

People's Memorial Association Biennial Funeral Home Price Survey 2018

<u>Funeral Homes</u> ▼	<u>Location</u>	<u>Corp. Owner</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>How prices were obtained</u>	<u>Direct Cremation</u>	<u>Direct Burial</u>	<u>Full Funeral Service</u>
Abbreviations	AC = Alternative Container U = Urn C = Casket R = Removal W = Website E = Email P = Phone V = Personal Visit M = Mail N = No Prices Provided							
Klontz Funeral Home	Auburn		klontzfuneralhome.com	253-833-1322	E	895 755	2490 1215	3965 + C 2915
Price Helton Funeral Home	Auburn	Dignity Memorial	dignitymemorial.com	253-833-1165	V Required			
Weeks Funeral Home	Buckley/Enumclaw	Weeks	weeksfuneralhomes.com	360-825-3548	E	1950 + AC + C	1950 + C	4150 + C
Haven of Rest	Gig Harbor	Weeks	havenrest.com	253-851-9991	W	1875	2025 + C	3850 + C
Mountain View Funeral Home	Lakewood		mountainviewtacoma1.reachlocal.net	253-248-4270	E	1775 + U	2555 + C	4485 + C
Powers Funeral Home	Puyallup/Sumner	Dignity Memorial	dignitymemorial.com	253-245-0536	V Required			
Cremation Society of WA	Tacoma		cremationsocietywa.com	844-682-6800	W	799	n/a	n/a
Gaffney et al Funeral home	Tacoma		gaffneyfuneralhome.com	866-572-6003	V Required			
Scott Funeral Home	Tacoma		thehouseofscott.com	253-572-9555	W	699 + AC + U	2188	3614 + C
New Tacoma Funeral Home	Tacoma		newtacoma.com	253-564-1311	W	875 + AC + U	2495 + C	4125 + C
Piper Morley Funeral Home	Tacoma		pipermorleymellingerFuneral Home.com	253-472-3353	V Required			
Tuell-McKee Funeral Home	Tacoma		tuellmckee.com	253-272-1414	W	975 + AC	1195 + C	2895 + C
Weeks' Dryer Mortuary	Tacoma	Weeks	dryermortuary.com	253-537-0253	E	1850 + AC + U	1850 + C	3800 + C
Tacoma Mausoleum	Tacoma		tacomamausoleum.com	253-474-9574	W	495 + AC + U	895 + C	n/a

PMA Member Pricing @ Contracted Funeral Homes are show in green. Includes tray and urn for cremation, casket for burial

2018 Price Survey Methodology

The mission of People's Memorial is to enable all consumers to choose final arrangements that are consistent with their values and within their budget. Keep in mind that price is only one of many factors to consider in selecting a funeral home. You should also consider the reputation, quality and ownership of the business, whether they offer facilities, products and services that are right for you. Ask family, friends, social workers, attorneys and clergy for their recommendations. Visit the funeral home yourself, talk to the staff, to get your own impressions. Trust your gut. As the saying goes "If something seems too good to be true, then it probably is."

In compiling data for the 2018 funeral home price survey, volunteers with the People's Memorial Association used the Washington State Department of Health's 2016 Disposition Occurrence report (2017 numbers weren't available) for funeral homes that handled at least 24 cases. The volunteers conducted internet searches for each funeral home, recording whether the funeral home had a website. Then the volunteers looked for a posted General Price List (GPL) or other pricing. The volunteers collected and emailed the prices to the PMA staff. If the GPL or the prices were not available, the volunteers sent emails requesting the pricing information. Our goal was to calculate the minimum "out the door" price for these services at each funeral home.

We calculated total prices based on what is printed in each mortuary's current GPL. While all funeral homes are required to comply with the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule of 1984 regarding disclosure of costs, the reality is that some price lists are more complete and readable than others. A funeral establishment may change its prices at any time and the actual price you pay for services and merchandise at any of these funeral homes may vary.

For comparison purposes, the descriptions of the services and merchandise included in each of the three plans compared in this survey are as listed below. Included in the cost calculation for each of the three plans are the following:

Basic Services: **1)** Removal of the deceased 24 hours a day from either a home or health care setting and delivery to the funeral home within a service area of no more than 30 miles; **2)** Arrangements conference with the survivors; **3)** Filing of necessary permits and death certificate; **4)** Procuring death certificates for family, filing notice of death to social security, securing veteran's flag and interment rights at veterans cemetery; **5)** Sheltering and refrigeration of the body for at least 3 days; **6)** Non-declinable fee for funeral home overhead.

- **Direct Cremation:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** delivery of the body to the crematory (if not performed onsite); **2)** the cost of the actual cremation; **3)** basic alternative container; and **4)** basic urn to hold the cremated remains for pickup by survivors.

- **Direct Burial:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** minimum cloth covered casket or; **2)** preparation of the body; **3)** delivery to a local cemetery for burial at an unscheduled time. No ceremonies are included.

- **Full Funeral Service:**

Basic services listed above, plus: **1)** embalming, dressing, cosmetology, and casketing; **2)** ½ day visitation and chapel service at funeral home, Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. Also included are **3)** handling of flowers; **4)** delivery of casketed remains to a local cemetery, but not a procession or graveside ceremony.

The final worksheet was emailed to each funeral home for verification. We updated our numbers in cases where the funeral home could justify, based on their GPL, that our calculations were inaccurate. According to the FTC Funeral Rule, the prices or price range for all merchandise and services offered are to be listed on the General Price Lists.

Our staff and volunteers have made a good-faith effort to assure that these numbers are accurate and comparable; however, we cannot guarantee that the actual price you would pay at any of these funeral homes is exactly as listed on the price survey.