

# FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND

## RI General Price List Survey: 2024

### Introduction

Early last year, 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: 2024" 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](http://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."

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

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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	<a href="http://www.sansonefuneralhome.com">www.sansonefuneralhome.com</a>	253-7110
Karol A. Romenski & Son Funeral Home	342 High Street, Central Falls	02888	<a href="http://www.romenskifuneralhome.com">www.romenskifuneralhome.com</a>	722-7250
Gorton-Menard Funeral Home & Crematory	721 Washington Street, Coventry	02816	<a href="http://www.gortonmenardfuneralhome.com">www.gortonmenardfuneralhome.com</a>	821-7306
Iannotti Funeral Home	415 Washington Street, Coventry	02816	<a href="http://www.iannottifh.com">www.iannottifh.com</a>	821-1100
Shalom Memorial Chapel	1100 New London Avenue, Cranston	02920	<a href="http://www.shalommemorialchapel.com">www.shalommemorialchapel.com</a>	463-7771
Woodlawn Funeral Home	600 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston	02910	<a href="http://www.WoodlwnGattone.com">www.WoodlwnGattone.com</a>	421-0289
Hill Funeral Home	822 Main Street, East Greenwich	02818	<a href="http://www.hillfuneralhome.com">www.hillfuneralhome.com</a>	884-9222
Perry / McStay Funeral Home	2555 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence	02914	<a href="http://www.perrymcstay.com">www.perrymcstay.com</a>	434-3885
S.R. Avery Funeral Home	3-A Bank Street, Hope Valley	02832	<a href="http://www.averyfuneralhome.com">www.averyfuneralhome.com</a>	539-2271
Memorial Funeral Home	375 Broadway, Newport	02840	<a href="http://www.memorialfuneralhome.com">www.memorialfuneralhome.com</a>	846-0698
Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home	825 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown	02852	<a href="http://www.FaganQuinnFuneralHome.com">www.FaganQuinnFuneralHome.com</a>	295-5603
Elliott M, Robbins Funeral Home	2251 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence	02911	<a href="http://www.robbinsfuneralhome.com">www.robbinsfuneralhome.com</a>	231-9307
Maceroni Funeral Home & Cremation Services	1381 Smith Street, North Providence	02911	<a href="http://www.maceroni.com">www.maceroni.com</a>	353-2400
Boucher Funeral Home	272 Sayles Avenue, Pascoag	02859	<a href="http://www.boucherfh.com">www.boucherfh.com</a>	568-5760
Connors Funeral Home	55 West Main Road, Portsmouth	02871	<a href="http://www.memorialfuneralhome.com">www.memorialfuneralhome.com</a>	683-2511
A. A. Mariani & Son Funeral Home	200 Hawkins Street, Providence	02904	<a href="http://www.marianiandson.com">www.marianiandson.com</a>	861-5432
Sugarman Sinai Memorial Chapel	458 Hope Street, Providence	02906	<a href="http://www.dignitymemorial.com">www.dignitymemorial.com</a>	331-8094
W. Raymond Watson Funeral Home	350 Willet Avenue, Riverside	02915	<a href="http://www.wrwatsonfuneralhome.com">www.wrwatsonfuneralhome.com</a>	433-4400
All Veterans Burial & Cremation	Post Office Box 216, Scituate	02857	<a href="http://www.allveteransburialandcremation.com">www.allveteransburialandcremation.com</a>	647-1407
Cremation Society of Rhode Island	Post Office Box 216, Scituate	02857	<a href="http://www.csori.com">www.csori.com</a>	647-0620
Winfield & Sons Funeral Home & Crematory	Post Office Box 216, Scituate	02857	<a href="http://www.winfieldandsons.com">www.winfieldandsons.com</a>	647-5421
Tucker-Quinn Funeral Chapel	643 Putnam Avenue, Greenville	02828	<a href="http://www.thequinnfuneralhome.com">www.thequinnfuneralhome.com</a>	949-1370
Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home	615 Main Street, Warren	02885	<a href="http://www.wilbur-romano.com">www.wilbur-romano.com</a>	245-6818
Quinn Funeral Home	2435 Warwick Avenue, Warwick	02889	<a href="http://www.thequinnfuneralhome.com">www.thequinnfuneralhome.com</a>	738-1977
Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home	121 Main Street, Westerly	02891	<a href="http://www.buckler-johnston.com">www.buckler-johnston.com</a>	596-2465
Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home	59 Spruce Street, Westerly		<a href="http://www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com">www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com</a>	596-2648
Carpenter-Jenks Funeral Home & Crematory	659 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick	02893	<a href="http://www.carpenterjenks.com">www.carpenterjenks.com</a>	826-1600
Henault-Gallogly Funeral Home	5 Eddy Street, West Warwick	02893	<a href="http://www.galloglyfuneralhome.com">www.galloglyfuneralhome.com</a>	821-8484
Potvin-Quinn Funeral Home	45 Curson Street, West Warwick		<a href="http://www.thequinnfuneralhome.com">www.thequinnfuneralhome.com</a>	821-6868
Prata-Gallogly Funeral Home	78 Providence Street, West Warwick	02893	<a href="http://www.pratagallogly.com">www.pratagallogly.com</a>	821-6760



# RI Funeral Services Price Survey

Location	Bristol	Central Falls	<-----Coventry----->		<-----Cranston----->		East Greenwich	East Providence	Hope Valley	Newport	North Kingstown
Funeral Home Name	Sansone	Karol A. Romenski & Son	Gorton-Menard	Iannotti	Shalom Memorial Chapel	Woodlawn	Hill	Perry / McStay	S.R. Avery	Memorial	Fagan - Quinn
Price effective date	2-1-22	1-1-22	3-15-21	12-1-22	7-1-22	9-1-22	11-10-22	3-1-22	7-4-22	10-15-21	3-1-22
Basic Service Fee	950	2825	2295	2880	3895	2995	2975	3075	2995	2670	2995
Embalming	900	650	495	650	1095	750	790	1165	875	945	885
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	395	175	250	175	495	300	275	245	275	235	350
Viewing / Visitation	700	500	550	595	350	650	1000	820	795	645	200
Funeral Ceremony	800	500	550	795	795	600	825	760	795	695	1295
Transferring remains	775	375	400	425	595	400	390	460	595	375	395
Hearse	625	375	425	325	595	400	415	400	695	350	390
Limo	635	375	425	325	595	400	425	400	425	350	350
<b>Total Full Service Funeral</b>	<b>5780</b>	<b>5775</b>	<b>5390</b>	<b>6170</b>	<b>8415</b>	<b>6495</b>	<b>7095</b>	<b>7325</b>	<b>7450</b>	<b>6265</b>	<b>6860</b>
(excluding casket)											
Lowest priced Casket	1750	200	750	390	795	895	895	1375	1095	1055	795
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	1700	700	773	695	995	375	895	650	1495	225	495
<b>Immediate Burial (no casket)</b>	<b>4895</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>2495</b>	<b>2695</b>	<b>3195</b>	<b>5255</b>	<b>2955</b>	<b>3935</b>	<b>4140</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>2995</b>
<b>Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)</b>	<b>5145</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>2495</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>3310</b>	<b>2795</b>	<b>3895</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>2595</b>
Crematory fee included ?	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Crematory On-Site	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Graveside Service	650	375	500	525	795	600	575		575	355	495
Memorial Service	800	500	700	950	795	600	695	760	795	625	1295
Forwarding Remains	2700	2850	1495	2795	2695	4100	2135	5100	4740	3859	1550
Receiving Remains	1650	2250	1295	2650	2495	3550	2345	3935	3690	1840	2995

Full Service Funeral	
(without casket)	
Lowest	3882
Highest	9055
Average	6586

Immediate Burial	
(no casket)	
Lowest	2150
Highest	5255
Average	3336

Direct Cremation	
(with alt.cont)	
Lowest	2185
Highest	5145
Average	3081

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Location	<-North Providence->		Pascoag	Portsmouth	<----Providence----->		Riverside	<-----Scituate----->			Smithfield	Warren
Funeral Home Name	Elliott M. Robbins	Maceroni	Boucher	Connors	A.A. Mariani & Son	Sugarman Sinai Memorial	W. Raymond Watson	All Veterans Burial	Cremation Society	Winfield & Sons	Tucker Quinn	Wilbur-Romano
Price effective date	1-1-23	1-10-23	1-1-23	10-15-21	8-1-22	2-1-23	1-1-23	3-25-21	11-15-22	11-15-22	3-1-22	2-1-23
Basic Service Fee	31.95	3700	2500	2670	3595	4295	2970	2000	2200	2200	2995	3295
Embalming	700	950	650	945	900	1095	985	475	675	675	885	895
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	350	600	250	235	350	230	285	225	325	325	350	295
Viewing / Visitation	800	800	800	645	900	795	585	600	600	600	200	395
Funeral Ceremony	950	600	600	695	800	895	485	600	600	600	1295	795
Transferring remains	250	450	395	375	600	625	385	500	500	600	395	595
Hearse	400	425	295	350	450	625	375	355	375	375	390	495
Limo	400	400	375	350	450	495	335	355	375	375	350	395
<b>Total Full Service Funeral</b>	<b>3881.95</b>	<b>7925</b>	<b>5865</b>	<b>6265</b>	<b>8045</b>	<b>9055</b>	<b>6405</b>	<b>5110</b>	<b>5650</b>	<b>5750</b>	<b>6860</b>	<b>7160</b>
(excluding casket)												
Lowest priced Casket	1095	1295	900	1055	2295	1195	936	896	995	895	795	1395
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	1000	1900	600	225	700	1395	978	650	650	650	495	695
<b>Immediate Burial (no casket)</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>3320</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>4795</b>	<b>4495</b>	<b>3881</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>3695</b>
<b>Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)</b>	<b>2795</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>2550</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>4670</b>	<b>4150</b>	<b>2185</b>	<b>2275</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>2390</b>
Crematory fee included ?	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Crematory On-Site	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Graveside Service	500	600	295	355	800	895	585	385	495	485	495	795
Memorial Service	400	600	800	625	800	895	385	600	950	950	1295	795
Forwarding Remains	2200	4175	3400	3859	5320	2875	3765	1595	1995	1995	1550	4680
Receiving Remains	2000	2975	3025	1840	4870	2505	2780	2485	3696	3696	2995	3655



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Location	Warwick	<---Westerly---	<-----West Warwick----->				
Funeral Home Name	Quinn	Buckler-Johnston	Gaffney-Dolan	Carpenter Jenks	Henault-Gallogly	Potvin Quinn	Prata - Gallogly
Price effective date	3-1-22	7-4-22	3-1-22	1-18-23	12-15-22	3-1-22	12-15-22
Basic Service Fee	2995	2995	2950	3095	2895	2995	2895
Embalming	885	875	850	795	595	885	595
Other Prep. (dressing, makeup)	350	275	350	275	200	350	200
Viewing / Visitation	200	795	550	1000	600	200	600
Funeral Ceremony	1295	795	650	495	650	1295	650
Transferring remains	395	595	550	395	350	395	350
Hearse	390	695	375	395	350	390	350
Limo	350	425	350	355	350	350	350
<b>Total Full Service Funeral</b>	<b>6860</b>	<b>7450</b>	6625	<b>6805</b>	<b>5990</b>	<b>6860</b>	<b>5990</b>
(excluding casket)							
Lowest priced Casket	795	1095	995	1095	895	795	895
Lowest priced Vault (Outer cont.)	495	1495	975	1095	650	495	650
<b>Immediate Burial (no casket)</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>4285</b>	3700	<b>3410</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>2995</b>
<b>Direct Cremation (w/alt.cont.)</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>4140</b>	3690	<b>4010</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>2195</b>
Crematory fee included ?	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
Crematory On-Site	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Graveside Service	495	575	550	495	350	495	350
Memorial Service	1295	795	550	495	650	1295	650
Forwarding Remains	1550	4740	4975	2465	1895	1550	1895
Receiving Remains	2995	3690	4050	1645	1995	2995	1995