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## **Cremation costs in Atlanta: How to save money arranging a cremation**

Cremation is becoming a preferred funeral option for families across the U.S. today, and even in Atlanta cremation is now being chosen by more families. The Cremation Association of North America (CANA) and Industry watchdogs cite cost as one of the primary reasons why more of us are opting for cremation. This is quite understandable considering that *cremation costs around a third, if not a quarter, of the cost of a traditional burial*, and at a time when more families are struggling financially.

This article aims to explain what your options are if you are considering a cremation service in Atlanta, what costs to expect for cremation and how to save costs on a funeral.

### [How much does a cremation cost in Atlanta?](#)

This is the question that many families turn to the Internet to find out. It may be that you have no idea how much cremation is, or you have already been quoted a price for cremation and want to know whether this is a fair price.

***A cremation can cost anywhere between around \$795 and \$3,500 depending upon the type of cremation service you select, and the cremation service provider who serves you.*** There are budget cremation providers who specialize in offering simple and affordable cremation services, and many of these keep their costs down by arranging everything by phone or online. They offer direct cremations for between \$795 and \$1,295. Then there are the larger funeral homes (with a greater overhead) that will generally charge between \$2,000 – \$3,000 for direct cremation.

### [What type of cremation service can I have?](#)

There are 3 main types of cremation service – a funeral service followed by cremation, a cremation with a memorial service (generally after the cremation and with the cremation urn present) or a direct cremation, which is a cremation without any ceremony. You can also customize a cremation service to suit your needs.

### [Do I need a casket for a cremation service?](#)

No, you do not need a casket for a cremation as it is not incinerated with the body. All that is required by law is a suitable combustible cremation container. This is usually a cardboard or plywood box. If you are holding a funeral service before the cremation and wish to have the deceased laid out in a casket, some funeral service providers in Atlanta offer rental caskets for this purpose.

The fact that you do NOT need a casket is one of the reasons why a cremation can be so much cheaper than a burial, and a way to keep the funeral costs down.

## What is the cheapest cremation I can arrange?

[The most economical cremation you can arrange is a direct cremation.](#) This is the term given by the funeral industry to a basic cremation. This is a cremation without any services and where the cremated remains are generally returned in a temporary urn. Of course, you can choose to add a ceramic or wooden urn to a direct cremation package for an additional charge, or you can purchase your own cremation urn for the crematory to deposit the ashes into.

A direct cremation is still a very dignified disposition of remains. Crematory regulations and practices must be adhered to, and the deceased is treated with the same procedures and dignity as he/she would be for any other funeral service.

## Can I still have a memorial service if I opt for a direct cremation in Atlanta?

Yes certainly. More families are choosing to opt for direct cremation and then conduct a memorial service or ash-scattering service at a later date. You can have a memorial service at whatever venue you choose, it does not have to be a funeral home or chapel. In fact, as Life Celebrations become more popular for funeral services, more families are opting to personalize a memorial service, and conduct services themselves or with the assistance of a funeral celebrant.

## Comparing cremation costs in Atlanta

At US Funerals Online we believe every family should be able to compare cremation costs between cremation service providers without feeling that it is undignified to inquire about cremation prices. We also believe that you should be able to arrange a simple cremation for a low cost and not spend unnecessarily on funeral costs. You should be mindful that the same cremation service can be priced differently from different cremation providers.

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**If you have the immediate need of a low-cost cremation service, call now on (404)\_739-4924**, or call with any questions about preplanning a simple cremation today.

## Make your own memorial tributes to keep funeral costs down

Making your own memorial tributes not only keeps costs down, but it can also be a super way to really personalize a tribute. We have a detailed article '[How to create your own memorial tributes](#)' which thoroughly discusses how you can make your own prayer cards, candles, memory boards, and other memorial stationery and tribute ideas.

Cremation offers an inexpensive, dignified and versatile funeral alternative. You can save thousands of dollars on the cost of a traditional burial, plus there are numerous options with what you can do with the cremated remains instead of interment. Cremated remains can also be transported anywhere in the continental USA using the United States Postal Service for between \$50.00 – \$75.00.

Check out our section on 'Cremation' in our Funeral Resources to read more articles about cremation, ash scattering, and memorialization.

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