

## FUNERAL INFORMATION YOU CAN TRUST

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Idaho is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides information on obtaining simple, affordable, and meaningful funerals.

Everyone has the right to know the options for obtaining economical funeral services. FCAI membership is open to all.

FCAI began in 1972 as the Idaho Memorial Association to serve residents of southern Idaho. We offer group presentations, printed materials, mortuary price surveys in southwest, south-central and southeast Idaho, and, in southwestern Idaho, discounted rates with a cooperating mortuary.

We are one of more than 100 similar groups across the country affiliated with the national Funeral Consumers Alliance (on the web at [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)) This affiliation assures reciprocal membership arrangements should members move or die while away from home.

## HOW YOU BENEFIT

**Objectivity.** You get information from a group of knowledgeable volunteers who are not in the business of selling funeral services.

**Knowledge.** You become an educated consumer, receiving more for your funeral dollar while avoiding unnecessary expenses.

**Confidence.** You are able to shop for services with full knowledge of your consumer rights. You enjoy the convenience of preplanning without the risks of prepayment.

**Savings.** You can take advantage of member-only pricing at a cooperating mortuary.

**Caring.** You leave behind a final gift—sparing loved ones making difficult decisions during a time of grief. You have the opportunity to discuss this important topic with family and friends so they know your wishes and can honor them.

## MEMBERS RECEIVE

- A large-type booklet, "**Before I Go, You Should Know**," with forms for a Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, and more.
- Newsletters to keep up to date, including price survey of funeral services at area mortuaries (updated annually).
- Information on discounted prices for members at a cooperating mortuary.
- "Putting My House In Order" planning form to be sent to cooperating mortuary.
- A complete list of pamphlets on funeral-related subjects.
- Membership identification card for wallet or purse.

## HOW IT WORKS

Once you complete your planning forms, give copies to your family, friends, and the cooperating mortuary.

Prepayment of services is usually not advised. FCAI brochures can provide you helpful information on alternatives.

## CO-OP PLANS

Members may select either Direct Cremation or Immediate Burial at our cooperating mortuary.

Both plans include:

- Removing the body within the local area (within 25-miles between mortuary & place of death, crematory, cemetery, or place of interment, a one-way mileage charge of \$2.00/mile for each additional mile beyond local area applies);
- Procuring and filing of necessary papers, certificates, and permits;
- Newspaper death notice.

### Plan 1: Direct Cremation \$ 780.00

The mortuary will:

- Supply a suitable container for the body—mortuary's choice;
- Cremate remains;
- Supply a standard container for cremated remains; and
- Hold the cremated remains for 30 days for disposition by family or representative

### Plan 2: Immediate Burial

The mortuary will:

- Transport the casket to the cemetery.

**\$ 805.00** – family provides casket.

**\$ 1205.00** - includes a minimum casket mortuary's choice.

*(Contract prices are subject to periodic negotiation. Prices shown apply through March 2024.)*

## JOIN FCAI

**Membership:** One lifetime fee of \$35 per member. Dependent minors may be included at no cost.

Date of birth	Date of birth	Telephone	Date	Amount enclosed
Name	Name	Address	City, State, Zip	E-mail

*Complete both sides*

## SUPPORT

### I'm interested in helping:

- Board of directors
- Newsletter
- Mailings
- Speaking to groups
- Computer
- Price surveys
- Legislation research
- Clerical
- Marketing

### How did you hear about FCAI?

- Friend or family member
- Brochure from kiosk
- Newsletter
- Presentation
- Yellow pages
- Internet
- Price surveys

Detach this panel and mail with check or money order to:

**Funeral Consumers Alliance of  
Idaho, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1919  
Boise, Idaho 83701-1919**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Funeral and burial costs average \$8,000 nationwide.
- Nationally the average price of a casket purchased at a funeral home is \$2,000.
- Embalming is not required for direct cremation or burial.
- You are not legally required to use a funeral home/mortician.
- Memorial services (without the body present) can be held almost anywhere—in a park, on a mountain top, at a church, community hall or home.
- You can make your own casket or purchase one locally or via the internet.
- Cremation is the least expensive option, requires no fancy casket or cemetery plot, and is kind to the environment.
- Anatomical donation can be arranged through Idaho State University. Call (208) 282-4150 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ISUdonate>
- You can arrange a burial on the family farm.
- Scattering gardens are available for cremains in the Boise area.
- Your safety deposit box is a poor place to store your funeral instructions.
- Most individuals fail to share their funeral or burial wishes with their families.

## PUBLICATIONS

FCAI has over 30 informative brochures and fact sheets to assist consumers, including:

- Four-Step Funeral Planning
- Cremation Explained
- How to Plan a Memorial Service
- How to read a General Price List
- Death Away from Home
- Organ & Body Donation
- Prepaying your Funeral
- What shall we do with the ashes?
- What you should know about embalming
- Eco-Friendly Death and Funeral Choices
- Funerals: A consumer guide
- Comparative Price List of Funeral Homes in Idaho

Free to members and from our website. Non-members, send SASE request with \$2.50 for administrative costs to FCAI, P O Box 1919, Boise ID 83701-1919

## MORE INFORMATION

Call 208-426-0032  
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<http://fcai.fortboise.org>

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