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Olympic Peninsula 2007 Funeral Home Price Survey

Conducted by the PMA Education Fund

| Provider (by city) | | <u>Direct Cremation</u> | <u>Direct Burial</u> | <u>Full Funeral Service</u> |
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| <u>KITSAP COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>BAINBRIDGE ISLAND:</u> | | | | |
| Acme Cremation Service | (Cook) | 699 | N/A | N/A |
| 163 Wyatt Way NE 360-779-7988 | | | | |
| Kass & Cook Funeral Home | (Cook) | 1,510 | 2,365 | 4,200 |
| 163 Wyatt Way NE 206-842-2642 | | | | |
| <u>BREMERTON:</u> | | | | |
| Lewis Funeral Chapel | (Lewis) | 1,745 | 2,435 | 4,055 |
| 5303 Kitsap Way 360-377-3836 | | | | |
| * Linde Family Funeral Service | (Linde) | 695 | 1,095 | 1,595 |
| 718 Lebo Blvd 360-373-3579 | | | | |
| Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home | (Service Corp Intl) | 1,649 | 2,690 | 5,650 |
| 5505 Kitsap Way 360-377-7648 | | | | |
| Tuell-McKee Funeral Home | (McKee) | 1,135 | 1,495 | 2,325 |
| 4970 Auto Center Way # 101 360-377-5179 | | | | |
| <u>POULSBO:</u> | | | | |
| Poulsbo Mortuary, Stone Chapel | (Lewis) | 1,745 | 2,435 | 4,055 |
| 22272 Foss Rd NE 360-779-4474 | | | | |
| <u>PORT ORCHARD:</u> | | | | |
| Rill Chapel | (Pendleton-Gilchrist) | 2,102 | 2,340 | 4,250 |
| 1151 Mitchell Ave 360-876-4405 | | | | |
| <u>JEFFERSON COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>PORT TOWNSEND:</u> | | | | |
| Kosec Funeral Home & Crematory | (Kosec) | 1,413 | 2,170 | 3,070 |
| 1615 Parkside Dr 360-385-2642 | | | | |

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| <u>FORKS:</u> | | | | |
| Mount Olympus Funeral Home 481 Calawah Way 360-374-6926 | (Keystone Group) | 2,705 | 2,495 | 4,145 |
| <u>CLALLAM COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>PORT ANGELES:</u> | | | | |
| Drennan Ford Funeral Home 260 Monroe Rd 360-457-1210 | (Drennan/Ford) | 1,595 | 2,140 | 3,240 |
| Sequim Sunset Cremation & Burial 260 Monroe Rd 360-681-4922 | (Drennan/Ford) | 1,595 | 2,140 | 3,240 |
| Harper-Ridgeview Funeral Chapel 105 W 4th St 360-452-9701 | (Keystone Group) | 2,705 | 2,495 | 4,145 |
| Olympic Cremation Association 45 Monroe Rd 360-457-0964 | (Keystone Group) | 1,370 | 2,220 | 4,085 |
| <u>SEQUIM:</u> | | | | |
| * Linde Family Funeral Service 435 W Bell St Ste C2 360-683-1649 | (Linde) | 695 | 1,095 | 1,595 |
| Sequim Valley Funeral Chapel 108 W Alder St 360-683-5242 | (Keystone Group) | 2,705 | 2,495 | 4,145 |
| <u>MASON COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>SHELTON:</u> | | | | |
| Forest Funeral Home 313 W Railroad Ave 360-427-8044 | (Burgman) | 1,570 | 2,395 | 4,260 |
| McComb Funeral Home 703 W Railroad Ave 360-426-4803 | (McComb) | 1,675 | 2,480 | 3,875 |
| <u>GRAYS HARBOR:</u> | | | | |
| <u>ABERDEEN:</u> | | | | |
| Evergreen Mortuary & Cremation 2208 Roosevelt St 360-537-4773 | (Twibell) | 771 | 1,968 | 2,873 |
| Fern Hill Funeral Home 2208 Roosevelt St 360-532-0220 | (Twibell) | 1,126 | 1,957 | 3,028 |
| Whiteside Family Mortuaries 109 E 2nd St 360-532-9582 | (Whiteside) | 852 | 2,025 | 3,425 |
| <u>HOQUIAM:</u> | | | | |
| Coleman Mortuary 422 5th St 360-532-4090 | (Coleman) | 1,629 | 1,966 | 3,021 |

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| <u>MONTESANO:</u> | | | | |
| Whiteside Family Mortuaries 121 W Broadway Ave 360-249-4322 | (Whiteside) | 852 | 2,025 | 3,425 |
| <u>ELMA:</u> | | | | |
| Whiteside Family Mortuaries 316 W Young St 360-482-2032 | (Whiteside) | 852 | 2,025 | 3,425 |
| <u>VARIOUS LOCATIONS:</u> | | | | |
| People's Memorial Association 866-325-0489 | (Non-profit) | 649 | 1,099 | 2,199 |
| | | * contracted funeral homes where members pay this price | | |

*The **PMA Education Fund** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, affiliated with People's Memorial Association. The purpose of the PMA Education Fund is to provide educational information to enable consumers to make informed choices regarding their final arrangements. Tax-deductible contributions to the PMA Education Fund to support these efforts are most welcome and appreciated.*

***People's Memorial Association (PMA)** is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization which was founded in 1939. It is the oldest and largest non-profit funeral consumer group in the country. PMA has contracts with a several funeral homes to provide simple, dignified, economical cremation and burial services to its members.*

2007 Price Survey Methodology

In compiling data for the 2007 funeral home price survey, volunteers with the PMA Education Fund collected General Price Lists (GPLs) from 176 funeral homes in western and central Washington between January and March of 2007. In order to enable consumers to make as fair a price comparison as possible, we made every attempt to try and assure that we were indeed comparing “apples to apples” for the three most common types of final arrangements. Our goal was to calculate the minimum “out the door” price for these services at each funeral home.

We calculated total prices based on what was printed in each mortuary’s most recent GPL. While all funeral homes are required to comply with the Federal Trade Commission’s Funeral Rule of 1984 regarding disclosure of costs, the reality is that some price lists are more complete and readable than others. Many GPLs contained blatant violations of the Funeral Rule. If it was unclear whether costs such as refrigeration or crematory fee were included in package prices, we added them into the total we used for comparison purposes. For calculating the cost of direct burial or a complete funeral service we included the price of the least expensive casket listed on the printed GPL or casket price list from the funeral home. A funeral establishment may change its prices at any time and the actual price you pay for services and merchandise at any of these funeral homes may vary. Nonetheless, this survey is a very valuable resource for consumers to make decisions about which funeral home and type of services they wish to choose.

For comparison purposes, the descriptions of the services and merchandise included in each of the three plans compared in this survey are as listed below. Included in the cost calculation for each of the three plans are the following **Basic Services**: **1)** Removal of the deceased 24 hours a day from either a home or health care setting and delivery to the funeral home within a service area of no less than 25 miles; **2)** Arrangements conference with the survivors; **3)** Filing of necessary permits and death certificate; **4)** Sheltering and refrigeration of the body; **5)** Non-declinable fee which covers funeral home overhead.

- **Direct Cremation:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** delivery of the body to the crematory (if not performed onsite); **2)** the cost of the actual cremation; **3)** basic alternative container; and **4)** basic plastic urn to hold the cremated remains for pickup by survivors.

- **Direct Burial:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** minimum casket; **2)** preparation of the body; **3)** delivery to a local cemetery for burial. No ceremonies are included. The least expensive burial casket listed on the funeral home price was used in calculating this total. At some funeral homes that may be a \$150 casket, at others it may cost \$1,500.

- **Full Funeral Service:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** minimum casket; **2)** embalming, dressing, cosmetology, and casketing; **3)** visitation and chapel service at funeral home, Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. Also included are **4)** handling of flowers; **5)** delivery of casketed remains to a local cemetery, but not a procession or graveside ceremony.

After the volunteers calculated total costs for each of the three types of services, it was reviewed by staff of People’s Memorial Association and the final worksheet was faxed to the funeral home for verification. We updated our numbers in cases where the funeral home could justify, based on their GPL, that our calculations were inaccurate. In situations where the funeral home disputed pricing based on numbers which were different than the printed price list, we stayed with the printed numbers in calculating our totals. According to the FTC Funeral Rule, the prices or price range for all merchandise and services offered are to be listed on the General Price Lists.