

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Kern County

Mortuary Price Survey

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A nonprofit alliance dedicated to providing information to consumers and protecting their right to choose a simple, meaningful, economical, dignified funeral or memorial service.

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KERN COUNTY MORTUARY AND CREMATORY PRICES – September 2014
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. **Basic Cremation With Container:** 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. **Burial Expenses:** 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. **Basic Burial With Container:** 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. **Basic Services - Director & Staff:** 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.

Spanish (S/) Mortuary Name, Address, (Owner), Phone Number and Date of General Price List	1. Basic Cremation With Container	2. Burial Expenses Refrigeration ®/ Embalming (E/)	3. Basic Burial With Container Caskets ®/ ranges for adult, child or rental	4. Basic Services - Director & Staff
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	Included in Member Price
Alma Funeral Home & Crematory (Ralph Harding) 2130 E California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93307 661-638-0444 (24 hrs.) GPL Jun 12, 2013	\$855	R/ \$85 per day E/ \$445	\$1,095-\$3,540 C/ \$560-\$2,445	\$1,095
American Islamic Institute of Antelope Valley Mortuary & Cemetery 1305 W 118 th Street, Rosamond CA 93560 661-224-1111 GPL Jan 1, 2012	Prohibited by Islamic tradition	R/ \$100 E/ \$400	Cemetery services \$1,500 C/ \$1,500-\$1,950	\$1,500
Arvin Funeral Home (Woody Family) 600 Tucker Street, Arvin CA 93203 661-854-6161 GPL Jul 1, 2013	\$1,860	R/ \$125 per day E/ \$660	\$1,815/ No family present C/ \$158-\$5,595	\$1,350
Bakersfield Funeral Home (Simon Lee) 1321 – 19th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 (Office) 661-324-4446 GPL Jan 23, 2014	\$906	R/\$125 per day E/400	\$1,445 C/ \$570-\$2,195	\$950
Basham Funeral Care (Caring Funeral Services, Inc.) 3312 Niles Street, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-873-8200 (24 hrs.) GPL Apr 3, 2014	\$1,295	R/ \$300 E/ \$525	\$2,275 C/ \$290-\$10,600	\$1,485

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Beloved Care Funeral Services 115 - 18th Street, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-631-2825 GPL Sep 21, 2008	May 22, 2014: The licenses of Beloved Care Funeral Services and its owner, James O. Gamble Jr., have been revoked by the California Department of Consumer Affairs' Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.			
Centurian Memorial Society (SCI, Inc.) 125 Minner Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-324-3795 GPL Mar 14, 2014	\$1,090 - \$1,790	R/ \$150 E/ N/A	Not listed C/ \$445-\$795	\$620
Cecil Martin Family Funeral Care 701 34 th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 661-323-3441 GPL Jan 25, 2012	\$1,011	R/ Included E/ \$595	\$2,400 C/ \$795 -\$8,995	\$435
Delano Mortuary (SCI, Inc.) 707 Browning Road, Delano CA 93215 661-725-0330 GPL Mar 27, 2014	\$1,740	R/ \$395 E/ \$695	\$3,200 (without container) C/ \$545-\$8,695	\$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	\$1,250
Erickson & Brown Funeral Home, Inc. (Charlie Landwehr) 501 Lucard Street, Taft CA 93268 661-765-4111 GPL Oct 1, 2011	\$1,525	R/ \$225 1 st day then \$100 per day E/ \$350	\$1,475 C/ \$194-\$5,875	\$480
Greenlawn Mortuaries (Helm/Wood Family) 3700 River Boulevard, Bakersfield CA 93305 661-324-9701 and 2739 Panama Lane, Bakersfield CA 93313 661-834-8820 GPL Jan 1, 2014	\$2,655 - \$2,755	R/ \$500 E/ \$500	\$2,310 C/ \$195-\$13,000	\$1,395
Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary (SCI, Inc.) 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield CA 93306 661-366-5766 GPL Nov 22, 2011	\$3,620	R/ \$695 E/ \$695	\$2,430 C/ \$545-\$8,595	\$695
Holland & Lyons Mortuary 216 S. Norma Street, Ridgecrest CA 93555 760-371-1376 GPL Jan 1, 2012	\$1,325	R/ \$50 per day E/ \$375	\$2,310 C/ \$195-\$13,000	\$1,325
Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Funeral Services, Inc. 1100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301 661-324-2390 GPL Jan 1, 2014	\$895	R/ \$75 per day E/ \$375	\$950 C/ \$1,207-\$3,997	\$1,200
Kern River Family Mortuary (Ralph Harding) 1900 N Chester Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-369-4633 GPL Jun 12, 2013	\$890	R/ \$85 per day E/ \$495	\$1,095 C/ \$560-\$2,445	\$1,095
Lake Isabella Valley Mortuary and Cremation Society (Rob Guidry) 6048 Lake Isabella Boulevard, A & B Lake Isabella CA 93240 GPL Jun 15, 2011	\$780	R/ Included in packages, no separate charge E/ \$350	\$1,995 C/ \$200-\$995	Basic services included in packages
Lane Family Funeral Home 1303 Glenwood Street, Delano CA 93215 661-725-1234 GPL Jan 1, 2012	According to the Lane Family Funeral Home website, its license was revoked on December 16, 2013 due to fraud, misrepresentation and misleading conduct.			
Lori Family Mortuary (James White) 1150 - 4th Street, Taft CA 93268 661-763-1594 GPL Aug. 22, 2013	\$1,355	R/ \$95 E/ N/A	\$1,729 C/ \$400-\$2,600	\$1,675
McFarland Family Funeral Home (Simon Lee) 425 W. Perkins Avenue, McFarland CA 93250 661-792-3866 GPL Apr 30, 2012	\$900 + cremation & transportation	R/\$125 after 8 days E/ \$450	\$1,530 C/ \$595-\$3,795	\$600
Mish Funeral Home (SCI, Inc.) 120 Minner Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93308 661-399-9391 GPL Jan 20, 2014	\$2,040	R/ \$395 E/ \$695	\$2,760 C/ \$545-\$9,195	\$1,730
Mission Family Mortuary (Owners Ray & Dave Mish & Kenny Mount) 531 California Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93304 661-323-3339 GPL Mar 25, 2013	\$1,575	R/ \$395 for 3 days E/ \$495	\$1,900 C/ \$631-\$6,650	\$1,895

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Neptune Society of Central California 201 H Street, Bakersfield CA 93304 661-325-3963 GPL May 1, 2011	\$1,185	Within a 75 mile radius		\$350
Parkview Mortuary 315 S Lexington, Delano CA 93215 661-725-0330 GPL Mar 6, 2014	\$1,060	R/ \$395 E/ \$495	\$1,480 - \$3,180 C/ \$1,395-\$8,195	\$995
Peters Funeral Homes (Woody Family) 844 E. Lerdo Highway, Shafter CA 93263 661-746-6314 1401 7th Street, Wasco CA 93280 661-758-5144 GPL Aug 1, 2012 GPL Aug 1, 2012	\$2,655-\$2,755	R/ \$125 per day E/ \$660	Not listed C/ \$590-\$8,000	\$1,350
Rucker's Mortuary (Rucker Family) 301 Baker Street, Bakersfield CA 93305 661-322-2001 GPL Sep 1, 2013	\$900	R/ \$65 per day E/ \$425	\$1,695 C/ \$595-\$3,600	\$848
Sierra Valley Mortuary (Coates Family) 5108 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella CA 93240 760-379-2628 GPL Feb 1, 2011	Mortuary is under investigation by the State Department of Consumer Affairs			
Stickle Mortuary (SCI) 2201 Inyo Street, Mojave CA 93501 661-824-2328 GPL Feb 1, 2012	\$2,095	R/ \$695 E/ \$695	\$2,500 C/ \$545-\$9,195	\$2,805
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 Updated GPL September or October 2014

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.