

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County

Mortuary Price Comparison

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A Biennial price survey compiled by Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County
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This survey is compiled as a public service to give consumers a general comparison of funeral prices. Funeral businesses are required by the rules of the Federal Trade Commission to give prices over the phone and to give a printed copy of a General Price List (GPL) to anyone appearing in person and requesting information about funeral goods and services. The prices shown below are from the General Price Lists provided by the funeral homes. Prices are “*subject to change without notice.*” FCA of Kern County has made a good faith attempt to report the price information as accurately as possible. Please contact the funeral business directly to confirm current pricing.

Category Explanations:

1. Direct (Immediate) Cremation includes transportation from place of death to mortuary/crematory, basic container for cremation, cost of the actual cremation, basic container for the ashes, and with cremated remains (ashes) released to the family. A casket purchase is not required for cremation. A funeral or memorial service may be held at a home, church or other facility.
2. Delayed Cremation or Burial If next of kin is out of the area delaying arrangements, or if viewing is desired (at additional cost), extra charges for refrigeration may begin after the first 24-hours. The practice of embalming is not required by law for a viewing and it may be declined. If a funeral home says it is their “policy to embalm for viewing”, you may wish to contact a different funeral home. There is no health hazard from an unembalmed body.
3. Immediate Burial Includes transportation from place of death, staff services and delivery to cemetery. Add to this the cost of a casket and cemetery charges. Cemeteries should be contacted as to price of grave sites, grave liner (not required by law) and cost to open and close the grave. It is not necessary to use a cemetery owned by the chosen mortuary. A funeral or memorial service may be held at a home, church or other facility. Both Pope John Paul and Billy Graham chose to be buried in a plain pine box. Price range used here is for adult caskets.
4. Graveside Services: Includes cost of staff services for a simple service. Embellishments may increase the cost.

About Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County: FCA-KC, a non-profit local affiliate of the national FCA, Inc., provides education (like this price survey) and advocacy to protect a person’s final wishes. FCA-KC, for a one-time membership of \$30, provides ongoing education via a newsletter and offers a cooperating mortuary agreement for economical, dignified burial or cremation. Membership makes you part of the nationwide movement to keep funeral costs at a reasonable level and keeps you educated about *your* rights under federal, state and local laws.

Mortuary Name, Address, (Owner), Phone Number and Date of General Price List	1. Direct Cremation Includes basic container	2. Delayed Cremation or Burial Charges Refrigeration (R/ Embalming (E/)	3. Immediate Burial - Does Not include Casket or Cemetery Costs Caskets (C/)	4. Additional Charges for Graveside Services
Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County Cooperating agreement with Basham Funeral Care. These are prices for FCA members.	\$795	Not included. See under Basham...	\$1,250 \$1,540 with a minimum casket	Not included. See under Basham...
Alma Funeral Home & Crematory (Ralph Harding) 2130 E California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93307 661-392--9010 GPL Nov 1, 2009	\$890	R/ \$85 for days 1-4, then \$85 per day E/ \$295	\$895 C/ \$595-\$3,395	\$295
American Islamic Institute of Antelope Valley Mortuary & Cemetery 1305 W 118 th Street, Rosamond CA 93560 661-224-1111, 661-435-4346, 661-992-0149	Licensed funeral business and cemetery providing traditional burial for Muslims - includes transportation, permits, washing, shrouding and burial according to Islamic/Shari-ah: \$2,500			
Arvin Funeral Home (Woody Family) 660 Tucker Street, Arvin CA 93203 661-854-6161 GPL Jan 1, 2012	\$1,865	R/ \$125 per day E/ \$660	\$1,820/ No family present C/ \$490-\$5,595	\$585

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Bakersfield Funeral Home (Simon Lee) 1321 – 19th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 (Office) 661-324-4446	See McFarland Family Funeral Home			
Basham Funeral Care (Caring Funeral Services, Inc.) 3312 Niles Street, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-873-8200 GPL Jan 14, 2011	\$1,265	R/ \$300 E/ \$525	\$1,750 C/ \$290-\$5,990	\$435
Beloved Care Funeral Services 115 - 18th Street, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-631-2825 GPL Sep 21, 2008	\$695	R/ \$35 per day E/ \$300	\$1,150 C/ \$595-\$9,995	Not listed
Centurian Memorial Society (SCI, Inc.) 125 Minner Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-324-3795 GPL May 2, 2012	\$995	R/ \$150	Not listed C/ \$445-\$795	\$200
Cherished Memories Memorial Chapel (Cecil Martin) 701 34 th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 661-323-3441 GPL Jan 25, 2012	\$1,245	R/ \$595 for 3 days E/ \$595	\$2,145 C/ \$795-\$8,995	\$435
Delano Mortuary (SCI, Inc.) 707 Browning Road, Delano CA 93215 661-725-0330 GPL Aug 22, 2011	\$1,595	R/ \$395 E/ \$695	\$2,195 C/ \$545-\$10,795	\$795
Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara (Fanucchi Family) 1100 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301 661-324-9821 GPL Aug 19, 2011	\$815	R/ \$80 per day E/ \$350	\$850 C/ \$395-\$4,995	\$350
Erickson & Brown Funeral Home, Inc. 501 Lucard Street, Taft CA 93268 661-765-4111 GPL Oct 1, 2011	\$1,350	R/ \$225 1 st day then \$100 per day E/ \$350	\$1,350 C/ \$185-\$5,875	\$450
Greenlawn Mortuaries (Helm/Wood Family) 3700 River Boulevard, Bakersfield CA 93268 661-324-9701 and 2739 Panama Lane, Bakersfield CA 93313 661-834-8820 GPL Apr 10, 2012	\$2,135	R/ \$450 E/ \$450	\$2,005 C/ \$195-\$12,000	\$400
Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary (SCI, Inc.) 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-366-5766 GPL Nov 22, 2011	\$2,745	R/ \$695 E/ \$695	\$2,895 C/ \$545-\$8,595	\$695
Holland & Lyons Mortuary 216 S. Norma Street, Ridgecrest CA 93555 760-371-1376 GPL Jan 1, 2012	\$1,225	R/ \$100 per day E/ \$375	\$1,915 C/ \$895-\$10,000	\$375
Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Funeral Service 1100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301 661-324-2390 GPL Jan 1, 2012	\$800	R/ \$75 per day E/ \$450	\$850 C/ \$485-\$3,395	\$300
Kern River Family Mortuary (Ralph Harding) 1900 N Chester Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-392-9010 GPL Nov 1, 2009	\$890	R/ \$85 per day E/ \$295	\$995 C/ \$595-\$3,395	\$295
Lake Isabella Valley Mortuary (Rob Guidry) 6048 Lake Isabella Boulevard. A & B Lake Isabella CA 93240 GPL Jun 15, 2011	\$995 + Cremation fee	R/ \$120 per day E/ N/A	\$1,595 C/ \$200-\$1,295	\$450
Lane Family Funeral Home 1303 Glenwood Street, Delano CA 93215 661-725-1234 GPL Jan 1, 2012	\$1,600 + Cremation fee	R/ \$300 E/ \$400	\$1,650 C/ \$495-\$35,000	\$200
McFarland Family Funeral Home (Simon Lee) 425 W. Perkins Avenue, McFarland CA 93250 661-792-3866 GPL Apr 30, 2012	\$595 + cremation & transportation	R/\$125 per day E/ \$450	\$1,595 C/ \$595-\$3,795	\$450
Mish Funeral Home (SCI, Inc.) 120 Minner Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-399-9391 GPL Aug 22, 2011	\$1,845	R/ \$395 E/ \$695	\$2,095 C/ \$545-\$10,795	\$495
Mission Family Mortuary (Owners Ray & Dave Mish & Kenny Mount) 531 California Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93304 661-323-3339 GPL May 19, 2010	\$875	R/ \$285 for 3 days E/ \$395	\$1,995 (inc. casket) C/ \$1,195-\$30,000	\$595
Neptune Society of Central California 201 H Street, Bakersfield CA 93304 661-325-3963 GPL May 1, 2011	\$1,495	Within a 75 mile radius		
Parkview Mortuary 315 S. Lexington, Delano CA 93285 661-725-1916 GPL May 18, 2010	\$1,065	R/ \$395 E/ \$395	\$985 C/ \$1,295-\$7795	\$345

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Peters Funeral Homes (Woody Family) 844 E. Lerdo Highway, Shafter CA 93263 661-746-6314 1401 7th Street, Wasco CA 93280 661-854-6161 GPL Aug 1, 2009 GPL Aug 1, 2009	\$1,865	R/ \$125 per day E/ \$660	\$1,820- no family present C/ \$490-\$9,995	\$585
Rucker's Mortuary (Rucker Family) 301 Baker Street, Bakersfield CA 93305 661-322-2001 GPL Aug 2, 2011	\$850	R/ \$25 per day E/ \$375	\$1,100 C/ \$595-\$3,600	\$200
Sierra Valley Mortuary (Coates Family) 5108 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella CA 93240 760-379-2628 GPL Feb 1, 2011	\$595	R/ \$125 per day E/ \$450	\$1,495 C/ \$216-\$7,317	Not stated
Stickle Mortuary 2201 Inyo Street, Mojave CA 93501 661-824-2328 GPL Feb 1, 2012	\$2,245	R/ \$525 E/ \$525	\$2,095 C/ \$795-\$9,995	\$695
West Side Memorial Services (Porteous Family) 1150 - 4th Street, Taft CA 93268 661-763-1594 GPL Feb 22, 2012	\$1,355	R/ \$150 for 3 days E/ \$350	\$1,860 C/ \$400-\$3,000	\$400
Wood Family Funeral Service, Inc. (Owned by Greenlawn's Helm Family) 321 West F Street, Tehachapi CA 93561 661-822-6897 GPL Jun 27, 2009	\$1,615	R/ \$195 per day E/ \$450	\$1,495 C/ \$895-\$11,000	\$450

NOTE: Funeral businesses often charge extra in certain situations, such as, for staff services on nights, weekends, and holidays; if body weight is over 300 lbs; after an autopsy; for extra mileage beyond 25 to 50 miles one way (varies). Other small charges will be added for copies of original death certificates and State permits. Charges for goods and services are usually reduced for children and infant deaths. Cemetery fees are separate charges.

Advantages of Membership in Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County (FCA-KC)

We...

1. Are a non-profit, non-sectarian, consumer advocacy group organized in 1961 (formerly Kern Memorial Society) and staffed only by volunteers.
2. Affirm the right of all consumers to choose the funeral or memorial arrangements they want and support legislation protecting those rights.
3. Educate members and the public about options for final arrangements via a newsletter, outreach and a lively annual meeting & luncheon.

Membership is a one time \$30 per adult. Download form at www.funerals.org/affiliates/kern or write FCA-KC, PO Box 1202, Bakersfield CA 93302. If you move, there are over 100 FCA affiliates in 41 states and transfers can be easily arranged.

Our national FCA, Inc. is at the forefront of speaking up for funeral consumers – for all of us. They helped the Federal Trade Commission pass The Funeral Rule which enables us to put this price survey in your hands. The Rule requires funeral businesses to give you prices over the phone and in writing if you go to them to inquire about funeral goods and services, and it includes a number of other consumer protections. Our national website is an encyclopedia of helpful information – www.funerals.org.

Now is the time to start the conversation with loved ones – before you (or they) are gravely ill or can no longer make your own decisions.