



Funeral Consumers Alliance of North Central Florida, Inc (FCANCF)

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A not-for-profit organization, affiliated with The Funeral Consumers Alliance

<http://funerals.org>

Benefits of Membership:

Objectivity: Get information derived from local volunteers only interested in your complete understanding of end of life matters.

Savings: Plan for the most cost-effective funeral arrangements through use of a planning kit, cost surveys and online resources.

Caring: Give the gift of final arrangements to your loved ones, saving them stress and financial resources during their time of grief.

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of North Central Florida (FCANCF) was founded in 1972. It is one of more than 120 similar organizations throughout the United States, affiliated with the Funeral Consumers Alliance (FCA), 33 Patchen Road, South Burlington, VT 05403, phone (800) 765-0107, E-mail: fca@funerals.org. A list of affiliate organizations is found at <http://www.funerals.org/directry.htm>. This site is also linked to FCANCF's web site under Gainesville, Florida in the affiliate directory.

Affiliates have no attachment to the funeral industry or religious groups, and membership is open to all. Local membership in The Funeral Consumers Alliance of North Central Florida (FCANCF) is encouraged. Members receive a planning kit, membership card, and other local information, including a bi-annual newsletter and periodic price surveys. The local leadership is also involved in promoting end-of-life education through outreach to the community. Finally, it is possible to transfer membership between most affiliate organizations.

Membership in FCANCF, includes the pamphlet *Before I Go, You Should Know* with illustrations by Edward Gorey. This planning kit comes complete with a plastic package to store information and important documents in a refrigerator, essential to those who are confronted with the often stressful job of organizing a deceased person's life to prevent, among other things, identity theft.

A good many other resources are available directly from <http://funerals.org> and include:

- * Four-Step Funeral Planning: Where to Start When You Don't Know How to Start.
- * Paying Final Respects: Your Rights When Buying Funeral Goods and Services - a plain English guide to your rights. Don't die before you read this!
- * The funeral home's General Price List is your most important tool for understanding and controlling funeral costs How to Read A General Price List
- * Planning a Memorial Service
- * What you should know about embalming.
- * En espanol: Proceso de Embalsamar un Cadaver
- * What to do when death occurs away from home.
- * Green burial.
- * What is the difference between "viewing" and "visitation"?
- * A Tattoo in Time, Marian Haglund Juhl's answer for the "Do Not Resuscitate" dilemma.
- * Monumental Manipulation revealed by an inside.
- * Veterans' Funeral and Burial Benefits (the most comprehensive listing around)
- * What's your Funeral I.Q.?
- * Beat the High Cost of Funerals , Benefits of Membership in a Funeral Consumer Group
- * What is the difference between a "cremation society" and a "memorial society"?
- * 12 Reasons People Spend "Too Much" for a Funeral
- * Affordable Options, A Guide to Funeral Planning
- * Ten Tips for Saving Funeral \$\$
- * Understanding the Tricks of the Funeral Trade: Self-Defense for Consumers
- * Death in One State, Burial in Another: How to Avoid Double Billing
- * Eco-friendly Funeral Choices
- * Body and Organ Donation , A Gift to Science
- * Cremation Explained - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- * How to Shop For a Simple Cremation
- * How to Inspect a Crematory for above-board operation.

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail address: _____

Regular Membership: a donation of \$25 (\$35 includes spouse and children under 18) \$ _____

Family membership names: _____

Transferring membership from another FCA affiliate (\$10 donation) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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