

Funeral Goods and Services, Options and Opportunities

Service	Service Provider			
	Funeral Home	Cemetery	Crematorium	Family of Deceased
Remove deceased from place of death	•			•
Deliver deceased to cemetery or crematorium	•			•
Report the death, file death certificate	•			•
Arrange to transport the deceased out of state	•			•
Wash and dress the deceased	•			•
Transport the deceased to or from place for ceremony	•			•
Host memorial service (no body/ remains present)	•			•
Coordinate funeral service (body/ remains present)	•			•
Perform embalming	•			
Provide/create caskets, shrouds, urns	•	•	•	•
Provide vaults/ outer burial liners	•	•		
Provide in-ground graves		•		on own property
Provide crypts in a mausoleum		•		
Provide niches in a columbarium		•		
Provide/create monuments/ grave markers	•	•		•
Provide places to scatter remains		•		on own property
Open and close graves, niches, crypts		•		niche, grave closing
Conduct cremation or alkaline hydrolysis			•	
Provide viewing of cremation			•	

2023 Courtesy of *Virginia Funeral Resources & Education*, adapted from *Bereavement Authority of Ontario, Canada*. In Virginia, no one is required to purchase the services of a funeral director or funeral home. Families may conduct any or all tasks commonly performed by a funeral home (except embalming which is not required by Virginia law) and may bury on their own property if certain provisions are met. This chart illustrates the range of goods and services that can be arranged by a family and their community and/or procured through funeral professionals. For more see virginiafuneral.org > How To> Have a Home Funeral.