



DESIGNATED AGENT FOR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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Notice: In accordance with RCW 68.50.160: The designated agent of the decedent, as directed through a written document signed and dated by the decedent in the presence of a witness, shall have the right to control disposition of remains, as well as the duty of disposition and the liability for the reasonable cost of preparation, care, and disposition of such remains. A valid written document, expressing the decedent's wishes regarding the place or method of disposition of his or her remains, signed by the decedent in the presence of a witness, would take precedence over the powers of a Designated Agent, as would prepaid or filed prearrangements with a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority, or an agent designated by the decedent to direct disposition as listed on the decedent's United States Department of Defense record of emergency data, DD form 93, or its successor form, if the decedent died while serving in military service as described in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1481(a) (1)-(8) in any branch of the US Armed Forces, or National Guard.

If I have not executed a written disposition authorization, nor filed or prepaid my arrangements with a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority, then I authorize my designated agent to select funeral arrangements for me, including the place and method of my final disposition. Neither my designated agent nor my surviving next of kin may substantially alter any prearrangements I have made. If I have not provided sufficient funds for my arrangements, the designated agent is responsible for the balance of my funeral and cemetery costs. I direct that my estate promptly reimburse my designated agent for any personal financial liability incurred in handling my funeral arrangements. My designated agent has complete authority to act on my behalf and direct any and all details related to my funeral arrangements that I have not already prearranged or authorized, including but not limited to obituaries, funeral/memorial service, cemetery arrangements, monuments, etc. I direct that all of my family members shall honor this authorization. I direct that any funeral home, cemetery, crematory, or designated agent shall be held harmless for arranging or handling the disposition of my remains, if done in reliance upon this authorization.

I, _____ designate the following agent(s) to act on my behalf for the sole purpose of directing my funeral and cemetery arrangements.

Primary Agent's Full Name _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

If my primary agent is unable or unwilling to serve in this capacity, or does not make contact with the funeral home within five business days of my death, I then name the following person to be my designated agent for funeral arrangements:

Alternate Agent's Full Name _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Declarant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Full Legal Name of Declarant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

***Witness Signature** _____ **Date:** _____

Full Legal Name of Witness: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Discuss this authorization with your Designated Agent and Next of Kin, and keep this form with your important papers to be presented to the funeral home at time of death.

**Under Washington State law, this form must be witnessed for it to stand as a legal document.*