



How to Shop for Direct Cremation

No embalming, and no viewing or service held at a funeral home

You can arrange and pay over the phone so you don't need to visit the funeral home. This means location should not be a factor in making your choice. Using a funeral home that is out of town or out of state can save you *hundreds or even thousands of dollars!* There is a huge range of prices for Direct Cremation between funeral homes in New Jersey — from \$405 to \$4,865 — *for the same exact thing!* It pays to shop around, and that's easy to do because funeral homes are required by law to give prices over the phone.

Included in the Direct Cremation Package: Transporting the body from the place of death to the funeral home and the crematory, obtaining the disposition permit, arranging for the cremation, filing the death certificate, and returning the ashes locally in a simple container.

Cash advance items (do not need to and may not be included in package price):

- Crematory charge for cremation(\$160—\$495) (depending on crematory used)
- State charge for death certificates (generally \$25 for 1st and \$5 for each additional)
- State charge for disposition permit (\$5)
- Newspaper charges for obituaries (varies)

Funeral homes may charge extra for:

- Mileage if outside regular service area (\$1.50 - \$5 per mile)
- Pick up from home vs. hospital or if a second person is needed
- Mailing or disposing of ashes
- Ask about and then do not use a funeral home that charges you to “ID” the body
- Ask about fees for refrigeration. They vary widely and some do not charge.

Additional costs for optional items:

- Cemetery charge for plot or columbarium
- Funeral home charge for vault (if required by cemetery)
- Monument dealer charge for headstone/marker
- Fancier urn, embalming, viewing, funeral or memorial service in funeral home, etc.

Instead of a viewing in a funeral home, you can keep the body home for up to 48 hours to say goodbye. Cooling is required after that, so if you want more time but no embalming, choose a funeral home that offers refrigeration (or you can use dry ice at home). If you want to have a home viewing and/or home funeral, talk to us about how to prepare.

Instead of a service in a funeral home, have a memorial service whenever and wherever you want. Many religious institutions, restaurants, clubs, etc. will charge little to nothing, and few will match the \$300—\$1,400 that funeral homes charge for a memorial service. With no body present there is no need to invite (or pay) the funeral director who arranged for the cremation.

These funeral homes are the least expensive ones we have prices for. A good faith effort was made to report prices accurately; however the primary purpose of this survey is to educate, not replace your own shopping. Federal law requires funeral directors to give prices over the phone. Call and ask the price for “direct cremation” then ask if that includes the crematory fee and if there are other charges.

| Funeral Home | Phone | Direct Cremation* |
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| Affordable Funeral & Cremation - <i>FCAP Member Price</i> | 888-213-4090 | \$695 |
| Alloway Funeral Home - <i>FCAP Member Price</i> | 856-663-9085 | \$695 |
| Riverside Memorial Chapel - <i>FCAP Member Price</i> | 609-771-9109 | \$725 |
| Cremation and Burial Center of NJ | 732-800-1086 | \$775 |
| Able Cremation Services | 732-527-0041 | \$777 |
| Fertig Funeral Home | 856-478-2576 | \$825 |
| Aloia Funeral Home | 973-340-7077 | \$835 |
| Funeral Service of NJ | 908-289-0400 | \$835 |
| Attentive Cremation Service | 973-340-7077 | \$835 |
| Alloway Funeral Home – <i>Regular Price</i> | 856-663-9085 | \$900 |
| Community Funeral Home | 973-777-5535 | \$970 |
| Direct Cremations | 732-598-8977 | \$970 |
| Bergen Funeral Services | 201-343-7900 | \$975 |
| Hennessey Heights Funeral Home | 201-288-1362 | \$975 |
| All Faiths Cremation Service | 732-804-0295 | \$995 |
| Affordable Cremation (<i>not the same as the one above</i>) | 800-281-6323 | \$995 |
| Guardian Trade Service | 732-616-1599 | \$995 |
| Ledford Funeral Home | 609-393-4567 | \$1,015 |
| Warner-Wozniak Funeral Service | 973-779-4664 | \$1,045 |
| Michigan Memorial | 973-925-4875 | \$1,165 |
| Judkins Colonial Home | 908-756-4429 | \$1,195 |
| Growney Funeral Home | 908-289-0400 | \$1,235 |
| Carl Miller Funeral Home | 856-547-6297 | \$1,250 |

* Includes an alternative container and the crematory fee

FCAP Member Price = discounted because you know what you want and it is simple! Don't waste your or the funeral directors time by visiting. It can all be taken care of over the phone.

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