

Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Inc.

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GENERAL PRICE LIST

We are a private, funeral director owned business. Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home is a proud partner of Milestone Funeral Services of Massachusetts, LLC. Local Address; 44 Sumner Ave., Springfield, MA 01108. Shareholders include Ryan Ascher, Robert Zimmerman, Michael Martel, and Timothy Smart. We are proud to offer you our service and merchandise pricing representative of our local partners and MA based suppliers.

These prices are effective as of January 1, 2024 but are subject to change without notice.

The Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home is dedicated to the sustainable future of end-of-life care and we are proud to offer green burial practices and have been since our founding in 1954. Traditionally, Jewish burial customs have been hailed as ‘the original green burial’ for their core intention of returning to the earth. The small green leaf icon next to our offerings indicate that they are approved as sustainable and natural options by the **Green Burial Council**; a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization working to encourage environmentally sustainability in the field of funeral service.



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This General Price List does not include certain items you may ask us to purchase on your behalf. These items will be listed as Cash Advances on your funeral contract and are defined as any item, purchased on your behalf, from anyone other than the Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home. We have no control over these charges, and the charges to you will be the **exact** charges of that third party.

Basic Services of Funeral Director, Staff, and Overhead \$3,295.00

Our fee for the services of the funeral director and staff includes, but is not limited to: Responding to the initial request for service, conducting the arrangement conference with responsible party, arrangement and coordination with all necessary third parties for funeral services, acquiring of all necessary authorizations and permits, recording of vital statistics, staff assistance prior to, during, and following the funeral. Including coordinating with those providing other portions of the funeral arrangements, e.g. cemetery, crematory, outside mortuary, also included in this charge is a proportionate share of the overhead expenses relative to our facility, such as insurance, maintenance, utility, and licensing expenses, and equipment and inventory cost. **This fee will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select.**

Preparation of the Deceased

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| Sanitizing of the Deceased | \$95.00 |
| Use of Tahara Room, Supplies, and PPE | \$225.00 |
| Refrigeration and/or Shelter of Remains | \$245.00 |
| Dressing | \$195.00 |
| Preparation for I.D. View & I.D. Viewing for 30 minutes | \$275.00 |

Facilities

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| Use of Facilities and Staff for a Viewing/Visitation | \$895.00 |
| Use of Facilities and Staff for a Funeral Home Service | \$895.00 |
| Use of Equipment and Staff for a Temple Service | \$795.00 |
| Use of Equipment and Staff for a Graveside Service | \$695.00 |

Automotive

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| Hearse for local transfer of Remains to Funeral Home | \$595.00 |
| Hearse to Local Cemetery | \$595.00 |
| Standard 7 person limousine used locally | \$475.00 |

(a charge of \$2.25 per mile will be charged for a hearse outside a 15 mile radius)

🍃 **Caskets:** \$1,495.00 to \$7,495.00 *(A complete list will be provided at the funeral home)*

Outer Burial Containers: \$1,895.00 to \$6,300.00 *(A complete list will be provided at the funeral home)*

Clothing

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| 🍃 Cotton Shroud | \$145.00 |
| 🍃 Hand Made Linen Shroud | \$225.00 |
| Tallis | \$95.00 |

Memorial Package \$75.00

The memorial package may include Shiva Candle(s), Kaddish Cards, Kriah Ribbons, Israeli Earth, Continuing Care series booklets, Annual Yahrzeit Reminders, and 24 books, chairs, and yarmulkes for a shiva service.

Standard Register Book \$50.00

Printed Acknowledgement Cards \$25.00

Cash Advances

Services and Merchandise provided as cash advance items will be charged at the same amount paid by the funeral home. We regret that we can no longer advance cash for items beyond our control, such as **tahara, shomer** (if available), **newspaper obituaries, certified death certificates, burial permit fee, airfare, other funeral home, cemetery charges, and clergy honorarium, ETC.** We will be happy to make these arrangements for you, but we must ask each family to be prepared to pay for these items in advance, by the day of the funeral.

Forwarding Remains to Another Funeral Home \$2,395.00

Our charge includes removal of remains, necessary staff services, embalming (if required), local transportation, and necessary authorizations. This charge does not include merchandise, viewing, ceremony, or shipping.

Receiving Remains from Another Funeral Home \$2,595.00

Our charge includes refrigeration, transportation of remains to cemetery, and necessary staff services. This charge does not include a funeral ceremony.

Embalming \$995.00

Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary, however, if you select certain funeral arrangements such as a funeral with viewing. If you do not want embalming, you usually have the right to choose an arrangement that does not require you to pay for it, such as a direct cremation or immediate burial.

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| Direct Cremation | \$4,100.00 |
| Our charges for direct cremation without any attendant rites or ceremonies includes removal of and shelter of remains and transportation to crematory, necessary services of staff and authorizations, and a cremation container. If you want to arrange a direct cremation, you can use an alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composite materials (with or without an outside covering). The containers we provide are made of fiberboard and heavy duty corrugated cardboard. | |
| Direct Cremation with an unfinished wood casket | \$5,295.00 |
| Direct Cremation with a Container Provided by the Purchaser | \$4,100.00 |
| This container provided by the purchaser must meet the minimum requirement of the crematory. | |
| Crematory Charge | \$350.00 |
| Medical Examiner's Certificate for a Cremation | \$200.00 |
| Handling and Shipping of Cremated Remains | \$125.00 |

Payment Policy

The Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home is a small business providing services and merchandise, being totally dependent upon our clients for prompt payment for said services and merchandise.

The Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home accepts the following payment methods:

Credit Cards

Checks

Our Payment Terms are as follows:

Payment for funeral expenses is required at the time the arrangements are completed.

We will not bill the Estate of the Deceased under any circumstance. When the deceased's estate must stand the burden of paying the funeral expenses, we must then ask that a member of the family pay the funeral expenses and file their claim for reimbursement with the decedent's estate.

The use of a major credit card is also an accepted method of payment. The Ascher-Zimmerman Funeral Home accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express upon verification and approval.

If payment is not received within 30 days, the balance will be subject to a finance charge of 1 ½% per month added onto the unpaid balance, in addition to any collection or attorney's fees. (Not to exceed an annually rate of 18% by state law.)

A charge of \$25.00 will be added for any check returned.