In compiling data for the 2018 Funeral home price survey, we gathered General Price Lists (GPLs) from funeral homes in Central Arizona between January and July of 2018. In order to enable consumers to make as fair a price comparison as possible, we made every attempt to try to ensure that we were indeed comparing “apples to apples” for the three most common types of final arrangements. Our goal was to calculate the minimum “out the door” price for these services at each funeral home.

We calculated total prices based on what was printed in each mortuary’s most recent GPL. While all funeral homes are required to comply with the Federal Trade Commission’s Funeral Rule of 1984 regarding disclosure of costs, the reality is that some price lists are more complete and readable than others. Many GPLs contained blatant violations of the Funeral Rule. If it was unclear whether costs such as refrigeration or crematory fees were included in package prices, we asked the funeral homes to clarify these costs.

For comparison purposes, the descriptions of the services and merchandise included in each of the three plans compared in this survey are as listed below. Included in the cost calculation for each of the three plans are the following Basic Services: 1) Removal of the deceased 24 hours a day from either a home, health care setting or morgue and delivery to the funeral home within a service area of no fewer than 25 miles; 2) Arrangements conference with the survivors; 3) Filing of necessary permits and death certificate; 4) Procuring death certificates for family, filing notice of death to Social Security, securing a veteran’s flag and interment rights at a veteran’s cemetery; 5) Sheltering and refrigeration of the body for at least 3 days; 6) Non-declinable fee for the funeral home overhead.

Basic services listed above, plus 1) minimum cloth covered casket; 2) Preparation of the body including casketing; 3) Basic services listed above, plus 1) Delivery of the body to the crematory (if not performed onsite); 2) Delivery of casketed remains to a local cemetery, but not a procession or graveside ceremony.
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Plan 1 - Direct Cremation: $575-$595*

The Funeral Home will provide these services at this price:
- Arrange for the body to be transported to the mortuary- additional cost if more than 25 miles away
- An arrangements conference with the family to finalize all plans and make payment
- Procure the original death certificate and the cremation permit
- Provide a cloth covered casket (or a $200 credit towards the purchase of a more expensive casket)
- Arrange for a time convenient for the mortuary and cemetery to inter the remains
- Provide transportation of the remains to any of the local cemeteries
- Notify the Social Security Administration, and if appropriate, the Veteran's Administration

Plan 2 - Direct Burial: $875-$1500

The Funeral Home will provide these services at this price:
- Arrange for the body to be transported to the mortuary- additional cost if more than 25 miles away
- An arrangements conference with the family to finalize all plans and make payment
- Procure the original death certificate and the burial permit
- Provide a cloth covered casket (or a $200 credit towards the purchase of a more expensive casket)
- Arrange for a time convenient for the mortuary and cemetery to inter the remains
- Provide transportation of the remains to any of the local cemeteries
- Notify the Social Security Administration, and if appropriate, the Veteran's Administration

Plan 3 - Economical Funeral: $1,295-$2900

The Funeral Home will provide these services at this price:
- Arrange for the body to be transported to the mortuary- additional cost if more than 25 miles away
- An arrangements conference with the family to finalize all plans and make payment
- Procure the original death certificate and the burial permit
- Provide a cloth covered casket (or a $200 credit towards the purchase of a more expensive casket)
- Use of the mortuary chapel for a funeral service during normal business hours Monday-Friday
- Provide a hearse to the cemetery
- Notify the Social Security Administration, and if appropriate, the Veteran's Administration

* Plans 1 and 2 do NOT include:
- Use of the moruary chapel for a service. This may be added at additional cost
- Burial plot, niche, vault, etc.

* Plan 3 does NOT include:
- Burial plot or opening/closing of the grave, grave liner/vault or marker/headstone
- Burial clothing, clergy fees, viewing, flowers, police escort services or anything not listed above
- Extra days of visitation

*Please note that there are additional county and state fees and taxes.