

# Disposition Authorization Form

With Alternate Options. Washington State



People's Memorial  
Association  
Funeral Advocacy & Education since 1937

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that it is my desire, based upon the authority of the Revised Code of Washington 68.50.160, to direct and authorize that upon my death my remains be:

(initial) \_\_\_\_\_ **Natural Organic Reduction** (Recomposition)\*

*\*Currently, service is unavailable. It will be legal in Washington May 2020, it is unknown when there will be a service provider in Washington. Selecting this option does not legally ensure that my remains will undergo natural organic reduction until the service is available. If natural organic reduction is not available at the time of my passing, I direct and authorize that upon my death my remains be:*

(initial one) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cremated** \_\_\_\_\_ **Buried** \_\_\_\_\_ **Aquamated** (Alkaline Hydrolysis)\*\*

*\*\*Currently, aquamation is available in Oregon State. It will be legal in Washington May 2020, it is unknown when there will be a service provider in Washington.*

**If my desire is to be cremated or aquamated,** I may further direct that the funeral home, crematory, or reduction facility to release my remains in the following manner: *(initial and complete only ONE of the following)*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ **Release** my remains to the following person or persons:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **Deliver** for Inurnment: To Place of Inurnment: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ **Scatter** where? \_\_\_\_\_

**If my desire is to be buried,** I may further direct that my body be buried at the following:

Name of Place of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_ City/County & State: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Instructions to my survivors regarding disposition of my remains:

I direct that all of my family and survivors shall honor this authorization. I direct that no funeral home, cemetery, cremation authority, reduction facility, or memorial society shall be liable for arranging or for undertaking the disposition of my remains, if done in reliance on this authorization.

Declarant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only the Declarant may sign, no POA or Spouse)*

Printed Name of Declarant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDER WASHINGTON LAW, TO BE VALID, THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A WITNESS:**

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vital Statistics

This information is required for Death Certificate - *please print legibly*

<b>Personal Information:</b>			
<b>Full Legal Name:</b>	First	Middle	Last
<b>Other Name(s)/ AKAs:</b>	First	Middle	Last
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	Month	Day	Year
<b>Birthplace:</b>	City	County	State or Country
<b>Marital Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		
<i>If married, name of spouse or partner:</i>	First	Middle	Last (must use maiden name)
<b>Father's Name:</b>	First	Middle	Last
<b>Mother's Maiden Name:</b> <i>(Before first marriage)</i>	First	Middle	Last
<b>Sex:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Ever Served in the US Armed Forces?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Social Security Number</b> _____-_____-_____	<b>PMA Member #</b> _____
<b>Race(s)</b> List all that apply: _____ _____ _____	<b>Hispanic Ethnicity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Choose all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

<b>Residence:</b>		
Street Address including Apt #:		
City	State	Zip
<b>Resided at this address since:</b>	Year	<b>Residence Inside City Limits?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>Tribal Reservation Name:</b>	Name of Reservation	

<b>Education/ Occupation:</b>		
<b>Education completed</b> (highest degree earned):	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade or Less <input type="checkbox"/> Some college credit, no degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade: no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate or GED completed <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
<b>Occupation:</b> Kind of work done during most of working life	Do not use "retired", give former occupation(s) i.e. "Teacher"	
Kind of business or industry	Do not use company name i.e. "Education"	

## Other Wishes

### Ceremony:

I  **do**  **do not** want a service.

If a service is held, I prefer:  Memorial (body not present)  
 Funeral (body present)  
 Family's Choice

I  **do**  **do not** wish to have a viewing of my body

If a service is held, I would like it held at:

- Church
- Mortuary chapel
- Up to my family to decide
- Other:

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### Notices:

I  **do**  **do not** want newspaper notices published.

### Memorial Gifts:

I  **do**  **do not** prefer memorial gifts or donations in lieu of flowers.

If memorials requested, I ask that donations be sent to the following organization(s):

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Up to my family to decide

### Organ, Tissue, and Full Body Donation: (arrangements may need to be registered in advance)

I  **do**  **do not** wish to donate my eyes at the time of my death to the eye bank.  
*If you wish to donate, contact Sightlife at (206) 682-8500 or [www.sightlife.org](http://www.sightlife.org)*

I  **do**  **do not** wish to donate such other organs, bone or tissue, at the time of death as may be considered medically useful. This also authorizes donation of pacemaker, if applicable.  
*If you wish to donate, contact Donate Life Today at 1-877-275-5269 or [www.donatelifetoday.com](http://www.donatelifetoday.com)*

I  **do**  **do not** wish to donate my full body to the University of Washington, Washington State University or other university willed body program for teaching or research purposes.  
*If you wish to donate, you must register with your desired program, please contact:  
UW Willed Body program at (206) 543-1860 or [wbp.biostr.washington.edu](http://wbp.biostr.washington.edu)  
WSU Body Donation program at (509) 335-2602 or [medicine.wsu.edu/give/willed-body-program/](http://medicine.wsu.edu/give/willed-body-program/)*

### Other Requests/Suggestions for Remembrance:

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## Contacts:

This information will be needed by the Funeral Home - *Please print legibly*

Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR NEXT OF KIN      KEEP WITH YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS**  
**HAVE NEXT OF KIN PRESENT THIS FORM TO FUNERAL HOME AT TIME OF DEATH**

## When a Death Occurs

1. Choose the People's Memorial Contracted Funeral Home you wish to use. This may be done before death occurs, but does not have to be.
  - a. Go to [peoplesmemorial.org](http://peoplesmemorial.org) for the current list of partnering funeral homes.
  - b. Call **1-888-PMA-2PMA** (1-888-762-2762). A live person will answer 24/7 to direct you to the closest contracted funeral home.
2. Call the funeral home directly to notify them of the death. Let them know the deceased is a member of People's Memorial Association.
3. The body will then be taken into the care of the funeral home. There is no rush. If you wish more time with the body before the funeral home arrives, simply let the funeral home know you want them to arrive at a later time.
4. Next-of-kin makes an appointment with the funeral home to make arrangements.
5. Bring or send to the funeral home this completed form and/or **Designated Agent** forms, if appropriate.
6. If you wish to access veteran's benefits, send or bring along a copy of the military discharge papers (DD-214).

***PMA Membership is not a prepaid funeral plan.***  
***Payment is due to the funeral home at time of arrangements.***

No cremation or burial may take place until the death certificate is signed by the physician and filed with the Department of Health. In King County there must also be a review of cause of death by the Medical Examiner prior to disposition.

For those choosing cremation, arrange to pick up the urn of ashes from the funeral home once the process is completed—typically in 5 to 10 business days.