

# Beers & Story Funeral Homes

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## GENERAL PRICE LIST

(These prices are effective as of February 13, 2025, but are subject to change without notice.)

The goods and services shown below are those we can provide to our customers. You may choose only the items you desire. However, any funeral arrangements you select will include a charge for our basic services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected.

This price list is offered to comply with the Federal Trade Commission's Trade Regulation Rule; Funeral Industry Practices 16 CFR Part 453. Our fees are established in consultation with a professional advisory firm, exclusively serving funeral homes.

**Services of Funeral Director & Staff:**..... 3,650  
Includes: To respond to initial request for service twenty-four hour, 365 days per year accessibility; administrative expenses; arrangements conference; planning, supervising, and coordinating service details with those involved in the funeral service; securing, preparing, and filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations, and consents; clerical and record keeping. This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select. This fee is already included in our charges for direct cremations, immediate burials, and forwarding or receiving remains.

**Embalming:**..... 810  
Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary, however, if you select certain funeral arrangements, such as a funeral with viewing. If you do not want embalming, you usually have the right to choose an arrangement that does not require you to pay for it, such as direct cremation or immediate burial. You may select a private family viewing with or without embalming, and services or ceremony.

### Other care of the Deceased

Other Preparation of the Body for viewing including cosmetology, hairdressing and casketing: ..... 365  
Washing and Dressing of Unembalmed Remains for private identification..... 185  
Post Autopsy Care (per hour)..... 160  
Restoration Charge (per hour)..... 160  
Care and Custody while sheltering remains beyond one week..... 150 per week  
Refrigeration..... 30 per day

### Use of Facilities, Equipment & Staff for:

Viewing & Visitation (One Day, up to 4 hours) ..... 620  
Our services include set-up of visitation area, placement of casketed remains or urn, display of floral arrangements, supervision of and attendance during the visitation.  
(Additional hour of visitation..... 325 per hour)  
(Calling hour one hour prior to service.....325 per hour)  
Use of Facilities and Staff for Funeral Ceremony or Memorial Service at the Funeral Home ..... 620  
Our services include coordinating the funeral arrangements, supervision of funeral, and staff to attend funeral ceremony.  
Funeral Ceremony or Memorial Service and use of Staff Services at another location..... 725  
Our services include coordinating the funeral ceremony or memorial service arrangements, supervision of the funeral/memorial service, and staff to attend the services. Services that require additional time (over 4 hours) or travel will be charged 75 per hour for staff and 50 per hour per vehicle.

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Graveside Service .....	620
Our services include the accompaniment of remains to cemetery, supervision of graveside service, and staff/equipment to attend service.	
Committal and Interment (in addition to Funeral Ceremony or Memorial Service) .....	230

**Automotive Equipment:** (within 25 mile radius) Additional miles @ 4.00 per mile (one-way)

Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home from place of death.....	730
Funeral Coach (Hearse) for transfer to cemetery or crematory.....	395
Flower Car/Lead Car (to transport staff, equipment and flowers).....	195
Limousine (per vehicle).....	515
Errand Car.....	80

**Merchandise:**

Caskets (A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.) .....	195 to 12,615
Outer Burial Containers (A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.).....	1,690 to 20,495
Cremation Urns (A complete price list will be provided at the funeral home.).....	120 to 4,895

<b>Air Tray for shipping of remains</b> .....	350 to 830
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**Memorial Package**

Package typically includes register book, personalized prayer cards, acknowledgement cards and/or personalized memory candle or glass ornament and personalized pictorial tribute depending on items selected.....	290-450
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**Miscellaneous Merchandise/Services**

Register/Memory Book.....	75
Prayer/Memory Cards personalized (per 100 cards).....	125
Thank You Cards (per box of 25).....	25
Tribute Candles.....	40
Personalized Glass Ornaments.....	40
Keepsake Mementos.....	40-1,000
Video Tribute (one copy).....	160
Video Tribute – each additional copy .....	25
Solidified Remains.....	1,995
Velvet Pouches .....	8
Urn Filling Fee (Full Size, each).....	40
Urn Filling Fee (keepsake, each).....	20

**Other Services:**

<b>Forwarding of Remains to another Funeral Home:</b> .....	6,390
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Our professional services include: removal of remains from the place of death, on call 24 hours, 365 days per year; administrative expenses; arrangement conference; planning, supervising, and coordinating service details; securing, preparing, and filing necessary documents; clerical and record keeping; embalming; other preparation of the body; transfer of deceased from place of death to the funeral home; transportation of the deceased to the airport (excludes airfare); includes shipping container.

This charge does not include visitation, ceremonies, merchandise or cash advances.

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**Receiving Remains from another Funeral Home:**..... 5,760

Our professional services include: temporary shelter of remains, on call 24 hours, 365 days per year; administrative expenses; arrangement conference; planning, supervising, and coordinating service details; securing, preparing, and filing necessary documents; clerical and record keeping; other preparation of the body; use of the hearse for transportation of the deceased from the airport and local transportation of the deceased to the final place of burial; and use of staff and equipment for graveside service.

This charge does not include visitation, ceremonies, merchandise or cash advances.

**Direct Cremation: (Cremation Charge Extra)**..... 4,960 to 7,360

This charge includes: our professional services, on call 24 hours, 365 days per year; administrative expenses; arrangement conference; planning, supervising, and coordinating service details; securing, preparing, and filing necessary documents; clerical and record keeping; other preparation of the body; use of the hearse for transfer of remains from place of death to the funeral home; local transportation to the crematory.

If you want to arrange a direct cremation, you can use an alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composition materials (with or without an outside covering). The alternative container we provide is composed of plywood and cardboard.

1. Direct Cremation including any casket selected from our funeral home (does not include the cost of the casket) ..... 4,960

Range of direct cremations with a casket from our Selection Room..... 5,155 to 7,360

2. Direct Cremation with a container provided by the purchaser..... 4,960

3. Direct Cremation with an alternative container ..... 5,155

**Immediate Burials:**..... 5,760 to 18,375

This charge includes: our professional services, on call 24 hours, 365 days per year; administrative expenses; arrangement conference; planning, supervising, and coordinating service details; securing, preparing, and filing necessary documents; clerical and record keeping; other preparation of the body; transfer of remains; use of the hearse; use of staff & equipment for graveside service.

1. Immediate Burial with any casket selected from our funeral home (service only) ..... 5,760

Range of immediate burials with a casket from our Selection Room..... 7,090 to 18,375

2. Immediate Burial with a container provided by the purchaser..... 5,760

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- Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- Twenty-four hour/365 days per year availability
- Administrative Expenses
- Arrangements Conference
- Planning, Supervising, Coordinating service details with those involved in the funeral service
- Securing, Preparing, & Filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations and consents
- Clerical & Record keeping
- Embalming
- Other Preparation of Remains
- Use of Facilities & Staff for Viewing/Visitation
- Use of Facilities, Staff & Equipment for Funeral Ceremony at the Funeral Home
- Use of Staff & Equipment for Graveside Service
- Transfer of Remains to the Funeral Home from place of death
- Funeral Coach/Hearse to the Cemetery
- Lead Sedan/Flower Car

**Traditional Funeral Service..... 7,615**

**Does not include casket, outer burial container, other merchandise, or cash advance items.**

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## CREMATION SERVICES\*

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<b>Complete Cremation Service</b> .....	7,190
Twenty-four hour/365 days per year availability; Administrative expenses; Arrangement Conference; Planning, Supervising, Coordinating service details with those involved in the funeral service; Securing, Preparing, and Filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations, and consents; Clerical and Record Keeping; Embalming; Other Preparation of the Body; Viewing & Visitation a day prior to or morning of the funeral ceremony; Funeral Ceremony at Funeral Home; Transfer of Remains; Hearse to Crematory. Does not include casket or container for the crematory.	
<b>Cremation with Memorial Service</b> .....	5,775
Twenty-four hour/365 days per year availability; Administrative expenses; Arrangement Conference; Planning, Supervising, coordinating service details with those involved in the funeral service; Securing, Preparing, and Filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations, and consents; Clerical and Record Keeping; Other Preparation of the Body for identification; Transfer of Remains; Hearse to Crematory; Memorial Ceremony at Funeral Home; Basic Alternative Container	
<b>Cremation with Graveside Service</b> .....	5,775
Twenty-four hour/365 days per year availability; Administrative expenses; Arrangement Conference; Planning, Supervising, coordinating service details with those involved in the cremation service; Securing, Preparing, and Filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations, and consents; Clerical and Record Keeping; Other Preparation of the Body for identification; Graveside Service; Transfer of Remains; Hearse to Crematory; Basic Alternative Container	
<b>Direct Cremation Service</b> .....	5,155
Twenty-four hour/365 days per year availability; Administrative expenses; Arrangement Conference; Planning, Supervising, coordinating service details with those involved in the cremation service; Securing, Preparing, and Filing necessary permits, certificates, authorizations, and consents; Clerical and Record Keeping; Other Preparation of the Body for identification; Transfer of Remains; Hearse to Crematory; Basic Alternative Container	
<b>Containers:</b> Cremation containers range from .....	195 to 6,415
(Includes Cherry, Oak, Poplar, Cloth & Cardboard)	
<b>Rental Casket</b> .....	1,525
Our rental casket is composed of a solid cherry wood casket with champagne color crepe interior	
<b>Urns</b> range from .....	120 to 4,895

\*Does not include outer burial container, other merchandise or cash advance items. Cash advance items may include but are not limited to crematory charges, medical examiner fee, legal paperwork for burial permits and certified copies of death certificate, newspaper notices, cemetery charges, and clergy charges.

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## ADDENDUM

Fee for securing a death certificate outside of our normal service area of 20 miles..... 4.00 per mile or price given depending upon distance and time.

Additional licensed staff when needed beyond standard service level

Licensed staff .....	125.00 per hour
Unlicensed staff .....	35.00 per hour

Insurance Assignment and Estate handling fee ..... 125.00

Split-time service charge ..... price available at time of request

This fee is applied in instances in which a family elects to have a luncheon or other service which falls between the funeral service and the graveside committal service. This fee secures a wait status of engaged staff and vehicles.