

THE COLUMBARIUM OF PRESTON HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9800 Preston Road
Dallas, Texas 75230

Dear Members of Preston Hollow,

As you are planning for an inurnment in the PHPC Columbarium, a major decision will be the selection of a funeral home or crematorium for the cremation. Because it is important that you are comfortable with the funeral home that cares for your loved one, a sample list of funeral homes/crematoriums in the Dallas area has been provided to assist you in the selection process. Please note, PHPC does not endorse any particular one and this list is not exhaustive of all possibilities. We encourage you to plan and pre-arrange the cremation, but you may want to delay pre-payment to maintain flexibility if your plans should change.

To be inurned in the PHPC Columbarium, you will be requesting a “direct cremation” from the funeral home. This means that there will be a cremation of the remains at the funeral home/crematorium but no on-site memorial service and normally, no viewing. Once the cremains are delivered to PHPC, they will be placed in a permanent urn, provided by our church.

On the attached list of funeral homes, you will find the quoted base price for a direct cremation, plus other information that the funeral homes provided. Under the “cost” category, if it says to “request current fees” it means that the pricing fees of that company are complex and you should contact the funeral home to get further information. Please note, there is a wide variation in costs for very similar services.

Generally, **the base cost of a direct cremation includes the following:**

- Pick-up/ transfer of the deceased from the place of death in the Metro area (usually a 35-50 mile radius)
- Availability of funeral home director and/or staff, who can assist with filing the death certificate, cremation permit and other paperwork
- Refrigeration, if needed, usually for 2-4 days
- Cremation
- Alternative temporary cremation container to transport cremains back to family or PHPC
- Publishing an obituary on that funeral home’s website

Additional costs may include:

- **Cremation permit fee. Dallas County is \$30.** Surrounding counties are similar
- **Death certificates. \$21 for the first certificate, \$4 for each additional certificate ordered at the same time.**
- Removal of a pacemaker, body weight over 250 pounds or pick-up of the body outside the Metro area
- Obituary in The Dallas Morning News (this can be quite costly)
- A requested viewing time for immediate family (usually not part of a “direct” cremation)

As you and your family are considering these preparations, we are honored to share such a sacred and holy time with your family. Please know that the PHPC staff and members of the Columbarium Committee are always available to assist you, answer questions or hear your concerns.

Your friends in God’s covenant community,

The PHPC Columbarium Committee

Sample of Funeral Homes/Crematoriums in Dallas Metro Area

The list below is only a sample, not a complete list of funeral homes in the Dallas area that provide “direct cremation”. Please call and verify prices and services included in the base cost. Prices do not include cremation permit or death certificate fees. PHPC does not endorse any particular business nor guarantee the information provided below.

Name	Phone & Email Info	Direct Cremation Base Cost
All Texas Cremations -101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 600, Plano, TX 75074	975-516-3833, 972-848-0225 www.alltexascremation.com	\$695 online arrangement \$895 in person arrangement
Aria (John P. Brooks Family Funeral Homes) -10116 E. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75238 -1820 N. Beltline Rd., Irving, TX 75061 -19310 Preston Rd., Dallas, TX 75252	214-340-8008 972-607-4400 214-306-6700 www.ariacremation.com	\$995
Acremation -2242 N. Town East Blvd., Mesquite, TX 75150	877-353-3626 www.acremation.com	\$695
Gateway Funerals and Cremations -17390 Preston Rd. Ste. 310, Dallas, TX 75252	469-913-8493 www.gatewayfuneralsandcremation.com	\$895
Local Cremation and Funerals -8499 Greenville Ave., Ste. 107, Dallas, TX 75231	214-343-4040 www.localcremationandfunerals.com	\$995
Neptune Society of Plano -3000 Custer Rd., Plano, TX 75075	972-432-7721 1-800-637-8863 www.neptunesociety.com	\$3,179
Noble Low-Cost Cremations -2401 Pioneer Pkwy., Suite 115, Arlington, TX 76013	817-698-7913, 817-459-3900 www.noblecremations.com	\$895
North Dallas Funeral Home (John P. Brooks Family Funeral Homes) -2710 Valley View Ln, Dallas, TX 75234	972-241-9100 www.northdallasfuneralhome.com	\$899 (ask for special PHPC price)
Restland of Dallas -13005 S. Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243	972-367-0383 www.restlandfuneralhome.com	\$3893
Simple Cremations -17330 Preston Rd., Ste 200D, Dallas TX 75252	214-935-5360 www.simplecremation.org	\$995
Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home (Dignity Memorial) -7405 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75225 Sparkman Funeral Home Richardson (Dignity Memorial) -2019 S. Greenville Ave., Richardson, TX 75081	214-363-5401 www.dignitymemorial.com 972-238-7855 www.dignitymemorial.com	\$7440
Ted Dickey Funeral Home (Dignity Memorial) -17501 N. Dallas Pkwy., Dallas TX 75287 -2128 18 th St., Plano, TX 75074	972-407-6070 www.dignitymemorial.com	\$1,470
Troy Suggs Funeral Home -7623 Military Pkwy., Dallas, TX 75227	214-381-1109 www.legacy.com/funeral-homes	\$1,370

Services normally included in base cost of a direct cremation include:

- Assistance of the funeral home director and staff
- Pick-up of loved one from a medical facility or home in the Metro area
- Assistance completing the paperwork, permits and death certificates
- Cremation
- Temporary urn for transport
- Coordination with family for the pick-up or delivery of cremains
- Obituary posted on the funeral home's website

Additional charges above the base cost may include:

- Cremation permit - \$30 in Dallas County, may vary in surrounding counties
- Death certificates - \$21 for the first copy, \$4 for additional copies ordered at same time
- Fee if body picked up outside of Metro area
- Fee if the weight of the body is greater than 250 pounds
- Fee to remove a pacemaker (required)
- Cost of obituary in Dallas Morning News, if desired