



Funeral Consumers

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Upper Valley Funeral Homes Summary Price Survey

North to south — Bradford, Vt. to Lebanon, NH
East to west — Hanover, NH to Randolph, Vt.

Prices shown are from data taken from each funeral home's General Price List.
Their prices change irregularly, so always request any funeral home's current price list.

Funeral Home Where located Distance from Lebanon or Hanover	Day	Hale	Cabot	Knight	Rand-Wilson	Ricker	Mt.Pleasant	Eternal	Cremation
	Randolph	Bradford	Woodstock	Hartford	Hanover	Lebanon	St Johnsbury	Blessings	Soc. N.H.
	34 miles	21 miles	18 miles	4 miles	0	0	70 miles	Statewide Vt.	Statewide N.H.
							<i>Providing cremation services only</i>		
Full-Service Funeral ¹ – does not include cost of casket ² , or any cemetery costs ³	\$3745	\$3670	\$3850	\$3595	\$4750	\$6247*			
Immediate Burial – no casket ² or cem. cost	1195	1695	2295	3245	1495	2833			
Least expensive casket at funeral home ⁴	395	550	995	995	1375	875			
Least expensive vault	895	795	895	1145	1395	1380			
Total for immediate burial	2485	3040	4185	5385	4265	5088			
Direct Cremation, incl. alternative container ⁵	1645	1775	1695	2195	1495	2516			
Crematory fee, if not in the line above	incl.	incl.	incl.	incl.	+290	+290			
Total for direct cremation	1675	1775	1695	2195	1845	2806	350⁶	800-1600	1295-1595
Date on latest GPL received from funeral home	4/1/14		10/1/12	3/1/14	1/1/13	8/25/14			

*Ricker tells some customers that a discount "package pricing" for a full-service funeral is available, for \$4959. Be sure to ask, since it is not included in their GPL.

Note: Many funeral homes' price lists are—intentionally or not—individually complex and potentially confusing to consumers. In compiling this survey, every effort has been made to compare funeral homes' prices in a meaningful, "apples-to-apples" way. Sometimes price-survey assistance from a funeral home is not provided, in which case surveyors have done their best.

¹ A "full-service funeral" typically includes
Funeral home's non-declinable fee for basic services
Preparing and filing required legal documents
Removal of body from home, hospital or facility
Embalming (NOT required in any state)
Dressing or other casketing charge
Viewing (usually up to 4 hours)
Staff and equipment for funeral service
Hearse and burial ceremony
Obituary assistance.
Other miscellaneous (minor) costs and fees may apply – too numerous and variable to summarize.

Not included: Cash outlays such as an honorarium to whoever officiates, musician fees, or obituary costs.

² A casket can be furnished by the family, or add the cost of a casket from the funeral home. Most cemeteries require a vault or grave liner for a burial, so add that cost, too.

³ Typical cemetery costs include plot, opening/closing the grave, cornerstones, and marker or headstone. They vary too widely to summarize, but will likely cost a minimum of several thousand dollars. See website of the cemetery of your choice, or contact the sexton.

⁴ A flat-top, cloth-covered wooden casket, or similar. An alternative container, typically a plywood bottom and heavyweight cardboard top, can usually be substituted for \$200 or less.

⁵ Typically "a suitable solid container" for cremation, such as heavy cardboard with plywood bottom (approx. \$175), but any combustible box may be substituted.

⁶ If a family handles simple body preparatory tasks, obtains the death certificate and burial permit, then transports the body to Mt. Pleasant Crematory in St. Johnsbury, the cost for cremation there is \$265 + \$35 to mail the ashes. The family can make a combustible casket, or pick up a \$60 cardboard casket in St. Johnsbury, or shop online.