

## To become a member

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or complete this registration

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(We will not share your information.)

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of

\$30 \_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

(We will send you a tax receipt.)

Would you like to become involved by  
volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_ We will reach out to  
you to discuss opportunities.

How did you hear about us?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation is \$30 every 2 years.

Make checks payable to FCAME.



Send to:

FCAME

P.O. Box 34177

Bethesda, MD 20827



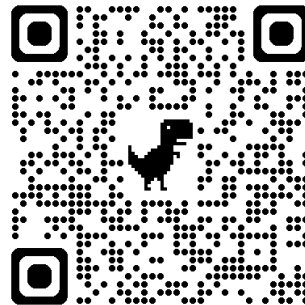
## What you get for becoming a member:

The satisfaction of knowing that you support the only local non-profit that focuses solely on consumer education and advocacy for fair practices in the death care industry. FCAME stands up for your rights during a difficult and potentially expensive time.

Members also get newsletters mailed at least twice a year.

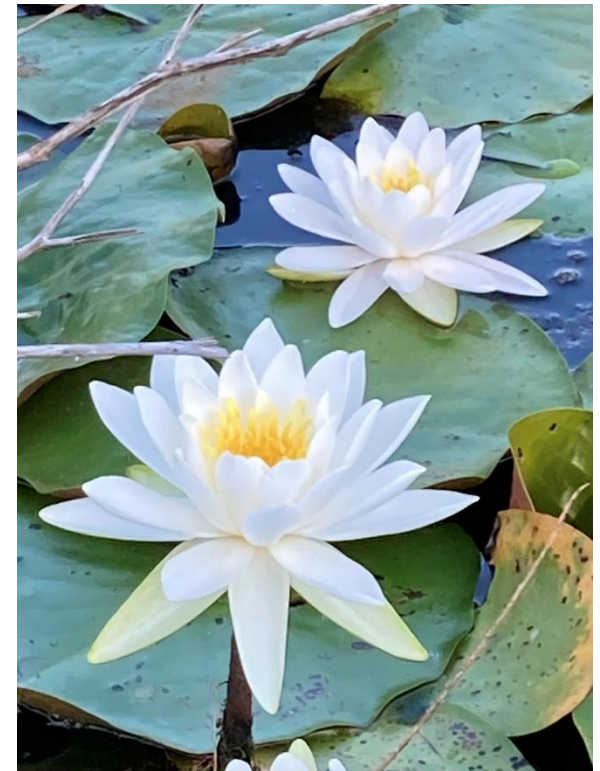
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Do you have questions? Email us at  
[info@mdfunerals.org](mailto:info@mdfunerals.org).

# Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maryland and Environs



**Do You Know Your Rights?  
We Can Help**

## Did you know?

- Traditional funerals cost thousands of dollars – before you get to the cemetery.
- The cost of funerals varies widely. Our 2023 price survey for MD, DC, and DE showed direct cremation, the least expensive option, ranged from less than \$1,000 to \$6,800, depending on the funeral provider you use.
- Neither cremation nor a fancy casket is required by law for cremation or burial.
- If you visit a funeral home, the funeral director is required by law to give you a general price list that itemizes the cost of all goods and services.
- Most people never talk about their wishes with their family. As a result, many families end up spending more than is necessary on funeral arrangements.
- A memorial service without the body being present can be held anywhere and allows time for careful planning with minimal expense.

## Funeral Advice You Can Trust

### Who are we?

FCAME is the local affiliate of the national nonprofit [Funeral Consumers Alliance](http://www.funerals.org), [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org). We serve Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Delaware.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and consist solely of volunteers.

Our mission is to provide the public with the information and advocacy they need to plan a funeral or memorial service that is meaningful, dignified and affordable.

We advocate for fair practices in the funeral industry through national and state legislation and regulation.

We monitor state regulatory bodies and submit testimony regarding legislative bills concerning the funeral industry and after-death care.

We are available for inquiries by email at: [info@mdfunerals.org](mailto:info@mdfunerals.org).

### What we provide

Our website includes a recent mortuary price survey for MD, DC, and DE.

It is also full of information on topics such as:

- funeral planning
- the pros and cons of prepaying for funerals
- eco-friendly choices for after-death care
- body donation
- financial resources
- where to turn for help resolving complaints
- common funeral myths
- home funerals
- your legal rights

We provide speakers free of charge for groups in our area, in person or by Zoom.

*FCAME does not have funds to provide any financial assistance in paying for funerals.*