

FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND

RI General Price List Survey 2020

Introduction

In January of 2019, the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Rhode Island (FCA-RI) sent letters to Rhode Island Funeral Homes requesting copies of their latest General Price List (GPLs) so that we could bring our Price List Survey figures up-to-date. Later in the year, we sent follow-up letters and made telephone calls or personal visits to those funeral homes who had not yet responded to our request. The "RI General Price List Survey 2020" which follows is the result of this effort.

It presents cost comparisons related to burial or cremation among vendors in Rhode Island. We have made every effort to be as accurate and as consistent as possible. We welcome any corrections that are appropriate and will make these changes on our website: **www.funerals-ri.org**

As we receive current pricing data from additional facilities, we will add that information to the survey. We have tried in every instance to offer a consistent basis for comparison, e.g., a uniform standard of four hours for viewing and funeral home settings for funeral and memorial services. To avoid misunderstanding, and because prices may change without notice, we recommend that consumers always consult with individual vendors before finalizing any arrangements. Note that the date entered below a funeral vendor's name is the date of the GPL used in compiling this survey.

The Funeral Rule for General Price Lists (GPLs)

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'Complying with the Funeral Rule', a Federal Trade Commission publication to help funeral directors, clarifies who is entitled to a GPL:

"You must give the General Price List to anyone who asks, **in person**, [emphasis supplied] about funeral goods, funeral services, or the prices of such goods or services. ... You must give a GPL to all persons who inquire about funeral arrangements. This may include competitors, journalists, and representatives of businesses, religious societies, government agencies, or consumer groups. ... The triggering event for giving out the GPL is a face-to-face meeting. The face-to-face meeting can occur anywhere, not just at the funeral home."

Complying with the Funeral Rule,
Federal Trade Commission, June 2004, pg 4

The Funeral Rule, enacted by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on April 30, 1984, dictates what information must be included on the General Price List required of all funeral directors. A GPL must include specific categories of services, options open to the buying public and specific disclosures regarding the services and options provided. Additional information not required by law may also be included. We note that the General Price Lists provided to FCA-RI for this survey range from one-page handouts to more lavish folders and booklets. Accuracy and adherence to the Funeral Rule are more important than these formal distinctions.

General Price List Survey

To simplify comparisons among funeral homes, we present all funeral homes in alphabetical order within discrete geographical areas. The survey comprises information available to consumers on GPLs from Rhode Island funeral directors in accordance with the Funeral Rule. Definitions of the common terms used in the Survey are listed in the table at the end of this Summary.

Arrangements cited in this Survey may not always be the least costly in a category of service. For example, funerals or memorial services staged outside a funeral home may be a less expensive option than what we have included in our survey. Many funeral directors have also created special packages which may be good value.

Consumers must, as with any purchase, be careful to understand the various categories of services so that, for example, they avoid double payment for a single service and understand clearly what an actual purchase entails. For example, the receiving or transferring of remains between two funeral homes does not include possible flight costs, and cemetery expenses are not included in our survey.

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Rhode Island recommends pre-planning (not to be confused with pre-paying) so that one can make clear business decisions in advance, free of the emotional turmoil which often accompanies grief.

FCA-RI realizes, without judgment, that individual taste and means will determine the sorts of arrangements that members will choose. Our survey, nonetheless, enables people to select economical arrangements for disposition of the deceased. Visits to individual establishments will further permit consumers to observe first-hand the range of styles offered by different funeral directors.

We note once again: consumers should, in every instance, check both prices and services with those funeral directors whose services they are considering.

In our survey, we include the following categories:

Term	Definition from "Complying with the Funeral Rule"
Basic Service Fee	"...should cover services that are common to virtually all forms of disposition or arrangements that you offer"
Embalming	Cost generally includes use of preparation room, professional services, equipment, materials involved. Specific disclosure required for compliance.
Other preparation of the Body	"should include such services as cosmetic work to prepare the deceased for viewing"
Viewing	Cost is figured uniformly for four hours of visitation at a funeral home.
Funeral Ceremony	"charge...for...a commemorative service with the body present, at the funeral home..."
Transferring Remains (from place of death to the funeral home)	Cost is generally a flat fee.
Hearse	Cost is generally a flat fee.
Limousine	Cost is generally a flat fee.
Lowest Priced Casket	Cost may be a specific entry or be obvious from a full casket list.
Lowest Priced Vault (Outer Burial Container)	Cost may be a specific entry or be obvious from a full casket list.
Immediate Burial (without cost of casket - casket provided by consumer)	Cost of services and cost of any alternate burial containers required. We cite cost with a casket provided independently by the consumer.
Direct Cremation (with alternative container provided by funeral home)	Cost of services and cost of any alternate containers required. We cite cost with a container provided by the funeral home.
Graveside Service	The assumption is made that funeral and graveside services are distinct events. Consumer should clarify this.
Memorial Service	"charge...for...a commemorative service without the body present, at the funeral home."
Forwarding Remains (to another funeral home)	Cost should include all services involved, but does not include cost of related air or train travel.
Receiving Remains (from another funeral home)	Cost should include all services involved, but does not include cost of related air or train travel.

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The following facilities are included in this survey:

Name	Address		Website	Telephone
Sansone Funeral Home	192 Wood Street, Bristol	02809	www.sansonefuneralhome.com	253-7110
Karol A. Romenski & Son Funeral Home	342 High Street, Central Falls	02868	www.romenskifuneralhome.com	722-7250
Gorton-Menard Funeral Home & Crematory	721 Washington Street, Coventry	02816	www.gortonmenardfuneralhome.com	821-7306
Iannotti Funeral Home	415 Washington Street, Coventry	02816	www.iannottifh.com	821-1100
Shalom Memorial Chapel	1100 New London Avenue, Cranston	02920	www.shalommemorialchapel.com	463-7771
Woodlawn Funeral Home	600 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston	02910	www.woodlawnri.com	421-0289
Hill Funeral Home	822 Main Street, East Greenwich	02818	www.hillfuneralhome.com	884-9222
Perry / McStay Funeral Home	2555 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence	02914	www.perrymcstay.com	434-3885
Rebello Funeral Home and Crematory	901 Broadway, East Providence	02914	www.rebellofuneralhome.com	434-7744
S.R. Avery Funeral Home	3-A Bank Street, Hope Valley	02832	www.averyfuneralhome.com	539-2271
Keefe Funeral Hoome	Five Higginson Avenue, Lincoln	02865	www.thekeefefuneralhome.com	725-4253
Memorial Funeral Home	375 Broadway, Newport	02840	www.memorialfuneralhome.com	846-0698
Hambly Funeral Home	30 Red Cross Avenue, Newport	02840	www.memorialfuneralhome.com	846-0698
Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home	825 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown	02852	www.FaganQuinnFuneralHome.com	295-5603
Elliott M, Robbins Funeral Home	2251 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence	02911	www.robbinsfuneralhome.com	231-9307
Maceroni Funeral Home & Cremation Services	1381 Smith Street, North Providence	02911	www.maceroni.com	353-2400
Boucher Funeral Home	272 Sayles Avenue, Pascoag	02859	www.boucherfh.com	568-5760
Cheetham Funeral Home	1012 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket	02861		722-2140
William W. Tripp Funeral Home	1008 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket	02861	www.trippfuneralhome.com	722-2140
Connors Funeral Home	55 West Main Road, Portsmouth	02871	www.memorialfuneralhome.com	683-2511
Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Homes Inc	142 Centerville Road, Warwick	02886	www.boyleandsonfuneralhome.com	732-8800
A. A. Mariani & Son Funeral Home	200 Hawkins Street, Providence	02904	www.marianiandson.com	861-5432
Monahan, Drabble & Sherman Funeral Directors	230 Waterman Street, Providence	02906	www.mdks.com	331-4592
Olson & Parent Funeral Home Inc	417 Plainfield Street, Providence	02909	www.olsonparent.com	944-6460
Sugarman Sinai Memorial Chapel	458 Hope Street, Providence	02906	www.dignitymemorial.com	331-8094
W. Raymond Watson Funeral Home	350 Willet Avenue, Riverside	02915	www.wrwatsonfuneralhome.com	433.4400
All Veterans Burial & Cremation	Post Office Box 216, Scituate	02857	www.allveteransburialandcremation.com	647-1407
Cremation Society of Rhode Island	571 West Greenville Road, Box 216, Scituate	02857	www.csori.com	647-0620
Winfield & Sons Funeral Home & Crematory	571 West Greenville Road, Rte 116), Scituate	02857	www.winfieldandsons.com	647-5421
Avery-Storti Funeral Home & Crematory	88 Columbia Street, Wakefield	02879	www.averystortifuneralhome.com	783-7271
Smith Funeral & Memorial Services	8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren	02885	www.wjsmithfh.com	245-4999
Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home	615 Main Street, Warren	02885	www.dignitymemorial.com	245-6818
Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Homes Inc	331 Smith Street, Providence	02908	www.boyleandsonfuneralhome.com	272-3100
Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home	121 Main Street, Westerly	02891	www.buckler-johnston.com	596-2465
Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home	59 Spruce Street, Westerly	02891	www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com	596-2648
Carpenter-Jenks Funeral Home & Crematory	659 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick	02893	www.carpenterjenks.com	826-1600
Henault-Gallogly Funeral Home	5 Eddy Street, West Warwick	02893	www.galloglyfuneralhome.com	821-8484
James J. Gallogly & Sons	78 Providence Street, West Warwick	02893	www.galloglyfuneralhome.com	331-7608
Prata-Gallogly Funeral Home	78 Providence Street, West Warwick	02893	www.pratagallogly.com	821-6760
Curtis J. Holt's Sons Funeral Home	510 South Main Street, Woonsocket	02895	www.holtfuneralhome.com	769-0133

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Location	Bristol	Central Falls	<-----Coventry----->		<-----Cranston----->		East Greenwich	<--East Providence-->		Hope Valley	Lincoln
Funeral Home Name	Sansone	Karol A. Romenski & Son	Gorton-Menard	Iannotti	Shalom Memorial Chapel	Woodlawn	Hill	Perry / McStay	Rebello F.Home & Crematory	S.R. Avery	Keefe
Price effective date	10-10-18	1-1-19	3-15-19	12-1-18	10-1-17	1-1-19	9-1-18	10-1-13	1-1-17	11-12-18	1-1-19
Basic Service Fee	2995	2675	2295	2680	3295	2995	2695	2795	2495	2995	1995
Embalming	900	600	495	580	1095	750	750	1060	1100	875	995
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	395	175	250	150	495	300	255	350	300	275	250
Viewing / Visitation	650	500	550	550	350	600	1000	745	1000	750	1200
Funeral Ceremony	650	500	550	755	795	600	825	685	1150	750	800
Transferring remains	775	350	400	350	495	400	325	415	395	595	350
Hearse	525	350	425	310	495	400	395	360	350	595	350
Limo	535	350	425	310	495	400	400	360	350	350	350
Total Full Service Funeral	7425	5500	5390	5685	7515	6445	6645	6770	7140	7185	6290
(excluding casket)											
Lowest priced Casket	1395	200	750	390	795	895	895	1076	95	795	950
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	1400	700	773	695	995	375	795	575	295	1295	500
Immediate Burial (no casket)	4895	1900	2495	2695	2995	4355	2600	3570	3595	4185	
Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)	4920	1900	2495	2695	3395	2995	2750	2795	2900	4100	1995
Crematory fee included ?	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Crematory On-Site	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Graveside Service	575	350	500	525	795	600	575		375	550	500
Memorial Service	650	500	700	950	795	600	675	685	775	750	900
Forwarding Remains	2700	2700	1495	2795	2695	4100	1795	4630	4595	4725	2495
Receiving Remains	1650	2100	1295	2650	2495	3350	2200	3570	3595	3590	1995

Full Service Funeral	
(without casket)	
Lowest	4670
Highest	7995
Average	6214

Immediate Burial	
(no casket)	
Lowest	1695
Highest	4895
Average	2953

Direct Cremation	
(with alt. cont.)	
Lowest	1320
Highest	4920
Average	2736

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Location	North											
	<-----Newport----->	Kingstown	<-North Providence->	Pascoag	<----Pawtucket----->	Portsmouth	<-----Providence----->					
Funeral Home Name	Memorial	Hambly Brick House	Fagan - Quinn	Elliott M. Robbins	Maceroni	Boucher	Cheetham	William W. Tripp	Connors	Russell J. Boyle & Son	A.A. Mariani & Son	Monahan Drabble Sherman
Price effective date	6-1-18	6-1-18	10-15-17	1-1-18	1-1-19	1-1-19	10-1-18	10-1-18	6-1-18	2-1-15	11-7-18	1-1-18
Basic Service Fee	2520	2520	2995	2995	3450	2275	2595	2595	2520	2595	3495	2195
Embalming	895	895	835	700	900	575	700	700	895	850	900	495
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	215	215	300	350	500	150	250	250	215	385	300	155
Viewing / Visitation	625	625	500	575	800	725	650	850	625	1000	750	590
Funeral Ceremony	695	695	795	750	600	525	450	650	695	675	750	1295
Transferring remains	345	345	350	250	425	325	350	350	345	385	525	395
Hearse	350	350	375	340	350	275	350	350	350	385	400	395
Limo	295	295	275	340	350	360	350	350	295	385	350	395
Total Full Service Funeral	5940	5940	6425	6300	7375	5210	5695	6095	5940	6660	7470	5915
(excluding casket)												
Lowest priced Casket	795	795	795	895	1295	850	1025	1025	795	795	1225	895
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	165	165	495	700	1650	600	600	600	165	600	700	550
Immediate Burial (no casket)	2410	2410	2100	2755	3425	3325	2820	2820	2410	1950	4795	2395
Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)	3410	3410	1995	2895	2295	2000	1765	2465	3410	2495	4670	2395
Crematory fee included ?	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Crematory On-Site	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Graveside Service	355	355	495	500	500	325	400	400	355	500	750	975
Memorial Service	625	625	795	650	500	725	450	650	625	500	750	875
Forwarding Remains	3859	3859	1350	1700	4175	2400	3370	3370	3859	2295	5320	2100
Receiving Remains	1840	1840	2440	1500	2975	2700	3270	3270	1840	1950	4870	1595

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Location	<----Providence----->		Riverside	<-----Scituate----->			Wakefield	<----Warren----->		Warwick	<----Westerly----->	
Funeral Home Name	Olson & Parent	Sugarman Sinai Memorial	W. Raymond Watson	All Veterans Burial	Cremation Society	Winfield & Sons	Avery - Storti	Smith	Wilbur- Romano	Russell J. Boyle & Son	Buckler- Johnston	Gaffney- Dolan
Price effective date	1-4-19	12-4-18	1-1-19	6-17-11	4-18-18	1-1-18	1-22-15	3-15-19	5-13-19	2-1-15	11-12-18	3-1-18
Basic Service Fee	1850	3545	2970	1695	2000	2000	2995	2965	1970	2595	2995	2550
Embalming	685	1095	885	475	475	475	795	745	695	850	875	850
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	280	230	285	200	225	225	295	150	250	385	275	350
Viewing / Visitation	675	795	585	600	600	600	1200	665	545	1000	750	550
Funeral Ceremony	675	795	485	600	600	600	650	685	545	675	750	550
Transferring remains	380	545	285	450	500	500	395	460	495	385	595	375
Hearse	380	495	275	325	355	355	395	395	495	385	595	375
Limo	380	495	285	325	355	355	395	395	395	385	350	350
Total Full Service Funeral	5305	7995	6055	4670	5110	5110	7120	6460	5390	6660	7185	5950
(excluding casket)												
Lowest priced Casket	680	595	858	1580	1250	895	795	225	995	795	795	995
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	825	995	978	410	755	650	1375	915	695	600	1295	975
Immediate Burial (no casket)	1695	3050	3530	1780	2195	2195	2995	3810	2995	1950	4185	3595
Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)	1795	3480	2185	1760	2275	2275	3990	3650	1320	2595	4100	2695
Crematory fee included ?	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Crematory On-Site	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Graveside Service	290	795	385	385	385	385	650	575	545	500	550	550
Memorial Service	485	795	385	600	950	950	650	595	545	500	750	500
Forwarding Remains	1670	2830	3530	1150	1595	1595	2995	5045	4380	2295	4725	3450
Receiving Remains	1400	2425	2970	1995	2845	2845	2995	1740	3655	1950	3590	2875

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Location	<-----West Warwick----->				Woon- Socket
Funeral Home Name	Carpenter Jenks	Henault- Gallogly	James J. Gallogly & Sons	Prata - Gallogly	Curtis J. Holt's Sons
Price effective date	3-1-19	12-15-18	12-15-18	12-15-18	6-1-19
Basic Service Fee	2995	2595	2595	2595	2550
Embalming	795	595	595	595	450
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	250	200	200	200	150
Viewing / Visitation	500	600	600	600	725
Funeral Ceremony	695	650	650	650	475
Transferring remains	395	300	300	300	300
Hearse	395	350	350	350	300
Limo	330	350	350	350	350
Total Full Service Funeral	6355	5640	5640	5640	5300
(excluding casket)					
Lowest priced Casket	895	795	795	795	850
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	785	650	650	650	650
Immediate Burial (no casket)	3465	2995	2995	2995	1850
Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)	3420	1995	1995	1995	1750
Crematory fee included ?	Y	N	N	N	N
Crematory On-Site	Y	N	N	N	N
Graveside Service	495	350	350	350	475
Memorial Service	695	350	350	350	1025
Forwarding Remains	2770	1895	1895	1895	1975
Receiving Remains	1785	1995	1995	1995	1900