

Program Title

“The Ethics of Final Disposition”

1 CEU

Interactive Lecture

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE

This educational seminar, “**The Ethics of Final Disposition**” is designed for all funeral professionals to consider the role of ethics in funeral service in general, and specifically the role of final disposition. What role does the funeral director play in determining the family’s method of final disposition? Should we suggest forms of final disposition? Should we suggest cemeteries to the family?

1 contact hour

Course objectives: Attendees will learn the definition the definition of ethics. The course will then go on to discuss why ethics is important for funeral service personnel. Some issues for discussion will include: How can we capably serve families in times of rising cemetery prices? Should we offer green burials? Should we steer away from cremation?

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Course Outline:

- I. Introduction of Speaker and Topic
- II. Defining ethics
- III. What is the place of ethics in funeral service?
- IV. How does ethical behavior impact final disposition?
 - A. Pricing including overtime options
 - B. availability of cemeteries
- V. A review of methods of final disposition
 - A. Cremation
 - i. Resomation
 - ii. Promession
 - B What follows cremation
 - i. Scattering
 - ii. Enurnment
 - iii. Burial with other remains
 - iv. Burial at sea
 - v. Send me to the moon, please

vi. Abandoned cremains

B. Burial: the good, the bad and the ugly

C. Entombment

D. Green burials

VI. The price driven funeral

A. Are we responsible for presenting the most cost-effective options?

B. Medicaid and welfare

VII. Case studies

VIII. Questions and Answers

IX. Conclusion