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Dated: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREMATION PROCESS
YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM AS PART OF THE CREMATION AUTHORIZATION

This form will explain general information regarding the cremation process. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with your Funeral Director who will be able to answer your inquiries.

The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will perform the cremation, processing and return of the cremated remains of the Deceased in accordance with (1) all governing, (2) its own policies and procedures, and (3) the requirements of the Arranging Funeral Home,

Name of Arranging Funeral Home

The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, has adopted the policies and procedures described in this explanatory form in order to (1) assure dignity for the cremation of the remains of the Deceased, (2) to operate the cremations equipment in a careful and safe manner and (3) to assure the safety of its employees.

THE CREMATION PROCESS

The remains of each Deceased are cremated separately. The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will not cremate the remains of more than one Deceased at any one time. The cremation chamber is swept clean after each use.

Cremations are strictly private. Upon request, the Immediate Family may witness the placement of the Deceased into the cremation chamber prior to cremation from the Family Viewing room provided for such purposes. Your Funeral Director must notify Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, of your desire to be present when they call to schedule the day and time cremation.

Upon delivery of the remains of the deceased to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, does not confirm the identity of the Deceased and relies upon the Arranging Funeral Home and the undersigned to provide such identification.

The undersigned must have the Arranging Funeral Home remove all possessions of value prior to delivery of the remains of the Deceased to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory. Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials such as dental gold/silver, jewelry or their sentimental articles that are left with the Deceased and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed, or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, in a non-recoverable manner. The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will not normally open the casket or container to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason, except as described hereafter.

Cremation is performed by placing the casket or appropriate alternative container with the remains of the Deceased into a cremation chamber, and subjecting them to intense heat and flame. It is sometimes necessary during the cremation process, to open the cremation chamber and reposition the remains of the Deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. The cremation of the container and the remains of the Deceased are accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except (1) bone fragments (calcium compounds), (2) metal (including dental gold/silver and other non-human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them and (3) ash. The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA Crematory assigns a number to each cremation and places a corresponding numbered metal disk with the remains of the Deceased to assure proper identification throughout the cremation process.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains of the Deceased, the metal identification disk and other remains residue are swept from the cremation chamber. The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them as some ash residue and minute particles of cremated chamber are always left behind. While Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, makes this effort, there is the possibility of inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremains.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the bone fragments by visible and magnetic selection and will be disposed of by Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are swept from the cremation chamber, they often contain recognizable bone fragments. These bone fragments will be mechanically processed (pulverized). The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, cleans this equipment after every use, but this process of crushing or grinding may also cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

CASKETS/CONTAINERS

The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, requires either a casket or an alternative (cremation) container for cremation. The casket or alternative container must meet the following standards; 1) be composed of combustible materials suitable for cremation; 2) provide a completely enclosed covering for remains of the Deceased; 3) be resistant to leakage or spillage; 4) be of sufficient strength and rigidity for ease of handling; 5) not be a hazard to the health and safety of crematory personnel; 6) comply with governmental emission regulation. **No Metal or Fiberglass Caskets are permitted. No Polyethylene or Canvas Pouches are permitted.**

Sign _____

The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, reserves the right to refuse to provide crematory services if, in its sole determination, it believes that the casket or container does not comply with all of its criteria.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible materials also contain some exterior parts, e.g., decorative hardware or carriers, that are not combustible and may cause damage to the cremation equipment. Depending upon the type of casket, prior to cremation, Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, may open the casket to remove the metal fittings and will dispose of such materials as it so determines.

IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS, RADIOACTIVE DEVICES AND PROSTHESES

Implanted pacemaker and/or radioactive devices, as well as prostheses may create hazardous conditions when placed in the cremation chamber. Implanted pacemakers and/or radioactive devices can explode, while prostheses, due to their composition, cannot be cremated. It is imperative that you notify your Funeral Director about the presence of such implants or devices and that you instruct your Funeral Director to remove all such items prior to transfer of the Deceased to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory.

For the safety of its employees and to protect the equipment, Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, at its sole discretion, may open the casket or container to confirm that no such device(s) or implant(s) is present. In the event Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, becomes aware that such device(s) or implant(s) have not been removed, the undersigned, for his/herself and the other signatories authorizing cremation, hereby authorize(s) Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, to notify the Arranging Funeral Home, at no expense to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, to return to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, and remove such items prior to cremation. The undersigned agree to hold Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, harmless due to the delay in cremation resulting from this equipment.

URNS/CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will place a plastic bag containing the cremated remains and the metal disk into the urn supplied by the undersigned or a temporary container. The cremated remains of an average size adult will weigh several pounds. After the cremation of an infant or small child, there is often little, if any cremated remains available to be recovered to return for final disposition Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of unrecoverable ash or other residue that may remain in or on the equipment as described above. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremate remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. This separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, will return both receptacles to the Arranging Funeral Home for final disposition. To protect the cremated remains from being released to the wrong person, the undersigned hereby authorizes Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, to release the cremated remains of the Deceased only to an employee or agent of the Arranging Funeral Home.

In the event you desire to place any sentimental or symbolic items, such as a ring, jewelry or photo, with the Cremated remains of the Deceased, you must inform your Funeral Director of any such desire before the urn or container is permanently sealed, if in fact the urn or container is of a type that is permanently sealable.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The obligation of Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, is limited to the cremation of the remains of the Deceased and the return of the cremated remains of the Deceased as instructed on our IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED AND AUTHORITY TO CREMATE form. No Warranties, Express or Implied, are made and damages shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of this form explaining the Policies, Procedures and Requirements for the cremation of _____.

Name of Deceased

Signature

Address

Relationship to Deceased

City/State & Zip

Date: _____

108 Virginia Avenue * Cumberland, MD 21502

Cremation No. _____

IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED AND AUTHORITY TO CREMATE

The undersigned hereby request(s) and authorize(s) Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, in accordance with its regulations and rules to cremate the remains of _____ who died

on _____, at _____ (a.m. or p.m.)

The undersigned has read the rules and regulations printed below. The undersigned is (are) the _____ of the Deceased

and represents, warrants and certifies that he or she (they) is (are) the person(s) (if more than one signature is required sign on a separate page and attach to this form) authorized to order the cremation of the Deceased and to receive the cremated remains of the Deceased and execute the authority to Cremate.

The cremated remains are to be sent to _____ at _____

Indemnification. The undersigned, in consideration of Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, cremating the remains of the Deceased do hereby jointly and severally indemnify and hold harmless Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, its successors and assigns, and The Arranging Funeral Home against all claims and actions resulting from Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, reliance on the authorization granted herein.

MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE (Health-General, Title 5, Subtitle 5-502), requires the identification of the Deceased before a cremation. This identification was made by _____, _____

Has the Deceased been treated with therapeutic radionuclides? Yes No

If yes, when was the treatment administered _____?

Did the Deceased have an implanted pacemaker, radioactive device or a prostheses? _____. If yes, the undersigned Authorizing Person(s) instruct the Arranging Funeral Home to remove this device and/or prostheses prior to transfer of the Deceased to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, for the requested cremation.

The undersigned acknowledge (1) that the General Information about the cremation process is incorporated into this document by reference and (2) receipt of this form.

Signature of Witness to Signature of Authorizing Person

Signature of Authorizing Person

Print Name of Witness

Print Name of Authorizing Person

Address of Witness

Address of Authorizing Person

Witness to Other Authorizing Signature(s)

Other Authorizing Signature(s), if needed

Witness to Other Authorizing Signature(s)

Other Authorizing Signature(s), if needed

Signature of Funeral Director, Arranging Funeral Home

Address of Funeral Director

REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

1. Authority to Cremate:
The Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, normally requires the following persons to sign this authorization form before it will perform a cremation.
 - a. The Personal Representative of the state of the Deceased, if appointed as well as surviving next-of-kin.
 - b. The Surviving Spouse, if any.
 - c. The Adult Children of the Deceased, if any.
 - d. The surviving Parent(s) of the Deceased, if b. & c. are not applicable.
 - e. If none of the above are applicable, then the closest blood relationship of the Deceased.
2. All signatures must be witnessed.
3. All papers (Identification of/Deceased and Authority to Cremate, General Information About the Cremation Process and the Burial-Transit Permit) as well as the required charges must be presented to Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Crematory, during normal working hours, prior to cremation.
4. MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE (Health-General, Title 5, Subtitle 5-503), states that a body may not be cremated until at least twelve (12) hours after death.

**SCARPELLI FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CREMAINS**

I/We hereby authorize the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A. to release the cremains of _____ in the following manner:

PART I INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF CREMAINS

A. Cremains are to be directly interred at the following _____ cemetery.

B. Cremains are to remain at the funeral home for a memorial service to be held at _____ on _____.

C. Cremains are to be picked up at the funeral home. The following persons are hereby authorized to receive the cremains.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Unless otherwise instructed by the responsible party, the above listed persons will be the only persons authorized to receive the cremains. The person receiving the Cremains will be required to show a photo ID.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING PARTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

WITNESS: _____

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**SCARPELLI FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF CREMAINS**

PART II RECEIPT OF CREMATED REMAINS

The recipient hereby acknowledges receipt of the cremated remains of _____ from the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A.

On the date and time listed below. The undersigned further acknowledges receipt of the cremated remains in the requested urn or temporary container and that the same has been received. The undersigned also agrees that if it is determined that the recipient was not the authorized party to receive the cremated remains, the recipient will immediately return them upon request of the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P. A.. The Scarpelli Funeral Home acknowledges that failure to return the remains under these circumstances may be considered a criminal act. The recipient agrees not to use or permit anyone else to use the cremated remains in an inappropriate manner and not to hold the Scarpelli Funeral liable and to fully indemnify it for any use of these remains in an inappropriate manner.

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT: _____

SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL HOME REPRESENTATIVE:

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

WITNESS: _____

WITNESS: _____