

What is FCAP?

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton (FCAP) is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit, educational organization dedicated to promoting informed advance planning for funeral and memorial arrangements.

FCAP provides support, education, protection and advocacy that results in thoughtful, cost-effective arrangements that honor the deceased and affirm the lives of the living.

Why Do We Exist?

A funeral is a significant personal event, usually accompanied by strong emotions. It is also a business transaction, one of the most expensive a family makes. But, a funeral often catches people by surprise, leaving them vulnerable, emotional, and lacking the time and knowledge to make practical decisions.

Most funeral directors are honest, but some capitalize on consumers' lack of knowledge. Even well meaning professionals may not inform you of all options.

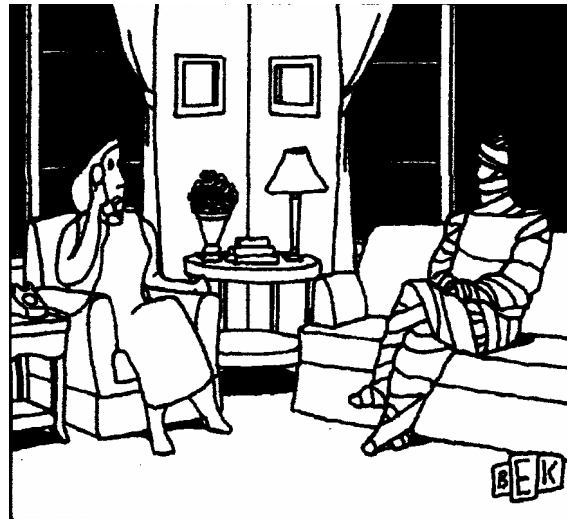
By providing clear and comprehensive information, FCAP educates and advocates for consumers, empowering them to make informed, thoughtful decisions about funeral plans before they are needed.

Speakers Bureau

Invite a highly knowledgeable and entertaining speaker to present *Plan Ahead and Rest in Peace* to your group free of charge. Contact info@fcaprinceton.org or 609-924-3320.

Membership Benefits

- ☞ A donation of \$25 (\$10 for each additional household member) entitles you to a new member packet that includes the workbook *Putting My House in Order*, an *Expression of Personal Wishes* form, advance directives and much more useful information.
- ☞ We maintain ongoing relationships with funeral directors who offer discounted prices to FCAP members.
- ☞ Members receive a subscription to our newsletter, invitations to lectures featuring nationally known and local speakers, and a periodic price survey of the area funeral homes.
- ☞ We maintain an information hotline to answer your questions about your options, selecting a funeral home, etc.
- ☞ Membership is transferable to affiliates across the country.



"Maybe I should have gone with cremation."

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- I enclose a \$25 donation for an individual membership (\$10 for each additional household member)
- I enclose a \$_____ donation for a person of limited means
- I enclose \$_____ as a fully tax deductible donation

Please make check payable to: The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton, Inc.
Mail to: 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Names: (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Did You Know?

- ☞ The average cost of a funeral is \$7,323 which doesn't include the price of the plot, cemetery fees, headstone, obituaries, etc.
- ☞ There are more than 600 funeral homes in NJ, but fewer than 300 could support the death rate.
- ☞ Since few people comparison shop, most don't know that funeral home prices vary greatly, even in the same town.
- ☞ If you go to a funeral home and ask about prices, the funeral director is required by law to give you a general price list (GPL).
- ☞ If you don't want a viewing or a service in a funeral home, you don't have to pick one that's nearby. This can mean big savings.
- ☞ Embalming is not required by NJ law.
- ☞ If you buy a casket online, the funeral home cannot charge you a handling fee.
- ☞ Most people never share their funeral wishes so family members are left to guess.
- ☞ A safe deposit box is not a good place to store your funeral wishes.

This is just a small sample of the information you can get from FCAP.

Incorporated in 1956, the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton, Inc., is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and a member of the national Funeral Consumers Alliance. There are over 100 affiliates across the country with whom we have reciprocal arrangements. Donations are fully tax deductible.

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Do You Know Your Rights?

We can help