

# Funeral Consumers Alliance of Anywhere

Do You Know Your Rights?  
We Can Help



Promoting informed advance planning for funeral and memorial arrangements

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Invite a highly knowledgeable and entertaining speaker to your group free of charge. A fun history of the funeral industry and helpful shopping tips; all with a light touch. Plan Ahead and Rest in Peace!



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## BECOME A MEMBER

Suggested donation: \$25 for an individual membership  
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How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Funeral Advice You Can Trust



Most people know more about how to buy a car or a major appliance than a funeral, and unlike those purchases, few people research their options or shop around ahead of time. In addition, most people purchase funeral goods and services when they are in the throes of grief after a loved one has died, making them uniquely vulnerable consumers. To compound the problem, the only place most people know to go for advice is the funeral home. And, while many funeral directors are compassionate, caring people, they are also salespeople running for-profit businesses.

## We Can Help

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Anywhere (FCAA) is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that is not associated with the funeral industry. We provide objective support, education and advocacy. We offer tools to empower you to make informed, thoughtful decisions about funeral and memorial arrangements before they are needed. We monitor for consumer-friendly legislation and speak up on behalf of the grieving public. We are the only nonprofit organization that stands up for your rights during a difficult and potentially expensive time.

## How You Benefit

- ☞ A tax-deductible [if your group is a 501-3!] donation entitles you to a packet of information that includes the Before I Go planning kit; an invaluable resource guide, state-specific advance directives, informational pamphlets and more useful information.
- ☞ We maintain an information hotline to answer your questions about your options, selecting a funeral home, etc.
- ☞ Members receive a subscription to our newsletter, invitations to lectures featuring nationally known and local speakers, and periodic price surveys of area funeral homes and cemeteries.
- ☞ We maintain ongoing relationships with funeral directors who offer discounted prices to our members [if applicable].
- ☞ Membership is transferable to affiliates across the country.
- ☞ Your membership helps ensure that the FCA of Anywhere will be there to advocate for you and our community.

Incorporated in 19\_\_\_, FCAA is a 501 (c)(\_) tax-exempt organization and a member of the national FCA. Donations are fully tax deductible [if you are a (c)(3)].

## Did You Know?

- ☞ The average cost of a funeral is \$7,323 (as of 2009) and that doesn't include the price of the plot, cemetery fees, headstone, obituaries, etc.
- ☞ There are more than \_\_\_ funeral homes in this state, but fewer than \_\_\_ are needed to support the death rate. This drives up prices.
- ☞ Since few people comparison shop, most don't know that funeral home prices vary greatly, even in the same town. In \_\_\_\_\_, funeral home charges for direct cremation range from \$\_\_\_\_\_-\$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☞ If you go to a funeral home the funeral director is required by law to give you a general price list (GPL) that itemizes the costs of all goods and services.
- ☞ If you don't want a viewing or a service in a funeral home, you don't have to use one that's nearby. This can mean big savings.
- ☞ Embalming is not routinely required by law.
- ☞ You can keep a body at home, giving family a chance to say goodbye in a comfortable, personal place.
- ☞ If you buy a casket at a store or online, funeral homes cannot charge you a handling or other fee.
- ☞ A safe deposit box is not a good place to store your funeral wishes as they won't be seen until other arrangements have been made.

