

2009 Price Survey of Greater Kansas City Funeral Homes

GPLs collected in August 2009		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q		
Funeral Home (Ownership)		Direct Cremation Alt. Cont.	Immediate Burial Min. Casket	Forward Remains	Basic Services	Embalm	Transfer Body to FH	Viewing/ Visitation at FH	Funeral Service at FH	Hearse	Limo (Family Car)	Casket Lowest Priced	Grave Liner Lowest	2009 Totals Items D-L	2007 Totals Items D-L	2007-2009 Difference	2007-2009 % Change			
1	Alden-Harrington (Local)	1,722	2,480	2,270	1,745	795	295	495	495	375	275	850	996	6,321	5,273	1,048	19.87%	1		
2	Amos Family (Local)	2,245	3,907	2,563	2,790	721	333	515	636	454	275	619	795	7,138	5,849	1,289	22.04%	2		
3	Barreto Family (Local)	1,820	1,775	1,595	1,995	650	225	275	345	250	250	325	250	4,565	5,849	-1,284	-21.95%	3		
4	Belden-Larkin (Local)	unclear	3,795	3,125	1,995	695	325	195	495	295	185	995	755	5,935	4,365	1,570	35.97%	4		
5	Bross & Spidle (Local)	2,195	3,045	2,995	1,995	815	495	525	625	510	370	495	895	6,725	**	-	-	5		
6-7	Bruce (Local)	2,560	3,095	2,475	1,795	625	295	395	525	295	250	795	720	5,695	5,050	645	12.77%	6-7		
8	Joseph A Butler & Son (Local)	1,301	3,517	2,123	1,996	595	265	300	300	275	240	956	634	5,561	5,290	271	5.12%	8		
9	Carson-Speaks Midtown (Local)	2,715	3,245	2,195	1,895	795	350	490	490	295	245	675	695	5,930	5,560	370	6.65%	9		
10	Cedar Crest (Local)	795	1,495	1,050	1,500	450	225	350	350	250	300	1,395	695	5,515	4,705	810	17.22%	10		
11	Chapel of Memories (Local)	1,595	2,495	1,895	3,495	600	275	525	525	275	275	1,295	1,295	8,560	5,900	2,660	45.08%	11		
12	Chapel Hill-Butler (SCI, Inc.)	2,595	3,690	2,995	1,830	995	495	295	495	395	395	595	380	5,875	5,290	585	11.06%	12		
13-16	Charter (Local)	1,170	2,645	1,795	1,225	445	250	295	375	300	100	1,195	675	4,860	4,710	150	3.18%	13-16		
17	Church (Local)	850	1,345	1,020	650	400	125	not listed	not listed	275	275	495	575	*	*	-	-	17		
18-19	Cremation Society (Local)	1,095	not listed	not listed	595	595	220	345	unclear	335	295	95	not listed	*	*	-	-	18-19		
20	Cullen (Local)	2,020	not listed	2,770	1,245	590	335	385	380	360	325	925	855	5,400	*	-	-	20		
21	Davis (Local)	2,175	2,675	2,550	1,200	650	300	300	450	300	250	900	695	5,045	**	-	-	21		
22	Eley & Sons (Local)	935	975	995	1,395	640	240	310	310	360	295	695	655	4,900	4,695	205	4.37%	22		
23	Elite (Local)	unclear	not listed	900	1,600	600	175	400	400	550	500	700	695	5,620	5,320	300	5.64%	23		
24	Fry, Bross & Spidle (Local)	2,195	3,045	2,995	1,995	815	495	525	625	510	370	495	895	6,725	**	-	-	24		
25	Duane E. Harvey (Local)	unclear	1,945	2,010	1,695	665	275	250	250	455	395	695	700	5,380	5,250	130	2.48%	25		
26-27	Heartland Cremation (Local)				No General Price List provided										**	**	-	-	-	26-27
28	Highland Park (Local)	1,555	2,155	1,850	1,455	575	200	250	350	225	250	1,295	650	5,250	4,205	1,045	24.85%	28		
29	Mrs. J. W. Jones (Local)	unclear	not listed	1,750	1,550	725	225	500	600	300	325	885	825	5,935	5,895	40	0.68%	29		
30	K.C. Funeral Directors (Local)	750	2140	1,095	850	215	125	400	400	275	225	895	175	3,560	3,660	-100	-2.73%	30		
31-32	Lawrence A. Jones (Local)	1,200	1,600	1,495	1,695	695	295	355	395	350	325	995	699	5,804	5,865	-61	-1.04%	31-32		
33	Langsford (Local)	1,790	not listed	1,390	2,290	695	350	390	590	310	275	1,290	790	6,980	**	-	-	33		
34	Louis Memorial (Local)	2,109	4,675	3,731	2,174	899	319	399	499	339	339	999	999	6,966	6,604	362	5.48%	34		
35	Maple Hill (Local)	unclear	3,690	2,107	1,863	490	242	325	495	235	240	1,395	625	5,910	4,655	1,255	26.96%	35		
36	Marts Memorial (Local)	675	1,570	not listed	845	450	225	375	450	350	250	575	150	3,670	3,215	455	14.15%	36		
37	Mary Butler Meyers (Local)	1,295	not listed	2,390	1,795	695	295	460	495	385	275	995	not listed	*	*	-	-	37		
38	McGilley Antioch (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	2,930	995	495	345	545	395	395	595	380	7,075	6,640	435	6.55%	38		
39-41	McGilley (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	2,430	995	495	295	495	395	395	595	380	6,475	6,075	400	6.58%	39-41		
42	McGilley & Hoge (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	2,930	995	495	345	545	395	395	595	380	7,075	6,640	435	6.55%	42		
43	McGilley Midtown (SCI, Inc.)	2,240	3,690	2,995	1,830	995	495	295	495	395	395	595	380	5,875	5,390	485	9.00%	43		
44	McGilley & Sheil (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	2,930	995	495	345	545	395	395	595	380	7,075	6,640	435	6.55%	44		
45	McGilley State Line (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	3,390	995	495	335	695	395	395	595	380	7,675	7,280	395	5.43%	45		
46-47	Meyers (Local)	2,390	2,590	2,195	1,995	995	495	395	495	395	395	395	895	6,455	6,455	0	0.00%	46-47		
48	Missouri Funeral Care (Local)	1,895	3,060	1,890	1,795	845	395	395	not listed	275	125	not listed	not listed	*	*	-	-	48		
49	Mt. Moriah & Freeman (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	3,390	995	495	335	695	395	395	595	380	7,675	7,280	395	5.43%	49		
50	Mt. Moriah Terrace Pk (SCI, Inc.)	2,495	3,690	2,995	3,390	995	495	335	695	395	395	595	380	7,675	7,280	395	5.43%	50		

51	Mt. Washington Forever (Local)	1,820	2,345	1,595	2,045	650	225	275	345	250	250	895	250	5,185	4,365	820	18.79%	51
52	Muehlebach (Local)	1,945	3,720	3,895	2,395	995	395	425	450	395	235	600	755	6,645	6,560	85	1.30%	52
53	New Salem (Local)	unclear	unclear	1,900	1,800	675	225	395	595	375	not listed	1,000	690	*	*	-	-	53
54	Newcomer's Chrch-A-P (Stewart)	2,240	3,825	2,525	3,435	1,495	375	375	495	375	295	795	750	8,390	6,895	1,495	21.68%	54
55	Newcomer's Flor Hills (Stewart)	2,240	3,825	2,525	3,435	1,495	375	375	495	375	295	795	750	8,390	6,120	2,270	37.09%	55
56-60	Newcomer's (Stewart)	2,240	3,825	2,525	3,435	1,495	375	375	495	375	295	795	750	8,390	6,120	2,270	37.09%	56-60
61	Newcomer's Wt Chpl (Stewart)	2,240	3,825	2,525	3,435	1,495	375	375	495	375	295	795	750	8,390	6,995	1,395	19.94%	61
62	Northern Star Mortuary (Local)	unclear	2,264	1,960	1,550	600	280	not listed	not listed	400	375	1,014	750	4,969	**	-	-	62
63	Park Lawn (Local)	not listed	not listed	not listed	1,395	750	295	395	400	425	325	895	not listed	*	*	-	-	63
64	Passantino Bros. (Local)	1,430	2,070	1,710	1,495	595	295	250	475	295	245	675	675	5,000	4,875	125	2.56%	64
65	Penwell-Gabel (Local)	2,535	2,510	2,319	1,995	495	250	360	665	250	250	495	895	5,655	5,055	600	11.87%	65
66-68	Polley (Local)	unclear	2,105	2,500	1,920	695	300	500	500	325	not listed	895	995	*	**	-	-	66-68
69	Porter (Local)	1,997	3,395	1,596	2,796	595	260	100	330	345	150	698	672	5,946	5,596	350	6.25%	69
70	George F. Porter & Sons (Local)	1,997	3,295	1,596	2,496	595	235	100	230	345	150	698	672	5,521	5,171	350	6.77%	70
71	Quisenberry (Local)	2,815	not listed	3,285	1,895	695	295	295	450	290	275	795	825	5,815	5,010	805	16.07%	71
72	Sebbeto (Local)	unclear	2,085	1,795	1,495	675	195	400	450	265	245	1,160	675	5,560	5,100	460	9.02%	72
73	Skradski (Local)	2,070	1,900	1,250	1,695	500	115	200	150	275	245	1,000	550	4,730	4,095	635	15.51%	73
74	Slider (Local)	unclear	672	1,390	1,690	695	210	260	390	400	375	269	495	4,784	5,849	-1,065	-18.21%	74
75-76	Speaks (Local)	2,715	3,245	2,195	1,895	795	350	490	490	295	245	675	695	5,930	5,560	370	6.65%	75-76
77	Thatcher's (Local)	unclear	1,922	2,985	1,485	825	175	300	485	370	385	863	525	5,413	5,029	384	7.64%	77
78	Watkins Bros. (Local)	unclear	1,500	825	1,575	600	250	350	300	335	325	700	700	5,135	4,675	460	9.84%	78
	SCI, Inc. = Service Corp. International Stewart = Stewart Enterprises				Basic Services	Embalming	Transfer Body	Visitation at FH	Service at FH	Hearse	Limo	Casket Lowest	Grave Liner	2009 Average	2007 Average	'07-'09 Difference	'07-'09 % Change	
	2009 Mean Average	1,956	2,877	2,249	2,047	792	322	359	468	347	293	785	666	6,177	5,561	617	11.09%	
	2009 Count	61	66	72	76	76	76	74	71	76	72	75	71	66	60			
	2007 Mean Average				1,760	683	297	330	439	315	267	709	609					
	2007 - 2009 Difference				287	109	25	29	29	32	26	76	57					
	2007 - 2009 % Change				16.33%	15.95%	8.38%	8.90%	6.63%	10.10%	9.68%	10.72%	9.41%					
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	The prices displayed above have been taken from the General Price Lists provided by each of the funeral homes. Although the information was often difficult to interpret, the FCA-GKC has made a good faith attempt to report the price information as accurately as possible. Consumers are advised to check with the provider of their choice to confirm the accuracy of individual prices. Contact FCA-GKC at 816-561-6322 or email fca.gkc@gmail.com . Web address: funeralskc.org																	

* Accurate and meaningful totals can not be displayed when some prices are missing.

** Complete General Price Lists for these funeral homes were not received or obtained by the FCA-GKC for its 2007 survey.

All prices in the above chart are from the General Price Lists (GPLs) that funeral homes are required by the Federal Trade Commission to provide to consumers. See page 4 for a numbered directory of Kansas City area funeral home addresses and telephone numbers.

Columns A, B, and C stand alone. The prices in columns D through L are the nine items in a standard funeral with the lowest-priced casket and grave liner offered. Column M totals the nine prices in this year's survey and column N lists the same total from 2007. Cemetery costs are not included. Columns O and P measure the difference and percentage change.

Column A, direct cremation in an alternative container – such as cardboard or fiberboard – is the least costly way to dispose of a body. It does not involve embalming, visitation, service, casket or cemetery costs.

Column B, immediate burial in a minimum casket, is the least costly funeral offered leading to burial with no embalming, visitation or service. Cemetery costs are extra.

Column C, forward remains, includes embalming and preparing the body for shipment to another funeral home, often out of town, for services and burial. Shipping charges, arrangements at the next funeral home and cemetery costs are extra.

Most funeral homes offer funeral package deals, but the wide variety is impossible to compare in the survey. The Federal Trade Commission's Funeral Rule requires itemized prices for easy comparison and to permit customers to choose only the goods and services they want.

Problems related to the FTC's Funeral Rule should be reported to the state board that regulates funeral homes and the Federal Trade Commission. Complaint forms are on the web sites. You will be helping future families by speaking up:

Missouri: The Missouri Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. 573-751-0813.

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