

# Funeral Consumers Alliance

of Greater Kansas City

# Lowest-cost funerals in town

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Kansas City's latest survey of prices charged by 114 funeral providers in our area is available free to cost-conscious consumers. The two least expensive methods available --- direct cremation and immediate burial --- are explained below followed by a listing of the ten lowest-cost providers in each category. FCA-GKC, a nonprofit consumer organization, does not endorse or recommend individual funeral homes.

#### **Direct Cremation**

The least expensive method of body disposition is direct cremation which averaged \$1,829 in our survey from a range of \$675 to \$3,190. It involves transporting and care of the body, preparing the death certificate, cremation and return of the ashes. It does not include embalming, a visitation or a service. The survey's ten lowest-cost providers are:

Reflections Memorial Service	\$675
www.midstatescremation.com	\$695
Kansas City Funeral Directors	\$750
www.cremationcenterkc.com	\$775
<b>Golden Gate Funeral &amp; Cremation</b>	\$795
Highland Park Funeral Home	\$795
Slider Funeral Home	\$900
Royer Funeral Home	\$900
Royer-Hayes Funeral Homes	\$990
See funeralskc.org for 10 providers at	\$995

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#### **Immediate Burial**

The least expensive method leading to the burial of a body is immediate burial, which averaged \$3,814 from a range of \$942 to \$5,990. The prices include a minimum casket, but cemetery costs are extra. An immediate burial skips embalming, a visitation and a service.

The ten lowest-cost providers are:

Slider Funeral Home	\$942
Mullinax Funeral Home	\$1,575
E.S. Eley & Sons Funeral Home	\$1,845
<b>Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors</b>	\$1,945
Mrs. J. W. Jones Memorial Chapel	\$1,945
Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	\$2,090
Highland Park Funeral Home	\$2,225
Heartland Crem. & Burial Society	\$2,250
<b>Heartland Cremation &amp; Burial Society</b>	\$2,250
Charter Funerals-KS, MO & Northland	\$2,270

Willed body programs
Two area medical schools accept bodies for use in anatomy classes and research when arranged in advance. They are the University of Kansas Medical Center, Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology, and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. The bodies are cremated after use with the ashes returned to families. For details, see the fall, 2014 FCA-GKC newsletter on our website.

# Website has details

Go to the FCA-GKC website, www.funeralskc.org, for a complete listing of prices, addresses and phone numbers of all 114 funeral providers in the survey. You may also call us at 816-561-6322 to request a copy of the survey or email us at fca.gkc@gmail.com. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 7021, Kansas City, MO 64113.

# Speakers available

Contact us if your group would like to hear an unbiased presentation from one of our board members. We are an independent, all-volunteer organization with no products to promote. We just provide information. We don't charge for our services but we do depend on contributions to carry out our mission.

### Our mission...

It's to educate and support individuals and families in making informed decisions about death-related services consistent with their values and lifestyles.

