

## What Is The Cremation Society of Wisconsin?

At this time this is the only cremation society in Wisconsin.

Society members come from all social, religious, and economical backgrounds, finding unity in their mutual attraction to the simplicity of the cremation rite. They choose to dispense with costly and unnecessary pomp associated with conventional funerals, and commit themselves and their families to this dignified disposition at the time of death.

Our membership plan allows families to make all arrangements in advance, thereby relieving survivors of the need to make urgent decisions while in the state of grief. Pre-planning provides families with complete peace of mind, both emotionally and financially.

At the time of death, our counselors are available to assist the needs of your survivors, in arranging for memorial services, obtaining certified copies of the death certificate, cemetery services, grave markers and monuments, obituaries for newspapers and paperwork for Social Security and Veterans' benefits.

Most Society members are not only attracted to the purity and dignity of this rite, but are also concerned citizens who look toward the future and the eventual scarcity of the land. They also believe that the thousands of dollars saved in funeral costs can be put to a much more meaningful use through bequests to children or grandchildren — or perhaps left in memoriam to the decedent's favorite charity as a continuation of his or her efforts to build a better tomorrow.

## Questions and Answers you may have about The Cremation Society of Wisconsin

Q. *How does the Cremation Society of Wisconsin work?*

A. The Cremation Society is notified immediately at the time of death. The member's body is then transported to the Society's crematory where it is held until proper medical authorization is secured. The cremation permit is then completed, and the body is cremated.

Q. *Does the body have to be embalmed?*

A. No. With the Cremation Society of Wisconsin's modern facilities, the body does not have to be embalmed.

Q. *What happens to the cremated remains after cremation?*

A. Your cremated remains will be handled according to your written instructions. They may be picked up by your survivors, or will be delivered or mailed for a fee.

Q. *In what kind of container are the cremated remains returned?*

A. The cremated remains are placed in a cardboard container at no charge to you. We have permanent urns available as inexpensive as \$12.00.

Q. *At the time of death, what is the cost for the cremation service?*

A. The cost of the complete cremation service, which includes removal of the body from the place of death, cremation, filing of the necessary papers and cardboard container suitable for burial is presently \$995.00 for members. This is payable at the time services are rendered. The charge to non-members, whom we also serve, is more.

Q. *Is your price of \$995.00 for complete cremation service good for the entire state of Wisconsin?*

A. Yes. The Cremation Society of Wisconsin offers the complete cremation service. However, there is an additional transportation charge outside of the Eau Claire area. (Presently \$1.50 per mile one way from our office.)

Q. *How do I join the Cremation Society of Wisconsin?*

A. Fill out the registration form and mail it to our office with a one-time registration fee of \$15.00 per person. This fee defrays the cost of setting up and maintaining your records. It is not refundable nor an offset to final service costs. We will register you and send you wallet-sized membership cards and a certificate of registration. Members may call or write us regarding any related questions.

Q. *May I pre-pay the cremation cost of \$995.00?*

A. Yes. And you will receive a lifetime guarantee that this is all you will ever pay for the simple cremation. You may choose to have your funds placed in one of the following options:

**Option #1:** We will place the funds in a trust account in a federally insured bank. The account is between the Society and yourself. In accordance with Wisconsin law, this money is considered your asset and you will receive a 1099 interest statement by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. If you file income taxes you will be required to pay the tax on the interest earned. At the time of death, the Society retains the principal plus interest in consideration for your lifetime guarantee.

**Option #2:** We will place your funds in a life insurance policy. With this option, you will not receive a 1099 interest statement. At the time of death, the Society will be the beneficiary of all funds in consideration for your lifetime guarantee.

Q. *Are prepaid funds refundable?*

A. In accordance with Wisconsin State Law, all funds placed in a bank trust are 100% refundable plus the interest that has accrued on that account. With the insurance option, the refund cash value would be considerably less than the initial prepaid amount.

Q. *May I change my instructions in the future?*

A. Yes. You may change any instructions you wish by contacting us in writing.

Q. *What other assistance do you offer my survivors after death?*

A. A Cremation Society counselor will help your survivors arrange a Memorial Service, write an obituary, prepare memorial folders, obtain certified copies of the death certificate, arrange cemetery services, select a permanent memorial urn, grave marker or monument, notify the Social Security office and file for the Veteran's Benefits.

Q. *What happens if the death occurs while on vacation out of the state of Wisconsin?*

A. The Cremation Society will assist your survivors in making all of the arrangements in the state in which you die.

Q. *Is the modern trend toward cremation?*

A. Most Definitely. In some parts of the state cremation is being utilized as a means of disposition for more than a third of all deaths. Of course, cremation is as old as man himself, having been practiced for centuries in other cultures. Our modern approach is simply a reflection of our growing concern for the environment, combined with an appreciation of the simplicity and dignity of the cremation rite.

Q. *Is the Cremation Society licensed by the State of Wisconsin?*

A. Yes. The Cremation Society has a "Funeral Establishment Permit". This is the same permit used to license every mortuary in the State of Wisconsin. The society is also staffed by Wisconsin Licensed Morticians.

Q. *May I have a traditional funeral before cremation.*

A. Yes. Our counselors can help you arrange a traditional funeral held at our chapel or in the church of your choice prior to cremation.

Q. *Do Social Security and Veterans' benefits apply to the Cremation Society services?*

A. Yes. There are certain decedents whose heirs may be eligible for social security benefits or veterans' benefits. Our counselors are available to explain the regulations pertaining to eligibility for these death benefits.

*The Cremation Society of Wisconsin  
is Wisconsin's Leading Provider  
of Cremation Services*

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