



# SHORELINE CREMATION

**SHORELINE CREMATION** is a family owned and operated business backed by more than 50 years of professional funeral service and community involvement. The partners of this business bring their own unique skill sets that offer a special perspective on the funeral industry. One understands and celebrates the traditional values of funeral service, while the other has observed the business from a completely different point of view. One is a fourth generation funeral director with over 35 years of funeral service experience and the other began his working career as a second generation firefighter, who then decided to add the funeral business to his resume, as another way of serving his community. This simple dynamic is one of the many reasons why Shoreline Cremation is one of the premier cremation choices in Connecticut.

As a consumer, you have plenty of choices from funeral homes, to the various online cremation services. Choices are good but understanding the differences can be a bit more challenging than you might like. The use of different terminology and confusing explanations can be overwhelming, especially during an emotional time. Too many hidden fees and package prices conveniently leaving out critical items and services or even misleading billboard and newspaper ads are some of the many obstacles that you must navigate while trying to make this very important decision.

**WHY SHORELINE CREMATION?** All of our prices and packages are simply spelled out on our website and price list (available upon request). There are no hidden fees and if there is going to be any additional expense that will be explained prior to us providing any services to you.

We believe that it is possible to provide both value and quality service to each and every family we serve. Give us an opportunity to show you how our professionalism and experience can make this difficult time a bit more manageable for you. Please visit our website as well for more details and important information:  
[www.shorelinecremation.com](http://www.shorelinecremation.com).



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*As the sun sets on a life well lived, the last steps become just as important and memorable as the first ones taken.*



Let Shoreline Cremation walk with you on this journey to help find a fitting tribute that you and your loved ones deserve.

Give us a call to speak with one of our funeral professionals. You will be able to tell immediately if we are the right fit for you.

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*a place where gentle waves of compassion and value come together...*

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*Below are some answers to common questions that may help you with your decision making, regardless of whether you decide to use Shoreline Cremation or someone else.*

## **What does the term Direct Cremation really mean?**

Direct Cremation is when the remains are picked up at their place of death by the company you choose, they procure all necessary documentation and permits, have the body cremated and return the ashes to the next of kin.

## **Can I take my loved one directly to a crematory without using an outside company?**

No, the process of removing the remains and transporting them to the crematory must be performed by a licensed funeral director and the paperwork must be filed by a licensed funeral provider, as mandated by the state in which that company resides.

## **If I am just looking for cremation, why shouldn't I just take the cheapest advertised price?**

Unfortunately not everyone is up front about all their fees. When you think you picked out the least expensive company, after all the items are finally put down on paper, it turns out that their advertised package isn't exactly what you thought it would be.

## **Is there really a difference besides price between all these cremation companies?**

Maybe, maybe not but at Shoreline Cremation, we feel that the difference is in the people behind the name. Call us and put that theory to the test. We believe that in order for the grieving process to begin properly, you must be at peace with your decisions from the start. It may be just about the money, but if it isn't, you owe it to yourself to find someone you have confidence in. Ask yourself: are they responsive to your call? Are they kind

and compassionate? Did they explain everything simply and answer all your questions? Most importantly, is this someone you are comfortable with, taking care of your loved one?

In the end, it must be a balance of everything. Of course cost is very important but so too should the type of people you have taking care of you and your loved one.

## **What if I am not sure if my loved one wanted to be cremated?**

Cremation is the final form of disposition. You cannot change your mind afterwards, so please have a discussion with your family prior to making this decision. Everyone should be in agreement when it comes to this very important choice.

## **Who has the authority to sign for someone to be cremated?**

You can sign on your own behalf, a spouse, child, sibling or court appointed custodian. Other family relationships are possible but only in the absence of the other choices already listed above.

## **How do the ashes come back to us?**

The ashes are returned in a square corrugated container. The ashes are in a plastic bag sealed within that corrugated box.

## **Can I bury that corrugated box?**

For the purposes of most cemeteries in Connecticut, no, you must be in a container that will not degrade in the ground over time. For example, plastic, marble or synthetic marble, steel or precious metals are acceptable materials.

## **Can I use that box to scatter the ashes?**

Yes

## **Can I view the body prior to the cremation if I use a direct cremation company?**

For Shoreline Cremation, yes, arrangements can be made at an additional cost for this service.

## **Can you handle a memorial service or burial of ashes or do I have to call a full service funeral home?**

Yes, we can run a memorial service, burial of ashes or any other celebration of life at an additional cost. We can also help in the planning of that event.

## **Am I required to purchase any merchandise?**

No, although our direct cremation price with container does provide the merchandise necessary to perform the cremation. We have another option where you can choose the service without purchasing anything from us but you will be required to provide an appropriate container pursuant to CT statute 19A-324, to perform a cremation.

We also have urns available for purchase at an additional fee.

## **Do you have your own crematory?**

No, we do not. That process is outsourced to a crematory in West Haven, Connecticut.

## **Do we get the ashes back from the crematory?**

No, the ashes are returned to Shoreline Cremation and we make sure the next of kin, or whoever has been designated to accept them, are given directly from us.

## **Why should you choose Shoreline Cremation to handle the services of your loved one?**

The answer could be as simple as . . . it just felt right. Why do we choose anyone to do business with? It could be brand loyalty, a reference from a friend, convenience, cost or a combination of any of these things. I wish we could provide you with a definitive answer to that question, but you will have to figure that out on your own. All we ask is that you give us a chance.

**Thank you for considering Shoreline Cremation for your funeral needs.**

Any specific questions or quotes  
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