



King County 2009 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>
<u>SEATTLE:</u>				
Bleitz 316 Florentia St 206-282-5220	(Service Corporation Intl)	\$1,470	\$2,770	\$4,435
Bonney-Watson 1732 Broadway 206-322-0013	(B-W Memorial Corp)	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
Butterworth-Arthur A. Wright 520 W Raye St 206-282-5500	(Stewart Enterprises)	\$1,890	\$2,945	\$4,765
Columbia 4567 Rainier Ave S 206-722-1100	(Weeks)	\$1,422	\$2,725	\$4,370
Cremation Society Northwest 520 W Raye St 206-284-7888	(Stewart Enterprises)	\$1,295	N/A	N/A
Dayspring & Fitch 5503 Rainier Ave S 206-723-8955	(Fitch)	\$2,145	\$3,765	\$5,290
Evergreen-Washelli 11111 Aurora Ave N 206-362-5200	(Gibraltar Remembrance Svcs)	\$1,825	\$3,040	\$5,315
Forest Lawn 6701 30th Ave SW 206-932-0050	(Service Corporation Intl)	\$2,399	\$3,290	\$6,375
Green Lake 2003 NW 57th St 206-522-1898	(B-W Memorial Corp)	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
Hoffner Fisher & Harvey 508 N 36th St 206-632-0100	(Harvey)	\$1,728	\$2,539	\$3,994
* Howden-Kennedy 3909 SW Alaska St 206-932-0356	(Weeks)	\$1,840	\$2,785	\$4,570
* People's Memorial Funeral Cooperative (PMA members) 1801 12th Ave Ste A 206-529-3800		\$799	\$1,299	\$2,599
			<i>(Non-Member prices as of 6/1/09)</i>	
Rosebud 8217 30th Ave NE 206-525-7800	(Kling)	\$895	\$1,500	\$3,650
Southwest Mortuary 9021 Rainier Ave S 206-722-3675	(Pittmon)	\$1,630	\$2,020	\$3,435
Wiggen & Sons 2003 NW 57th St 206-782-4700	(B-W Memorial Corp)	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
Yarington's 10708 16th Ave SW 206-242-2771	(Service Corporation Intl)	\$2,399	\$3,290	\$6,375

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<u>BURIEN:</u>			
Bonney-Watson Parker Chapel (B-W Memorial Corp) 900 SW 146th St 206-244-2320	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
<u>SEATAC:</u>			
Bonney-Watson Washington Memorial (B-W Memorial Corp) 16445 International Blvd 206-242-1787	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
<u>VASHON:</u>			
* Island (Weeks) 18005 Vashon Highway SW 206-463-9300	\$1,840	\$2,785	\$4,570
<u>RENTON:</u>			
American Memorial (Colt) 150 Blaine Ave NE 425-255-7479	\$949	\$1,275	\$3,560
Barton (Barton) 1400 Talbot Rd S, Ste 106C 206-730-9287	\$695	\$1,325	\$2,550
Faull-Stokes (Service Corporation Intl) 300 S Third St 425-255-8281	\$2,399	\$3,290	\$6,375
Greenwood (Service Corporation Intl) 350 Monroe Ave NE 425-255-1511	\$2,399	\$3,290	\$6,375
<u>KENT:</u>			
* Cady (Cady) 8418 South 222nd St 253-854-9672	\$775	\$1,225	\$2,399
Edline-Yahn & Covington (Weeks) 27221 156th Ave SE 253-630-2736	\$1,465	\$2,340	\$3,590
Marlatt (Marlatt) 713 Central Ave N 253-852-2620	\$1,295	\$1,590	\$3,590
Neptune Society (Neptune Corporation) 1317 Central Ave S, Suite L 425-672-8688	\$1,692	N/A	N/A
Personal Alternative (Murray) 749 Central Ave N 253-852-9600	\$640	\$1,298	\$2,269
<u>AUBURN:</u>			
* Klontz (Klontz) 410 Auburn Way N 253-833-1322	\$845	\$2,535	\$3,740
Price-Helton (Service Corporation Intl) 702 Auburn Way N 253-833-1165	\$2,095	\$2,500	\$5,640
Yahn & Son (Yahn) 55 W Valley Highway 253-833-8877	\$1,555	\$1,925	\$3,790
<u>FEDERAL WAY:</u>			
Bonney-Watson (B-W Memorial Corp) 1535 SW Dash Point Rd 253-839-7317	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
<u>ENUMCLAW:</u>			
Weeks' (Weeks) 1810 Wells St 360-825-3548	\$1,980	\$2,115	\$4,095

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<u>ISSAQUAH:</u>				
Flintoft 540 E Sunset Way	425-392-6444 (Flintoft)	\$1,327	\$2,395	\$4,700
<u>NORTH BEND:</u>				
Snoqualmie Valley 1202 Boalch Ave NW	425-888-7010 (Service Corporation Intl)	\$2,399	\$3,290	\$6,375
<u>REDMOND:</u>				
Smart Cremation 11241 Willows Rd NE Ste 310	800-700-2203 (Smart Cremation LLC)	\$1,162	N/A	N/A
<u>BELLEVUE:</u>				
Bonney-Watson Eastside 211 Bellevue Way NE	425-373-0020 (B-W Memorial Corp)	\$2,490	\$3,275	\$4,415
* Curnow 14100 SE 36th St Ste 204	425-746-8888 (Curnow)	\$820	\$1,295	\$2,695
Sunset Hills 1215 145th Pl SE	425-746-1400 (Service Corporation Intl)	\$3,944	\$3,890	\$8,315
<u>KIRKLAND:</u>				
Barton 11630 Slater Ave NE, Ste 1A	425-823-1900 (Barton)	\$695	\$1,325	\$2,550
<u>BOTHELL:</u>				
Evergreen-Washelli 18224 103rd Ave NE	425-486-1281 (Gibraltar Remembrance Svcs)	\$1,825	\$3,040	\$5,315
Chapel of the Resurrection 16300 112th Ave NE	425-939-1332 (Cedar Park Church)	\$875	\$1,750	\$2,750
<u>SHORELINE:</u>				
Acacia 14951 Bothell Way NE	206-362-5525 (Service Corporation Intl)	\$3,244	\$3,890	\$7,655

*** Contracted funeral homes where People's Memorial Association members pay this price:**
People's Memorial Association (Nonprofit)
www.peoplesmemorial.org 206-325-0489 **\$649 \$1,099 \$2,399**

*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 organization in the country. PMA has contracts with more than 20 funeral homes in Washington state to provide simple, dignified, economical cremation and burial services to its members.*

2009 Price Survey Methodology

In compiling data for the 2009 funeral home price survey, volunteers with the PMA Education Fund collected General Price Lists (GPLs) from 226 funeral homes in Washington State between January and April of 2009. 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, after-hours removal 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 a simple cloth-covered gray domed casket, if offered or otherwise, the least expensive casket listed on the printed GPL or casket price list from the funeral home. At some funeral homes that may be a \$250 casket, at others it may cost \$2,000. 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.

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)** Procuring death certificates for family, filing notice of death to social security, securing veteran’s flag and interment rights at veteran’s cemetery; **5)** Sheltering and refrigeration of the body for at least 3 days; **6)** Non-declinable fee for 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)** gray domed or minimum casket; **2)** preparation of the body; **3)** delivery to a local cemetery for burial at an unscheduled time. No ceremonies are included.

- **Full Funeral Service:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** gray domed or minimum casket; **2)** embalming, dressing, cosmetology, and casketing; **3)** ½ day 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 each 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.

Our staff and volunteers have made a good-faith effort to assure that these numbers are accurate and comparable; however we cannot guarantee that the actual price you would pay at any of these funeral homes is exactly as listed on the price survey. Also keep in mind that price is not the only factor to consider when choosing a funeral home. Reputation and quality of service are very important, but difficult to measure. Just because a funeral home has high prices, does not necessarily mean you will get a commensurate higher quality of service. Likewise, just because a funeral home is economical does not necessarily mean that you will get poor quality service. Ask clergy, social workers, neighbors and friends for their recommendations as well. We encourage you to shop around and plan ahead when you are not under any pressure--That way you can be assured of final arrangements that are consistent with your values as well as your budget.