

Funeral Consumers Alliance of CNY

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To join The Funeral Consumers Alliance, please detach this form and mail it to us with your check in the amount of \$30.00 for an individual lifetime membership.

Application Date: _____

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

If you would like to receive pamphlets about any of the following topics, please check the corresponding item and enclose a self-addressed-stamped envelope:

- Cremation
- Earth Burial
- Body/organ/tissue donation
- Death away from home

An even larger array of informational pamphlets can be found at

www.funerals.org

Please let us know if you would be interested in serving with us as a volunteer.

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HOW TO JOIN

- Complete the attached application and mail it to the address shown on the form.
- Include a check for the one-time membership fee.
- You will receive written material and an instruction form to record your wishes for your final arrangements.
- You will also receive a card that identifies you as a member.

It is most important that your next of kin understand and accept your choices. PLEASE, discuss your choices with your family and loved ones.

AFTER YOU JOIN

- ❖ Make your plans and decisions!
- ❖ Share your plans and decisions with your loved one!
- ❖ Communicate, talk about it and make sure that your family and loved ones understand the choices you have made and why.

These important decisions should not be left to someone else after you are gone.

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FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE of Central New York



Planning ahead for an end of life process that is

- ❖ DIGNIFIED
- ❖ MEANINGFUL
- ❖ AFFORDABLE

FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF CNY

FCA of CNY, formerly The Syracuse Memorial Society, is a not-for profit consumer education and advocacy association.

The Organization's purpose is to educate, encourage, and assist people as they plan their own after-death arrangements. What do **you** want done with your body, and what kind of final service would **you** prefer?

Answering these questions requires decisions and communication. Too often, these are left until a time of sorrow, confusion, and potential family conflict.

The Organization recommends that you make your own decisions now, thoughtfully, while you are still in good health. The Organization further recommends pre-planning but not pre-paying.

To assist you, we provide information describing different after death options, and your legal rights.

The FCA of CNY is independent of the funeral industry and not affiliated with any religious group.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Planning forms and guidelines to be completed and shared with family, friends, and clergy, as appropriate.
- Forms and information concerning body or organ donation and other options.
- Consumer guides and pamphlets containing information about different kinds of end-of-life and final arrangements.
- Extensive price survey information for funeral and cremation services offered in our area is available online or upon request with a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Reciprocal membership benefits from other funeral consumer alliance organizations when traveling or moving.
- Newsletters with updated information on the activities of the organization as well as legal and funeral issues in New York
- FCA of CNY speaker's bureau available for your group meetings.
- Participation in Annual Meetings that elect board members and feature topics and speakers of national interest.
- Advocacy on your behalf for consumer-friendly funeral laws.

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A Nonprofit Funeral Consumer
Information Organization

FUNERAL CONSUMER AFFILIATION

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of CNY, Inc. is a member of The National Funeral Consumers Alliance. The FCA publishes many pamphlets and maintains an informative web page that provides useful information relative to after-death decisions. For more information, go to the website at www.funerals.org

If You Move from the Area

There are many memorial/funeral consumer societies in the United States, which usually accept a transfer of membership at no cost. You will find all of them listed state-by-state on the FCA website.



