

# How to save money arranging a cremation in San Francisco

Cremation is by far the popular choice for many now on the West coast and the cremation rate in the Bay area is around 60%. In fact, in Marin County, it is nearer to 90%. This means that there are many funeral and cremation companies offering cremation. This benefits you as a consumer as this makes the market competitive, and presents the opportunity to purchase a cremation in the San Francisco Bay area inexpensively. **You can arrange a direct cremation in the Bay area for around \$850.00.** 

### Choosing an affordable cremation provider

As cremation is so popular in the Bay area, most funeral homes offer cremations, but there are also a number of cremation-only companies and direct disposal establishments. You should shop around and compare prices before making any decisions about which company to use. Try and check equivalent cremation prices from at least 2 – 3 cremation companies.

Be sure to check exactly what is included in the cremation price you are quoted. Sometimes what may seem a cheaper price can have hidden added extras. Not every cremation company or funeral home that claims to offer "affordable" cremation will prove to be the best price. Support local funeral and cremation businesses, as you will often discover that they are in fact cheaper than the corporate cremation businesses such as the Neptune Society run by Service Corporation International (SCI).

## Consider a direct cremation & arrange your own memorial service

A direct cremation is the lowest cost cremation option. It simply means that the deceased is collected as soon as possible after death and transferred to the cremation establishment or crematory. The deceased is held in refrigerated storage for the legal 48-hour mandatory period that must elapse before a cremation can be performed. The cremation is carried out and the cremated remains made available for collection or can usually be shipped if required, or the ashes scattered.

#### Direct Cremation Service \$850 Call (415) 286-9121

The benefit of arranging a direct cremation is that the disposition is managed as quickly as possible and with minimum fuss. This can ease quite a lot of anguish at the time of bereavement. Once the cremated remains are returned back to the family, a memorial service can be conducted. You can choose to conduct a memorial service with, or without, the remains present. However, <u>arranging your own memorial service</u> is a significant way to save money on your overall funeral costs and make your ritual much more personal.

<u>Life celebrations are a great way to pay tribute to a lost loved one</u>. You can conduct your own celebration or enlist the services of a practicing celebrant.

### Do not spend unnecessarily on cremation products

If you want to arrange a low-cost cremation, you will need to keep your selection of cremation merchandise to the basic products. All that is required for the cremation process is an "alternative cremation container". Cremation companies ordinarily supply a strong cardboard container, but the option to purchase a casket is often made available at an additional

cost. Similarly, the cremated remains are returned in a temporary container, but a selection of cremation urns will be available for purchase at an additional cost.

Do not feel under pressure to purchase a cremation urn immediately. You may even find that you can purchase one from an urn retailer at a discounted price. Depending on what you plan to do with the ashes, you may not even require an urn at all.

### The DFS Memorials provider for the Bay area offers a direct cremation for \$850.00\*

Phone (415) 286-9121 for immediate assistance

\*Not including death certificate, cremation permit & sales tax

Affordable cremations are available in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz & Stanislaus counties.

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