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PRENEED AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Social Security No. _____

_____ Phone: _____

The undersigned does hereby authorize Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of my remains at _____ (hereinafter, "Crematory Authority"), said Crematory Authority being specifically authorized to carry out the process of cremation of my remains, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 32, 1976 SC Code, as amended, upon receipt of my remains.

I further authorize and instruct the Crematory Authority to properly dispose of any items, other than remains, including but not limited to, body prosthesis, dentures, dental bridgework, and dental fillings that are recovered from the cremation chamber.

Jewelry and other personal articles that are recovered from the cremation chamber are to be disposed of as follows:

THE CREMATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSITION OF MY REMAINS, AS AUTHORIZED HEREINABOVE, SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL GOVERNING LAWS, AS WELL AS THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES OF HARDWICK FUNERAL HOME, INC. AND/OR CREMATORY AUTHORITY, SUCH AUTHORIZATION BEING SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. My remains will not be accepted by the Crematory Authority unless they are in a casket, cremation casket, or an approved alternative container, unless Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. has made arrangements with the Crematory Authority to provide the casket, cremation casket, or an alternative container before cremation.
2. The Crematory Authority shall separate and remove from the cremation chamber all non-combustible materials, including but not limited to, hinges, latches, nails, jewelry, and precious metals, and the Crematory Authority shall dispose of such materials as provided by law and/or as instructed herein.
3. Unless specifically authorized herein, the Crematory Authority shall not simultaneously cremate my remains with those of any other person.
4. The services of the Crematory Authority are deemed to be fulfilled when my cremated remains are returned to the custody of Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc.

5. Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. is hereby authorized to dispose of my cremated remains as follows:

6. I, the undersigned, understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by providing written notice to Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. which assisted in making these arrangements and the Crematory Authority designated to perform the cremation.

7. No person may revoke this authorization subsequent to the death of the undersigned.

By signing this Cremation Authorization Form, I, the undersigned, agree that Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. and the Crematory Authority and their respective agents, employees, and assigns shall be held harmless in regard to any and all loss, damage, liability, or causes of action in connection with the cremation, processing, and disposition of my remains. However, Hardwick Funeral Home, Inc. and the Crematory Authority and their agents, employees, and assigns shall not be held harmless for any acts in regard to the cremation, processing, and disposition of my remains if said acts are performed in a grossly negligent manner.

FURTHER, I HEREBY STATE THAT ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, AND, FURTHER, THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND ATTACHED EXPLANATORY INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE CREMATION PROCESS.

Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Address: _____

Agent's Telephone Number: _____ Relationship: _____ D.O.B. _____

Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Address: _____

Agent's Telephone Number: _____ Relationship: _____ D.O.B. _____

Funeral Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____ License # _____

THE CREMATION PROCESS

All cremations are performed individually. Exceptions can be made only in the case of close relatives, and then only with the prior written instructions of the authorizing agent.

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a combustible casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where that are subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation, or due to a malfunction with the operation of the retort. Through the use of suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other non-human materials).

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prosthesis or dental bridgework) that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed, or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the crematory.

Following a cooling period of the cremated remains, which normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, the remains are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. The 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 dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid co-mingling, inadvertent or incidental co-mingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all noncombustible materials (insofar as possible), such as metal joints, materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the bone fragments by visible selection and will be disposed of the by the crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental co-mingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimension will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated container. The crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle.