

## How to Join

### *Funeral Consumers Association (FCA) of Tampa Bay*

Print and Complete the Application Form on page 3 and send it to the FCA of Tampa Bay along with your membership donation (the address and amounts are on the Home Page).

Upon receipt of your paperwork and your check, you will receive:

- Your Membership Card.
- The official Schedule of Fees
- The Final Arrangement/Vital Statistics Form
- The associated Funeral Home's name, address and phone number

Once you receive your Membership Card and the associated Funeral Home's address:

- Complete the Final Arrangement/Vital Statistics Form - on which you indicate your funeral wishes and other pertinent information. The Membership/Treasurer listed on the Home Page will email you a .docx of this form if you want to fill it out using Word.
- Make several copies. Put your membership number on the first sheet. Send a copy to the FCA. Also send a copy to the Funeral Home. Keep the originals yourself!
- You may wish to make additional copies of the completed form to give to others, like your children, guardian, trustee, lawyer, clergy, doctor, etc.

### If Cremation is desire:

Since a cremation cannot be undone, the funeral home goes to extra lengths to insure that a cremation is the desire of the spouse or surviving children. They do this by requiring you, your spouse or your children to sign their Cremation Authorization form. The funeral home will supply you copies. And in the case of surviving children, the funeral home will go out of their way to secure their permission. And completing the Authorization Form helps you discuss your desires and arrangements with your family and children. **Return the original(s) to the funeral home** with your FCA membership number on the first sheet. Please send a copy to the FCA for their files.

About 70% of Floridians select cremation. About 80% of residents in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties select cremation. And about 90% of FCA members select cremation. Cremation allows the family to schedule their gathering for a Memorial Service. View the Webmaster's pamphlet What Shall We Do With The Ashes (Cremains)?

Please note that cargo rates to fly a body back to a home state are vastly more expensive and complicated than mailing or transporting cremated remains.

If you have any questions, about any of this, contact the Membership Chairman/Treasurer listed on the Home page who will be happy to help you.

The Application Form is on the next page...

Application Form  
*Funeral Consumers Association (FCA) of Tampa Bay*

Name:

Spouse's Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

If transferring, from what Association? (Please have the above listed Association send us a transfer letter stating you are a member in good standing.) The transfer donation is \$10 per adult.

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Membership donation enclosed: See the one-time life-time membership donation per individual or per family (which includes the parents & children under 18) on the Home Page.

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