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South Sound 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>PIERCE COUNTY:</u> | | | |
| <u>TACOMA:</u> | | | |
| Gaffney Funeral Home 1002 S Yakima Ave 253-572-6003 | (Gaffney) 1,135 | 1,810 | 3,890 |
| House Of Scott 1215 Martin Luther King Jr Way 253-572-9555 | (Scott) 720 | 2,232 | 3,482 |
| New Tacoma Funeral Home 9212 Chambers Creek Rd W 253-564-1311 | (Non-profit) 1,120 | 2,655 | 4,220 |
| Oakwood Hill Funeral Home 5210 S Alder St 253-473-2900 | (Stonemor Partners) 714 | 2,335 | 3,380 |
| Piper Morley Mellinger Funeral Home 5436 S Puget Sound Ave 253-472-3353 | (Stonemor Partners) 1,690 | 2,590 | 3,670 |
| Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary 5302 S Junett St 253-474-9574 | (Gaffney) 710 | 1,620 | 2,770 |
| Tuell-McKee Funeral Home 2215 6th Ave 253-272-1414 | (McKee) 1,050 | 1,420 | 2,975 |
| Week's Dryer Mortuary 220 134th St S 253-537-0253 | (Weeks) 1,805 | 1,920 | 3,370 |
| <u>UNIVERSITY PLACE:</u> | | | |
| Edward's Memorial Center 3005 Bridgeport Way W 253-318-7995 | (Edwards) 470 | 1,394 | 2,294 |
| <u>LAKESWOOD:</u> | | | |
| Mountain View Funeral Home 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW 253-584-0252 | (Thompson) 1,771 | 2,179 | 3,212 |
| <u>SPANAWAY:</u> | | | |
| Fir Lane Funeral Home 924 176th St E 253-531-6600 | (Overaa) 1,475 | 1,990 | 3,505 |
| <u>GIG HARBOR:</u> | | | |
| Haven of Rest Funeral Home 8503 Highway 16 253-851-9991 | (Glass) 1,539 | 2,305 | 4,160 |

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| <u>SUMNER:</u> | | | | |
| American Burial & Cremation Svcs 15124 Main Street 800-405-2853 | (Service Corp Intl) | 425 | 1,180 | N/A |
| Curnow Funeral Home & Crematory 1410 Main St 253-255-2120 | (Curnow) | 515 | 1,190 | 2,590 |
| Powers Funeral Home 15124 Main St E 253-863-6332 | (Service Corp Intl) | 1,199 | 2,135 | 3,375 |
| <u>PUYALLUP:</u> | | | | |
| Hill Funeral Home 217 E Pioneer Ave 253-845-1172 | (Davies) | 2,500 | 2,647 | 3,647 |
| Powers Funeral Home 320 W Pioneer Ave 253-845-0536 | (Service Corp Intl) | 2,240 | 2,720 | 5,260 |
| <u>ORTING:</u> | | | | |
| Powers Funeral Home 224 S Washington 360-893-5283 | (Service Corp Intl) | 1,199 | 2,135 | 3,375 |
| <u>BUCKLEY:</u> | | | | |
| Weeks' Whitmore Funeral Home 451 Cemetery Road 360-829-1171 | (Weeks) | 1,905 | 2,020 | 3,675 |
| <u>MILTON:</u> | | | | |
| Flieg-Threlkeld Funeral Service 7720 Pacific Hwy E 253-922-8797 | (Flieg) | 805 | 1,475 | 2,685 |
| <u>THURSTON COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>OLYMPIA:</u> | | | | |
| American Burial & Cremation 2120 State Ave NE Ste 120 360-705-2857 | (Service Corp Intl) | 425 | 1,180 | N/A |
| American Memorial Funeral 924 Capitol Way S, Suite 210 360-956-0647 | (Colt) | 1,184 | 1,500 | 3,710 |
| Forest Funeral Home 2501 Pacific Ave SE 360-943-6363 | (Burgman) | 1,570 | 2,395 | 4,260 |
| <u>TUMWATER:</u> | | | | |
| American Burial & Cremation 5727 Littlerock Rd SW 360-705-2857 | (Service Corp Intl) | 425 | 1,180 | N/A |
| Funeral Alternatives of Washington 455 North St SE 360-753-1065 | (Ferris) | 615 | 1,670 | 3,085 |
| Mills & Mills Funeral Home 5725 Littlerock Rd SW 360-352-8432 | (Service Corp Intl) | 1765 | 2,190 | 4,930 |
| <u>LACEY:</u> | | | | |
| Woodlawn Funeral Home 5930 Mullen Rd SE 360-491-3000 | (Burgman) | 2,100 | 2,395 | 4,260 |

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| <u>LEWIS COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>CENTRALIA:</u> | | | | |
| Sticklin Funeral Chapel 1437 S Gold St 360-736-1388 | (Service Corp Intl) | 1,820 | 2,290 | 4,990 |
| <u>COWLITZ COUNTY:</u> | | | | |
| <u>KELSO:</u> | | | | |
| Dahl-McVicker Funeral Home 301 Cowlitz Way 360-425-1390 | (Dahl) | 1,240 | 2,710 | 3,910 |
| Green Hills Crematory-Cemetery 1939 Mt Brynion Rd 360-636-0540 | (Independent) | 1,000 | 1,600 | 3,080 |
| <u>LONGVIEW:</u> | | | | |
| Columbia Funeral Service 1105 Maple St 360-636-4211 | (Nisbet) | 895 | 1,448 | 2,690 |
| <u>VARIOUS LOCATIONS:</u> | | | | |
| People's Memorial Association 866-325-0489 | (Non-profit) | 649 | 1,099 | 2,199 (Member prices at contracted funeral homes as of June 11, 2007) |

*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.