

Anatomical Gift Program



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- Retired Navy Chief Corpsman, Mortician
- ***Licensed Funeral Director (DC, MD, VA)***
- Over 25 years experience with military and civilian funerals



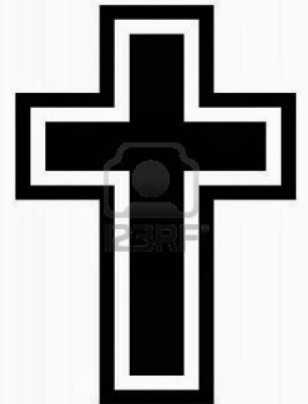
What is Anatomical Gift Donation?

Anatomical Gift Donation is the ability by oneself or next of kin, normally spouse or adult children, to have their body donated to medical science. Donation of ones body or a relatives body following death



Funeral Options

1. Traditional Burial
2. Direct Burial
3. Direct Cremation
4. Traditional service, followed by cremation
5. Memorial Service (Body Not Present)
6. Donation
7. Donation after services
8. Burial At Sea (US Navy or privately)



Religious Preferences

- **We honor all religious preferences and burial cultures that satisfy the families request.**
- **Some families are of a mixed religious household, and what is good for one spouse may be different for another.**

When Can Donations be made?

- **Donations can be made hours, days, weeks or years in advance**
- **Donations can be made up to 5 days following death ***



FUNERAL EXPENSES

- Traditional funeral expenses in the DC metro area which include transportation, body preparation, funeral services vary from \$5500-\$45,000 for the same type of service

Joseph Gawler Son's minimal funeral package is \$23,000
(does not include cemetery)

- *Cremation at Joseph Gawlers Son's, **\$7595** +
- *Cremation at Pumphreys, **\$4010** +
- *Cremation @ Devols, **\$3700** +
- ***Cremation at USU – \$ 0**

***death certificates, news paper, notice, urn and/or memorial services are additional**



CEMETERY EXPENSES

Traditional BURIAL expenses in the DC metro area cemeteries range from \$1500-\$55,000

1. Burial Property/ Mausoleum/Crypt
2. Grave liner/vault + installation
3. Headstone/Marker/Monument + installation
4. Taxes, permits, fees
5. Perpetual care (grass cutting, edging, landscaping)

VETERAN SERVICES

- If you are a veteran, or spouse of a veteran, your body or cremated remains can be placed in a **veterans cemetery** for a small fee or no expense at all.

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Grave liner/vault + installation

Headstone/Marker/Monument + installation

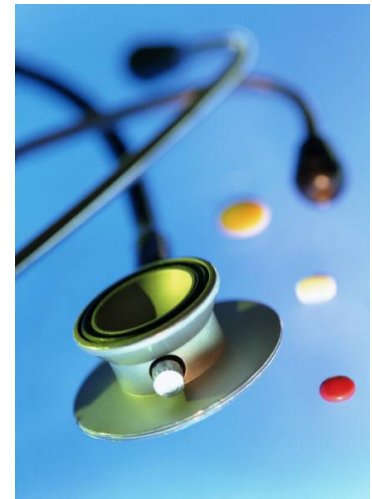
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- If you are a veteran or spouse of a veteran, you can don't desire burial in private cemetery, you will pay the above amounts

Why Donate?

Wishes of the donor: Well over 85% of families state they are following the wishes of the potential donor.



Why Donate?

The sense of pride to advance medical science through research and education.



Qualifications for donation

All potential donors must meet medical screening, and qualifications prior to acceptance.

Pre-screening Qualifications

- **NO HIV (AIDS)**
- **NO MRSA**
- **NO C-Diff**
- **Under 200 lbs.**
- **No HEP B**
- **NO HEP C**
- **NO Tuberculosis**
- **NO Asbestos History**



Why Donate?

**No financial means to cover funeral expenses
or thorough plans to manage ones death.**



Why donate to USUHS?



- **Military Pride**
- **Donation benefits medical advancements and treatment for active duty personnel, fellow retirees, dependents**
- **Advancements in medical treatments and procedures**
Emergent care procedures for our military and country's senior leadership

Additional advantages of USU

Staff experience

and funeral coordination with ANC if desired!



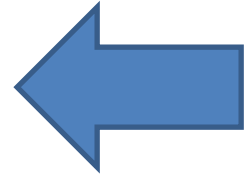
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Facts funeral Directors May Not Tell You

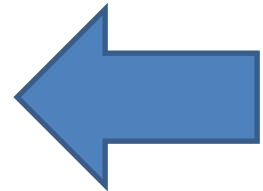
- **Shop Around**
- **You must get prices upfront!**
- **Funeral Director are out for profit**
- **Some “required” services aren’t required**
- **Cremation does save \$\$**
- **Less expensive caskets work just fine**

Facts of USU Body Donation

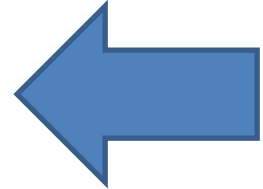
You can still have a memorial service



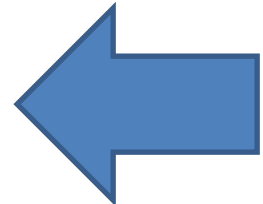
You can plan services immediately



Minimal costs, Death Certificate



You can still have a traditional burial*



Questions?

