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King County 2007 Funeral Home Price Survey

Conducted by the PMA Education Fund

Provider (by city)	Direct <u>Cremation</u>	Direct <u>Burial</u>	Full Funeral <u>Service</u>
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
Bleitz Funeral Home (Service Corporation Intl) 316 Florentia Street 206-282-5220	1,025	2,015	4,125
Bonney-Watson (Bonney-Watson) 1732 Broadway 206-322-0013	2,705	3,040	5,315
Butterworth-Arthur A. Wright Chapel (Stewart Enterprises) 520 W Raye Street 206-282-5500	2,335	2,895	4,490
Columbia Funeral Home (Lewis) 4567 Rainier Avenue S 206-722-1100	1,212	1,895	3,480
Cremation Society Northwest (Stewart Enterprises) 520 W Raye Street 206-284-7888	888	N/A	N/A
Dayspring & Fitch (Fitch) 5503 Rainier Avenue S 206-723-8955	1,270	3,785	5,925
Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home (Evergreen-Washelli) 11111 Aurora Avenue N 206-362-5200	1,450	2,765	3,805
Forest Lawn Funeral Home (Service Corporation Intl) 6701 30th Avenue SW 206-932-0050	2,249	3,090	6,160
Green Lake Funeral Home (Bonney-Watson) 2003 NW 57th Street 206-522-1898	1,605	2,685	4,490
Hoffner Fisher & Harvey (Harvey) 508 N 36th Street 206-632-0100	1,363	2,140	3,449
Howden-Kennedy Funeral Home (Weeks) 3909 SW Alaska Street 206-932-0356	1,810	2,510	3,745
People's Memorial Association (Nonprofit) 1801 12th Ave Ste A 206-325-0489	649	1,099	2,199
* contracted funeral homes where members pay this price			
* People's Memorial Funeral Cooperative (PMA members) 1801 12th Ave Ste A 206-529-3800	799	1,299	2,499
(Non-Member prices as of 6/11/07)			
Rosebud Funeral Service (Kling) 8217 30th Avenue NE 206-525-7800	795	1,095	1,975
Southwest Mortuary (Pittmon) 9021 Rainier Avenue South 206-722-3675	1,465	1,375	3,430
Wiggen & Sons Funeral Home (Bonney-Watson) 2003 NW 57th Street 206-782-4700	2,705	2,790	4,540
Yarington's Funeral Home (Service Corporation Intl) 10708 16th Ave SW 206-242-2771	2,249	3,090	6,160

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<u>BURIEN:</u>				
Bonney-Watson Parker Chapel 900 SW 146th Street 206-244-2320	(Bonney-Watson)	2,705	3,040	5,315
<u>SEATAC:</u>				
Bonney-Watson Washington Memorial 16445 International Blvd. 206-242-1787	(Bonney-Watson)	2,705	3,040	5,315
<u>VASHON:</u>				
Island Funeral Service 18005 Vashon Highway SW 206-463-9300	(Weeks)	1,835	2,555	3,900
<u>RENTON:</u>				
American Memorial 150 Blaine Ave NE 425-255-7479	(Colt)	1,184	1,500	3,710
* Barton Family Funeral Service 1400 Talbot Rd S, Suite 106C 206-730-9287	(Barton)	640	1,067	2,395
Faull-Stokes Funeral Home 300 S Third Street 425-255-8281	(Service Corporation Intl)	2,195	3,090	6,160
Greenwood Memorial Park 350 Monroe Avenue NE 425-255-1511	(Service Corporation Intl)	2,195	3,090	6,160
<u>KENT:</u>				
* Cady Cremation Services 8418 South 222nd Street 253-854-9672	(Cady)	760	1,095	1,999
Edline-Yahn & Covington 27221 – 156th Avenue SE 253-630-2736	(Weeks)	1,465	2,340	3,590
Marlatt Funeral Home 713 Central Avenue N 253-852-2620	(Marlatt)	1,295	1,590	3,590
Neptune Society 1317 Central Avenue S, Suite L 425-672-8688	(Neptune Corporation)	1,349	N/A	N/A
Personal Alternatives 749 Central Avenue N 253-852-9600	(Independent)	640	1,298	2,194
<u>AUBURN:</u>				
* Klontz Funeral Home 410 Auburn Way N 253-833-1322	(Klontz)	845	1,840	3,240
Price-Helton Funeral Chapel 702 Auburn Way N 253-833-1165	(Service Corporation Intl)	2,400	2,880	5,520
Yahn & Son Funeral Home 55 W Valley Highway 253-833-8877	(Yahn)	1,530	1,925	3,590
<u>FEDERAL WAY:</u>				
Bonney-Watson 1535 SW Dash Point Road 253-839-7317	(Bonney-Watson)	2,705	3,040	5,315
<u>ENUMCLAW:</u>				
Weeks' Enumclaw Funeral Home 1810 Wells Street 360-825-3548	(Weeks)	1,905	2,020	3,675

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<u>ISSAQUAH:</u>				
Flintoft Services 540 E Sunset Way 425-392-6444	(Flintoft)	1,277	2,375	4,355
<u>NORTH BEND:</u>				
Snoqualmie Valley Chapel 1202 Boalch Avenue NW 425-888-7010	(Service Corporation Intl)	1,085	2,185	3,290
<u>KIRKLAND:</u>				
* Barton Family Funeral Service 11630 Slater Ave NE, Ste 1A 425-823-1900	(Barton)	640	1,067	2,395
<u>BELLEVUE:</u>				
Bonney-Watson Eastside 211 Bellevue Way NE 425-373-0020	(Bonney-Watson)	2,705	3,040	5,315
Sunset Hills Funeral Home 1215 - 145th Place SE 425-746-1400	(Service Corporation Intl)	2,844	3,490	7,255
Funeral & Cremation Professional Service 1400 112 th Ave SE, Ste100 877-421-9681	(Galaviz)	695	1,360	N/A
<u>BOTHELL:</u>				
Bothell Funeral Home 18224 - 103rd Avenue NE 425-486-1281	(Evergreen-Washelli)	1,450	2,765	3,900
Chapel of the Resurrection 16300 - 112th Avenue NE 425-939-1332	(Cedar Park Church)	875	1,545	2,735
<u>SHORELINE:</u>				
Acacia Funeral Home 14951 Bothell Way NE 206-362-5525	(Service Corporation Intl)	1,485	2,525	3,890
American Burial & Cremation 14951 Bothell Way NE 1-800-575-8823	(Service Corporation Intl)	650	1,180	N/A
Hamon Funeral Service 16009 Dayton Ave N 206-542-2046	(Hamon)	1,295	2,211	3,116

*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.*

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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.