

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF MY BODY**

Pursuant to Alabama Code Section 34-13-11(a), I, \_\_\_\_\_, designate, \_\_\_\_\_, to control the disposition of my remains upon my death. If \_\_\_\_\_ is unavailable or otherwise unable to serve in this role, I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ with this responsibility to control the disposition of my remains upon my death.

I have \_\_\_\_\_ have not \_\_\_\_\_ attached or listed below specific directions concerning the disposition of my remains. If specific directions are attached, the designee shall substantially comply with those directions, provided the directions are lawful and there are sufficient resources in my estate to carry out those directions.

(Sign) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

[SEAL]

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS**

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Frequently Asked Questions – Defined March, 2015

## ***What is the purpose of this affidavit?***

If an individual has not made pre-need funeral arrangement providing for cremation, cremation can only be done with the consent of a certain individual or individuals specified by Alabama law.

## ***When is it to be used?***

The affidavit would be used to grant permission for cremation after the death of the decedent.

## ***Who needs to sign the affidavit?***

The individual authorizing cremation of his or her remains at his or her death.

## ***Why does it need to be notarized?***

Alabama law requires that the affidavit must be notarized.

## ***Why do I have to designate 2 people to carry out my wishes?***

Basically, a backup person. If the first person defined is not available at your passing, or that first person has also passed, the second person will be able to carry out your wishes.

## ***Is the affidavit used only to authorize cremation?***

No. The affidavit may be used to give instructions regarding final arrangements such as visitations items, funeral Mass details (songs, gift bearers, readers) and any other items the individual wishes so long as these are consistent with Catholic practices.

## ***How much detail should I provided in the affidavit?***

As much detail as you desire with the exception of Funeral Mass details. For example: the music, if defined, may not be appropriate for that part of the Mass or for a Catholic Mass. For the same reasons, the readings selected may not be from a Catholic approved Bible or not appropriate for a Funeral Mass. If you want to include these details, please review your desires with the PoP Office before finalizing your Affidavit.

## ***Would I keep this affidavit with my Will or in some other location & why***

The affidavit should be kept with other important documents. Family members should be advised of its existence and location. The affidavit should not be kept in a safe deposit box; access to the box may not be available until after the decedent's estate has been opened in probate court.