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FAMILY PLANNING GUIDE

Miller Funeral Home was established in August of 1917 by Robert Judson "R.J." Miller. Our original location was just one block away in the back of the Fountain and Chamber Dry Goods Store. R.J. was married to Mable McKissick and they had four children, Hubert, Bob, Ruth, and Elizabeth. R.J. passed away in 1928, leaving behind a legacy and passion for funeral service to his oldest son, Hubert, who took over the business with his mother at the young age of 16. They moved the funeral home to its' present location in 1940. Hubert married Carolyn Robertson, and they had one son, Keith.

Hubert worked diligently in the funeral home until 1988, when he passed away. Keith, with his mother, continued the family business.


Keith, like his fathers before him, had a passion for community service. Along with his work at the funeral home, he started Miller Ambulance Service in the late 1970s, which serviced Haralson County for almost 30 years. Keith married Tammy Muse, and they had one daughter, Mindy. After Carolyn's death, Tammy began working at the funeral home. Mindy, following in her family's footsteps, started working at the funeral home full time in 2013, becoming our fourth-generation funeral director. She has inherited their passion for community service, while also incorporating continuous updates to our facilities and services to better meet our family's needs.

Miller's has been family owned and operated for over 100 years now. We consider the families we serve members of our own family, for without them, we would not have been able to serve this community for so long. Whether you are looking for Aquamation, cremation, or burial services or thinking about prearranging your own service, we are here to assist you in any way we can. Our commitment has been, and always will be, to give personalized, caring service to all our families.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity you have given us to be of service to you. In these pages, you will find our general price list along with burial and cremation packages. We know it can be difficult to make decisions during such an emotional time, and we hope these may help you in your decision-making process.

While we always strive to take care of your loved one with the utmost dignity and respect, we want to make sure we are doing the same for you. It is our privilege to assist you in planning a meaningful and personalized service that you can remember and feel comforted by for years to come.

Thank you again for allowing us to be of service to you

Sincerely,

 Mindy Miller-Moats



GENERAL PRICE LIST

These prices are effective as of January 30, 2024 but are subject to change without notice.

The goods and services shown below are those items we can provide to our customers. You may choose only the items you desire. However, any funeral arrangements you select will include a charge for our basic services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected.

BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND STAFF----- \$2,250

Our services include; conducting the arrangement conference; planning the funeral; consulting with family and clergy; shelter of remains; preparing and filing of necessary notices; obtaining necessary authorizations and permits; coordinating with cemetery, crematory, or other third parties. In addition, this fee includes a proportionate share of our basic overhead costs. This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements that you select.

EMBALMING ----- \$995

Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary, however, if you select certain funeral arrangements, such as a funeral with viewing. If you do not want embalming, you usually have the right to choose an arrangement that does not require you to pay for it, such as direct cremation or immediate burial. **(Add \$395.00 for restoration of an autopsy or organ donor case.)**

OTHER PREPARATION OF THE BODY----- \$295

Surface disinfection, bathing, cosmetizing and dressing of the body.

USE OF FACILITIES AND STAFF FOR VISITATION----- \$575

Up to 4 hours of visitation included: 1 hour of family time with 3 hours for public viewing

USE OF EQUIPMENT AND STAFF FOR VISITATION IN OTHER FACILITY----- \$695

**USE OF EQUIPMENT AND STAFF FOR FUNERAL SERVICE AT CHAPEL OR
OTHER FACILITY----- \$625**

**USE OF EQUIPMENT AND STAFF FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHAPEL OR
OTHER FACILITY----- \$625**

USE OF EQUIPMENT AND STAFF FOR GRAVESIDE SERVICE----- \$625

REMOVAL OR TRANSFER OF REMAINS TO FUNERAL HOME----- \$425

(Transportation over 40 miles is charged at a rate of \$3.00 per mile)

HEARSE----- \$365

(Transportation over 40 miles is \$3.00 per mile)

SERVICE VEHICLE----- \$150

(Transportation over 20 miles is \$3.00 per mile)

Viewing or Service conducted on a Federal Holiday.....\$400

(This fee is in addition to possible charges from a grave service company and cemeteries)

TOTAL SERVICE CHARGE for *Miller Funeral Home* ----- **\$5,680.00**

(Not including autopsies or other special circumstances.)

MERCHANDISE**CASKETS-----\$1,520 TO \$74,000**

(A complete list will be provided at our funeral home.)

OUTER BURIAL CONTAINERS-----\$1,575 TO \$4,950**BURIAL CLOTHING-----Fees will vary**

(We purchase clothing from Belk and Sewell's)

CREMATION URNS-----\$135 TO \$3,320**REGISTER BOOK, MEMORIAL FOLDER AND THANK YOU CARD PACKAGES.....\$65 to \$230****MEMORIAL TRIBUTE (DVD)-----\$70 to \$135**

(Up to 100 photographs included. 2 DVDs are included, extras can be purchased for \$10 a piece.)

RENTAL CASKET-----\$825

For use with visitation and funeral when cremation will follow services

OTHER SERVICES**FORWARDING OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME-----\$3,570**

Our charge includes: basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs; removal of remains and embalming. (The charge does not include a shipping tray.)

RECEIVING REMAINS FROM ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME-----\$3,300

Our charge includes: basic services of funeral director and staff; proportionate share of overhead costs; care of remains; visitation same day as service; staff and equipment for graveside service; and transportation to cemetery. (This price does not include cost of an outer burial container. Some cemeteries may require one.)

IMMEDIATE BURIAL-----\$3,040

Our charge includes: basic services of funeral director and staff; removal, and use of hearse for transportation to cemetery. (This service does not include casket, grave opening or vault.)

IMMEDIATE AQUAMATION (Alkaline Hydrolysis) -----\$2,195

Our charge for direct aquamation via alkaline hydrolysis (without ceremony) includes: basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs; removal of remains within 40 miles; filing of death certificate and cremation permit. We will be happy to mail ashes to you, however, postage is an additional cost.

*As of January 1, 2021, we can no longer do payment plans for direct aquamations or cremations.***IMMEDIATE CREMATION-----\$2,195**Our charge for direct cremation (without ceremony) includes: alternative container; basic services of funeral director and staff; a proportionate share of overhead costs; removal of remains within 40 miles; transportation to crematory, filing of death certificate and cremation permit. We will be happy to mail ashes to you, however, postage is an additional cost. *As of January 1, 2021, we can no longer do payment plans for direct aquamations or cremations.***POSTAGE-----\$50 and up**

Postage charges incurred when mailing ashes to family members (\$50 minimum, may increase dependent on weight)

SHELTERING OF BODY OR REFRIGERATION.....\$145 per day

Fees will begin to accrue after first 48 hours

FILLING CREMATION JEWELRY----- (only when purchased from another party) -----\$20 per item

THIRD PARTY FEES

GRAVE OPENING AND CLOSING, and SET UP-----\$850 to \$1500

These charges are for Graceful Hands Grave Service. If a cemetery requires use of their own company, grave charges will be subject to their fees (ex: perpetual care cemeteries).

This is a cash advance item and may be due at the time arrangements are made. (Cash or check to Graceful Hands Grave Service). Additional fees might include \$850 for oversize graves and \$250 per hour for rock break up at gravesites.

RADIO OBITUARIES-----\$15-\$25

WBTR-Carrollton (\$15), WGMI-Bremen (\$15), WKNG-Tallapoosa (\$15), WGAA-Cedartown (\$25)

NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES

Obituaries in the local papers are placed according to the wishes of each family. The Gateway Beacon and Times GA range in price from \$40-\$100 each. Pictures can be included for \$35 per paper. They also have a “free” version, but only lists the name and service information. For most other newspapers, we will send the obituary in for a quote and check with you before we run it.

DEATH CERTIFICATES

GEORGIA-----\$25 for the first copy, \$5 for each additional

ALABAMA-----\$15 for the first copy, \$6 for each additional

FLORIST

Some families may wish to purchase a floral spread to go on top of the casket. This price will depend on the florist and type of flowers you choose.

PAYMENT TERMS

We accept all major credit cards, cash, check, or money orders.

All card transactions have a fee of 3.5%.

We will also be happy to file your life insurance for you with an assignment to pay for our services.

This service has a fee of **4%** of the contract total or a **\$125** minimum.

**As of January 1, 2021, we can no longer do payment plans for
Direct Aquamations or Cremations.**

THE TRADITIONAL FUNERAL

The option represents those items of service that are normally chosen for a Traditional Funeral Service.

- Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
- Basic Services of Funeral Directors and Staff
- Embalming and Other Preparation of Body
- Use of Facilities and Staff for Visitation
- Use of Equipment and Staff for Funeral Service in our Chapel or your Church
- Hearse for Service and Service/Flower Vehicle

\$5,680.00

This fee *does not include* the cost of a casket, vault, burial clothing, tribute video or any other funeral merchandise. It also does not include the cost of grave opening and closing, obituaries, or certified copies of the death certificate.

PACKAGE OPTIONS

ECONOMICAL BURIAL PACKAGE with wood casket

- Removal within 40 miles
- Preparations of decedent (embalming and other preparation)
- Basic services of funeral home and staff
- Visitation and funeral or graveside service in one day (Monday-Friday)
- Use of hearse for transportation to cemetery
- Generic register book and memorial programs
- Basic Wood Casket (New Pointe Lyra Natural or Brown)
- Metal Grave Liner Vault (only in cases when cemetery requires outer burial container)
- Free notices in local papers
- Placement of obituary on funeral home website and shared to social media
- Opening and closing of grave by Graceful Hands Grave Service (this fee may change if another company is required, per cemetery rules)
- Florist, death certificate, additional obituary charges *not* included

TOTAL: \$8,850

ECONOMICAL BURIAL PACKAGE with metal casket

- Removal within 40 miles
- Preparations of decedent (embalming and other preparation)
- Basic services of funeral home and staff
- Visitation and funeral or graveside service in one day (Monday-Friday)
- Use of hearse for transportation to cemetery
- Generic register book and memorial programs
- Minimum Metal Casket (New Pointe Casket Co. Apollo with a choice from 5 different colors)
- Metal Grave Liner Vault (only in cases when cemetery requires outer burial container)
- Free notices in local papers
- Placement of obituary on funeral home website and shared to social media
- Opening and closing of grave by Graceful Hands Grave Service (this fee may change if another company is required, per cemetery rules)
- Florist, death certificate, additional obituary charges *not* included

TOTAL: \$8,295

Weekend services available for economical packages with an additional fee of \$550

TRADITIONAL SERVICES FOLLOWING WITH AQUAMATION OR CREMATION

- Removal within 40 miles
- Preparations of decedent (embalming and other preparation)
- Basic services of funeral home and staff
- Visitation and funeral in one day (Separate night of visitation can be added for an additional fee)
- Funeral Service in MFH Chapel (Hearse fee added if funeral at other facility)
- Generic register book and memorial programs
- Use of service vehicle for delivery of flowers to residence and/or other facility within 20 miles
- Aquamation or Cremation following funeral service and return of ashes to family
- Basic container to house ashes
- Rental Casket for visitation and funeral
- Placement of obituary on funeral home website and shared to social media
- DVD, newspaper obituary, florist and death certificate charges *not* included

TOTAL: Aquamation \$5,795 Cremation \$6,095

AQUAMATION OR CREMATION AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

- Removal within 40 miles
- Basic services of funeral home and staff
- Visitation and memorial service in one day
- Use of service vehicle for delivery of flowers to residence and/or other facility within 20 miles
- Aquamation or Cremation process
- Basic container to house ashes
- Placement of obituary on funeral home website and shared to social media
- Register book, DVD, obituary, florist and death certificate charges *not* included

TOTAL: Aquamation \$3,090 Cremation \$3,090