



## Pierce, Thurston, Mason & Kitsap Counties

### 2004 Survey of Funeral Home Costs

Compiled by the People's Memorial Price Survey Committee  
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People's Memorial Association (PMA) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1939 to advocate for the needs of funeral consumers in response to the high-pressure sales tactics of the funeral industry. Since its beginning, PMA has provided educational information to assist individuals and families make informed choices regarding end of life arrangements. Every two years the board of PMA conducts a price survey of funeral homes in its service area to keep the public informed of current costs for cremation and burial.

In compiling the data for the 2004 funeral home price survey, the committee collected General Price Lists (GPLs) from 120 funeral homes in western and central Washington. 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 basic plans presented in this consumer version of the survey. The information for this purpose was 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 detailed than others. 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. The actual price you pay for services and merchandise at any of these funeral homes may vary.

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 25 mile service area; **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:**

In addition to basic services described above, includes delivery of the body to the crematory (if not performed at the funeral home) and the cost of the actual cremation in a basic alternative container with a basic urn to hold the cremated remains for pickup by survivors.

#### **Direct Burial:**

Basic services listed above, plus preparation of the body and placement in a minimum casket with 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 be \$1,500.

#### **Full Funeral Service:**

Standard services described above plus minimum casket, embalming, dressing, cosmetology, visitation and chapel service at funeral home, Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. Also included are handling of flowers and delivery of body to a local cemetery, but not a procession or graveside ceremony.

People's Memorial Association (PMA) contracts with fourteen funeral homes in western and central Washington. Members of PMA receive special pricing on six basic packages for either cremation or burial and discounts on additional services or merchandise at any of our contracted facilities.

**People's Memorial Association currently contracts with the following funeral homes:**

- **Seattle: Acacia**
- **Renton: Barton**
- **Auburn: Price-Helton**
- **Kirkland: Barton**
- **North Bend: Snoqualmie Valley Chapel**
- **Everett: Evergreen**
- **Puyallup: Powers**
- **Olympia: Mills & Mills**
- **Bellingham: Jerns**
- **Yakima: Shaw & Sons**
- **Wapato: Merritt**
- **Wenatchee: Jones & Jones**
- **Cashmere: Braun**
- **Waterville: Waterville**

**PMA Plans** As a member of PMA, you have the right to choose any of the following six plans for final arrangements with the assurance that you and your survivors will receive no sales pressure whatsoever to upgrade either the casket, urn or services. You or your survivors may however at your own initiative choose to add further merchandise or services at PMA-discounted prices as desired.

**Standard Services for All PMA Plans** All PMA Plans include the pick-up of the remains of the deceased PMA member at any hour of the day or night within the local 30 mile service area of selected funeral home, sheltering of remains and refrigeration, conference with survivors for arrangements, procurement and filing all certificates and permits to comply with local regulations.

**Plan 1 - Direct Cremation** **\$599**  
Cremation of the remains in an alternative container, standard container for the ashes and storage of ashes for up to 90 days for pickup by survivors.

**Plan 2 - Direct Cremation plus Memorial Service** **\$999**  
Cremation of the remains in an alternative container, standard container for the ashes and temporary storage of ashes for up to 90 days for pickup by survivors. Includes use of chapel facilities, handling of flowers, and directing memorial-type services at mortuary on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

**Plan 3 - Direct Burial WITHOUT Graveside Service** **\$999**  
Basic cloth-covered casket, delivery of casketed remains on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to a cemetery in the local service area. This plan does not include a graveside service.

**Plan 4 - Direct Burial WITH Graveside Service** **\$1,299**  
Basic cloth-covered casket, delivery of casketed remains on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to a cemetery in the local service area. This plan includes a graveside service.

**Plan 5 - Full Mortuary Services with Basic Casket** **\$1,899**  
Basic cloth-covered casket and the following services as requested: embalming, dressing, cosmetology, use of chapel and/or viewing facilities, directing services at mortuary Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, handling of flowers, delivery to cemetery in the local service area. This plan does not include a procession or graveside service.

**Plan 6 - Full Mortuary Services with Metal Casket** **\$2,299**  
Basic 20-gauge metal casket and the following services as requested: embalming, dressing, cosmetology, use of chapel and/or viewing facilities, directing services at mortuary Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, handling flowers, delivery of the casketed remains to a cemetery in the local service area without a procession or graveside service.

For further information, contact:

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| PROVIDER  | Direct<br>Cremation | Direct<br>Burial | Full Funeral<br>Service |
|---|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Peoples Memorial Association</b> (Non-Profit)      | <b>599</b>          | <b>999</b>       | <b>1,899</b>            |
| Served by 14 Funeral Homes    www.peoplesmemorial.org |                     |                  |                         |

### PIERCE COUNTY:

#### TACOMA:

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| <b>Gaffney Funeral Home</b> (Gaffney)<br>1002 South Yakima Avenue    253-272-2166                | <b>2,015</b> | <b>2,380</b> | <b>4,035</b> |
| <b>Lynn Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>717 Tacoma Avenue S    253-272-2131                    | <b>775</b>   | <b>n/a</b>   | <b>2,690</b> |
| <b>New Tacoma Funeral Home</b> (unknown)<br>9212 Chambers Creek Rd W    253-564-1311             | <b>1,120</b> | <b>2,340</b> | <b>3,330</b> |
| <b>Oakwood Hill Funeral Home</b> (SCI)<br>5210 S Alder Street    253-473-2900                    | <b>985</b>   | <b>2,925</b> | <b>3,725</b> |
| <b>Piper-Morley-Mellinger Funeral Home</b> (SCI)<br>5436 S Puget Sound Avenue    253-472-3353    | <b>1,375</b> | <b>2,925</b> | <b>3,750</b> |
| <b>Tacoma Mausoleum &amp; Mortuary</b> (Gaffney)<br>5302 S Junett Street    253-474-9574         | <b>675</b>   | <b>1,190</b> | <b>2,690</b> |
| <b>Tacoma Memorial Society</b> (American Memorial)<br>7401 South Pine Street # A    800-248-1745 | <b>1,264</b> | <b>1,315</b> | <b>2,950</b> |
| <b>Tuell-McKee Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>2215 Sixth Avenue    360-377-5179               | <b>1,725</b> | <b>1,555</b> | <b>2,405</b> |

#### LAKESIDE:

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| <b>Mountain View Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW    253-584-0252 | <b>1,619</b> | <b>1,527</b> | <b>2,941</b> |
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#### SPANAWAY:

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| <b>Fir Lane Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>924 E 176th Street    253-531-6600 | <b>1,475</b> | <b>1,685</b> | <b>3,365</b> |
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#### GIG HARBOR:

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| <b>Gig Harbor Cremations</b> (Glass)<br>8503 Highway 16    253-853-3000      | <b>1,090</b> | <b>n/a</b>   | <b>n/a</b>   |
| <b>Haven of Rest Funeral Home</b> (Glass)<br>8503 Highway 16    253-851-9991 | <b>1,794</b> | <b>2,395</b> | <b>3,905</b> |

#### SUMNER:

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| <b>American Burial &amp; Cremation Svcs</b> (Alderwoods)<br>15124 Main Street    800-405-2853 | <b>675</b>   | <b>1,205</b> | <b>n/a</b>   |
| <b>Funeral Alternatives of Washington</b> (Independent)<br>1410 Main Street    253-863-2800   | <b>445</b>   | <b>1,185</b> | <b>2,485</b> |
| <b>Powers Funeral Home</b> (Alderwoods)<br>15124 Main Street    253-845-0536                  | <b>1,925</b> | <b>2,290</b> | <b>3,590</b> |

#### PUYALLUP:

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| <b>Powers Funeral Home</b> (Alderwoods)<br>320 W Pioneer Avenue    253-845-0536 | <b>1,925</b> | <b>2,290</b> | <b>3,590</b> |
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#### ORTING:

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| <b>Powers Funeral Home</b> (Alderwoods)<br>224 E Washington Street    253-845-0536 | <b>1,925</b> | <b>2,290</b> | <b>3,590</b> |
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#### BUCKLEY:

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| <b>Weeks' Whitmore Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>451 Cemetery Road    360-829-1171 | <b>1,835</b> | <b>1,980</b> | <b>3,675</b> |
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|   | <u>Direct<br/>Cremation</u> | <u>Direct<br/>Burial</u> | <u>Full Funeral<br/>Service</u> |
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| <b><u>THURSTON COUNTY:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b><u>OLYMPIA:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>American Memorial Funeral</b> (American Memorial)<br>924 Capitol Way S, Suite 210 360-956-0647 | <b>1,264</b>                | <b>1,315</b>             | <b>2,950</b>                    |
| <b>Forest Funeral Home</b> (Burgman)<br>2501 Pacific Avenue 360-943-6363                          | <b>2,460</b>                | <b>2,465</b>             | <b>3,240</b>                    |
| <b><u>TUMWATER:</u></b>   |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>American Burial &amp; Cremation Svcs</b> (Alderwoods)<br>5727 Littlerock Rd SW 360-705-2857    | <b>675</b>                  | <b>1,205</b>             | <b>n/a</b>                      |
| <b>Funeral Alternatives of Washington</b> (Independent)<br>455 North Street SE 360-753-1065       | <b>395</b>                  | <b>1,185</b>             | <b>2,585</b>                    |
| <b>Mills &amp; Mills Funeral Home</b> (Alderwoods)<br>5725 Littlerock Rd SW 360-352-8432          | <b>2,134</b>                | <b>2,720</b>             | <b>3,790</b>                    |
| <b><u>MASON COUNTY:</u></b>   |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b><u>SHELTON:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>Forest Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>313 W Railroad Avenue 360-427-8044                    | <b>2,460</b>                | <b>2,465</b>             | <b>3,240</b>                    |
| <b>McComb Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>703 W Railroad Avenue 360-426-4803                    | <b>1,200</b>                | <b>2,050</b>             | <b>3,555</b>                    |
| <b><u>KITSAP COUNTY:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b><u>BREMERTON:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>Lewis Funeral Chapel Inc.</b> (Lewis)<br>5303 Kitsap Way 360-377-3836                          | <b>1,735</b>                | <b>2,325</b>             | <b>3,655</b>                    |
| <b>Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home</b> (SCI)<br>5505 Kitsap Way 360-377-7648                         | <b>1,570</b>                | <b>2,065</b>             | <b>4,065</b>                    |
| <b>Tuell-McKee Funeral Home</b> (Independent)<br>4970 Auto Center Way # 101 360-377-6179          | <b>1,725</b>                | <b>1,555</b>             | <b>2,405</b>                    |
| <b><u>PAULSBO:</u></b>  |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>Poulsbo Mortuary, Stone Chapel</b> (Lewis)<br>22272 Foss Road NE 360-377-3836                  | <b>1,735</b>                | <b>2,325</b>             | <b>3,655</b>                    |
| <b><u>PORT ORCHARD:</u></b>   |                             |                          |                                 |
| <b>Rill Chapel</b> (Independent)<br>1151 Mitchell Avenue 360-876-4405                             | <b>1,795</b>                | <b>2,090</b>             | <b>4,020</b>                    |