent) 55 W Valley Highway 253-833-8877	1,620	2,115	3,690
<u>FEDERAL WAY:</u>			
Bonney-Watson (Bonney-Watson) 1535 SW Dash Point Road 253-839-7317	2,885	3,285	4,960
<u>ENUMCLAW:</u>			
Weeks' Enumclaw Funeral Home (Weeks) 1810 Wells Street 360-825-3548	1,835	1,980	3,675
<u>ISSAQUAH:</u>			
Flintoff's Funeral Home (Independent) 540 E Sunset Way 425-392-6444	1,235	2,045	2,975
<u>NORTH BEND:</u>			
Snoqualmie Valley Chapel (Alderwoods) 1202 Boalch Avenue NW 425-888-2700	1,370	2,065	3,225
<u>BELLEVUE:</u>			
Bonney-Watson Eastside (Bonney-Watson) 211 Bellevue Way NE 425-373-0020	2,885	3,285	4,960
Sunset Hills Funeral Home (SCI) 1215 - 145th Place SE 425-746-1400	1,580	3,095	4,500
Affordable Cremation Services (Bonney-Watson) 1400 - 112th Avenue SE, Suite 100 888-530-6500	740	n/a	n/a
American Memorial Funeral Directors (Independent) 10655 NE 4th St, Suite 400 800-248-1745	679	1,315	2,950
<u>BOTHELL:</u>			
Bothell Funeral Home (Evergreen-Washelli) 18224 – 103rd Avenue NE 425-486-1281	1,450	2,450	3,615
Chapel of the Resurrection (Non-Profit) 16300 - 112th Avenue NE 425-823-0589	815	1,490	2,498
<u>VASHON:</u>			
Island Funeral Service (Weeks) 18005 Vashon Highway SW 206-463-9300	1,565	3,310	4,395
<u>ALL OF KING COUNTY:</u>			
American Burial & Cremation Services (Alderwoods) 5727 Littlerock Road SW, Tumwater 800-575-8823	675	1,205	n/a