

FTC Funeral Rule

As part of the Funeral Rule enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, you have a right to see price lists, obtain price quotes by phone, and pick and choose those goods and services that you want and can afford. Many funeral providers offer various “packages” of goods and services for different kinds of funerals. When you arrange for a funeral, you have the right to buy goods and services separately. That is, you do not have to accept a package that may include items you do not want. The Funeral Rule gives you the right to:

- **Buy only the funeral arrangements you want.** You have the right to buy separate goods (such as caskets) and services (such as embalming or a memorial service). You do not have to accept a package that may include items you do not want.
- **Get price information on the telephone.** Funeral directors must give you price information on the telephone if you ask for it. You don’t have to give them your name, address, or telephone number first. Although they are not required to do so, many funeral homes mail their price lists, and some post them online.
- **Get a written, itemized price list when you visit a funeral home.** The funeral home must give you a General Price List (GPL) that is yours to keep. It lists all the items and services the home offers, and the cost of each one.
- **See a written casket price list before you see the actual caskets.** Sometimes, detailed casket price information is included on the funeral home’s GPL. More often, though, it’s provided on a separate casket price list. Get the price information before you see the caskets, so that you can ask about lower-priced products that may not be on display.
- **See a written outer burial container price list.** Outer burial containers are not required by state law anywhere in the U.S., but many cemeteries require them to prevent the grave from caving in. If the funeral home sells containers, but doesn’t list their prices on the GPL, you have the right to look at a separate container price list before you see the containers. If you don’t see the lower-priced containers listed, ask about them.
- **Receive a written statement after you decide what you want, and before you pay.** It should show exactly what you are buying and the cost of each item. The funeral home must give you a statement listing every good and service you have selected, the price of each, and the total cost immediately after you make the arrangements.
- **Get an explanation in the written statement from the funeral home that describes any legal cemetery or crematory requirement** that requires you to buy any funeral goods or services.
- **Use an “alternative container” instead of a casket for cremation.** No state or local law requires the use of a casket for cremation. A funeral home that offers cremations must tell you that alternative containers are available, and must make them available. They might be made of unfinished wood, pressed wood, fiberboard, or cardboard.
- **Provide the funeral home with a casket or urn you buy elsewhere.** The funeral provider cannot refuse to handle a casket or urn you bought online, at a local casket store, or somewhere else — or charge you a fee to do it. The funeral home cannot require you to be there when the casket or urn is delivered to them.

- **Make funeral arrangements without embalming.** No state law requires routine embalming for every death. Some states require embalming or refrigeration if the body is not buried or cremated within a certain time; some states don't require it at all. In most cases, refrigeration is an acceptable alternative. In addition, you may choose services like direct cremation and immediate burial, which don't require any form of preservation. Many funeral homes have a policy requiring embalming if the body is to be publicly viewed, but this is not required by law in most states. Ask if the funeral home offers private family viewing without embalming. If some form of preservation is a practical necessity, ask the funeral home if refrigeration is available.

The Champaign County Coroner has prepared a list of funeral homes in the area, which includes more than just Champaign County. Here is a listing of those not included in our survey:

Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston 217-283-6696

Baier Family Funeral Services, Paxton 217-379-3200

Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston 217-283-5128

Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home, Farmer City 309-928-2212

Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola 888-543-3885

Gibson Memorial Chapel, Danville 217-442-3483

Goodwine Funeral Home, Robinson 618-544-2131

Hilligoss-Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola and Arcola 217-253-2311/217-578-3400

Illinois Cremation Centers 877-368-7005

Joines Funeral Home, Villa Grove 217-832-8322

Joines-Appleby Funeral Home, Newman 217-837-2624

Knapp-Miller Funeral Home, Paxton 217-379-2353

Lamb Funeral Home, Gibson City 217-784-4641

Lamb-Young Funeral Home, Roberts 217-395-2215

Leek & Sons Funeral Home, Danville 217-442-2667

Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello 217-762-2126

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, Mattoon 217-234-8828

Pape Memorial Home & Gardens, Danville 217-442-4300

Pullium Funeral Home, Robinson 618-544-3141

Robison Chapel, Catlin 217-427-0114

Rortvedt Funeral Services, Tilton 217-443-3534

Roux-Hinds Funeral Home, Bement 217-678-4441

Schillings Funeral Home, Mattoon 217-235-0333

Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur & Arcola 217-543-2105/217-268-4848

Templeton Funeral Home, Paris 217-465-4775

Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, Potomac & Rossville 217-283-5088

Prices shown in the survey results table below were in effect in August 2018 and are subject to change. Please call or visit the facility to obtain current prices for their services.

	<i>Basic charges Pickup of body; direct cremation; documentation fee; crematory fee</i>	<i>Do you facilitate green burial? Allow viewing of unembalmed body? Have refrigeration/ cremation on-site?</i>	<i>Fee for 2 hr. service at funeral home, conducted by family without body</i>	<i>Willing to work with families with unusual religious or burial customs (such as family involvement with body preparation)?</i>	<i>Cost of immediate burial (within 24 hours or directly from place of death to burial site)?</i>	<i>Cost/mile to transport body to or from site out of Champ. County.</i>
Blair-Owens Funeral Home 102 E. Dunbar Mahomet IL 61853 217 352-4231 owensfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net www.owensfuneralhomes.com	Pickup of body only: \$150 Pickup of body, cremation and fees \$2,960-\$3,260	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family within 24 hr.; Refrigeration on-site, no cremation on-site	\$400, no time limit, includes printed materials	yes	\$2,295 + casket and vault	\$3.00/mile
Freese Funeral Home 302 E. Grand St. Joseph IL 61873 217 469-2331 ddpatton@comcast.net	Pickup of body only: \$150 Pickup of body, and cremation \$3,950 (crematory fee: \$300)	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; Refrigeration on-site, no cremation on-site	\$500	yes	\$3,950	\$1.75/mile over 35 miles
Freese Funeral Home 407 N. Bourne St. Tolono IL 61880 217 485-7555 javfreese@hotmail.com	Pickup of body only: \$150 Pickup of body, cremation \$3,950 (crematory fee: \$300)	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$500	yes	\$3,950	\$1.75/mile over 35 miles
Freese Funeral Home 202 W. Main Sidney IL 61877 217 688-2014 javfreese@hotmail.com	Pickup of body only: \$150 Pickup of body, cremation \$3,950 (crematory fee: \$300)	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$500	yes	\$3,950	\$1.75/mile over 35 miles
Heath & Vaughn Funeral Home 201 N. Elm St. Champaign IL 61820 217 239-1212 h.vaughn@comcast.net www.heathandvaughn.com	Pickup of body only \$225 Pickup of body, cremation \$1,995 + \$51 coroner's permit	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration on-site, cremation on-site	\$295	yes	\$2,195 + casket	Does not offer this service
Kirby Funeral Home 708 S. Main Homer IL 61849 217 898-4510 timkirby1966@gmail.com	Pickup of body only \$225 Pickup of body, cremation \$2,500 + \$51 coroner's permit Kelley Crematory fee: \$420	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$350	Not unwilling, but prep. room very small!	\$2,500	\$2.50/mile
Leek & Sons Funeral Home 1215 W. Bradley Ave. Urbana, IL 61801 217 337-5335 www.leekandsonsfuneralhomes.com	Pickup of body only \$200 Pickup of body, cremation \$1,300	refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$270			\$2.00/mile
Lux Memorial Chapel 1551 E. Grove St. Rantoul 61866 217 892-9644 luxmemorialchapel@yahoo.com	Pickup of body only: \$140 Pickup of body including basic services of funeral director, staff overhead: \$2,710. Pickup of body, cremation and fees: \$2,280	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	Not specified on price list.	yes	\$3,150	Varies!

Mittendorf-Calvert Fun.Home 611 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Champaign IL 61820 217 352-4004 mittendorf1@att.net	Pickup of body only: \$250 Direct cremation \$2095-\$4390 depending on container. Documentation fee included. Cremation fee, \$400	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$650	yes	\$1,895 if casket provided by purchaser.	Within 30 mi. radius: \$525 by hearse; \$325 by service van. Outside 30/mi. \$4.00/ mile
Morgan Memorial Home 1304 Regency Dr. Savoy IL 61874 217 356-5858 mmh2001@aol.com www.morganmemorialhome.com	Pickup of body only: \$400 Direct cremation 2,862 Documentation/fees: included in above price Crematory fee of \$395 included in above price	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration on-site, no on-site cremation	\$500 M-F	It depends...they are willing to discuss this!	\$1,950	\$2.25/mile round trip
Owens Funeral Home 101 N. Elm St. Champaign IL 61820 217 352-4231 owensfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net www.owensfuneralhomes.com	Pickup of body only: \$150 Pickup of body, cremation and fees \$2,960	facilitates green burial; unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration onsite, no on-site cremation	\$400, no time limit, includes printed materials	yes	\$2,295 + casket and vault	\$2.00/mile
Perry's Twin City Mortuary Service 110 W. Vine Champaign, IL 61820 217 351-8119	Pickup of body only: \$250 Pickup of body, cremation and fees \$2,800		\$300	yes	\$1500	\$2.50/mile
Renner-Wikoff Chapel 1900 S. Philo Rd. Urbana IL 61802 217 367-1122 rwchapel1@comcast.net www.renner-wikoffchapel.com	Pickup of body only: \$375 direct cremation \$3,250 +\$51 coroner's permit (\$375 crematory fee included in above price)	facilitates green burial. unembalmed body viewing for family; refrigeration on-site, cremation on-site	\$430-\$490	yes (all faiths, etc.)	\$3,720 +casket	Less than 30 miles: free Over 30 miles: \$2/mile one way
Sunset Funeral Home 710 N. Neil St. Champaign IL 61820 217 239-2874 directors@sunsetfuneralhome.com www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com	Pickup of body only: \$450 Pickup of body, cremation and fees \$2,795	facilitates green burial; no viewing of unembalmed body; refrigeration on-site, cremation at a Sunset facility	\$995	yes	\$2,195 + casket, vault	\$2.50
Walker Funeral Home (formerly Melker-Bluitt Parker Mortuary) Thomas Walker, owner Lakeshia Mizell funeral director 704 N. Fourth St. Champaign IL 61820 217 362-6214	Pickup body only: \$350 Pickup of body, direct cremation: \$1,695 (includes all fees)	No green burial Allows family viewing of unembalmed body. refrigeration/cremation unavailable on-site	\$350	yes	\$2295	\$2.50/loaded mile
Williams Memorial Services Ltd. 1203 N. Market St. Champaign IL 61820 217 351-8115 seonwilliams_217@yahoo.com whiselade@gmail.com	Pickup body only: \$300 Pickup of body; direct cremation: \$1,695 includes all fees.	facilitates green burial limited viewing of unembalmed body; refrigeration available, but no on-site cremation	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	\$2.00/mie

