

Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Finger Lakes

**Table 1. Funeral Price Survey 2023 Tompkins County & part of Cayuga County
Services and Merchandise Often Requested and Full Service Funeral Price Index†**

County and place	Funeral business and date on price list (a) Phone #	Services that include basic arrangements charge (b)				Merchandise: least expensive		Full service funeral price index (h)
		Direct cremation (c)	Direct burial (d,e)	Forward body (f)	Receive body (f)	Alternative container/casket (g)	Outer burial container	
Tompkins								
Dryden	Perkins 10 Feb. 2019 607-844-8161	2775 (2625)	3675 (3500)	3200	3200	125/1328	1270	6965
Groton	Shurtleff 27 Jan. 2023 607-898-3577	2250 (2175)	2275 (2200)	1575	1575	75/1050	1275	4790
Groton	Zirbel 21 May 2023 607-898-3867	1900 (1850)	1900 (1850)	1200 (1200) (i)	1200	50/850	850	3800
Ithaca	Bangs 25 May 2022 607-272-1922	2350 (2200)	4500* (3600)	2675 (F-1) 2750 (F-2)	3075(F1) 3150(F2)	140	1270	6315
Ithaca	HersonWagner 14 May 2023 607-272-2300	1400 (1380)	1380 +	3380 (1530) (i)	3345	20	NL	8355
Ithaca	Ithaca Cremation Service	Merged with	Herson Wagner					
Lansing	Lansing 1 Oct. 2022 607-533-8600	2785 (2590)	3190 (2995)	2590	2345	195/1495	1595	5605
Trumansburg	Ness-Sibley 22 Oct. 2021 607-387-8151	3030 (2865)	3030 (2865)	1785	1510	165/1195	1250	7025
Cayuga Cty.								
Moravia	Central New York Cremation Service (J) 06 June 2023 607-423-3830	1200 (1170)	2000 (1200)	Not offered (1200) (i)	Not offered	30/800	850	NA

NL: not listed. NA: not applicable.

Footnotes (Table 1)

† See Table 2 for the prices of individual services included in calculation of Full-Service Funeral Price Index.

(a) Price lists (GPLs) were obtained February–May, 2023, and were represented as current. The Perkins price list used is dated 2019. In the 2021 survey we used a Perkins price list dated 2021. However, in 2023 when we requested a Perkins price list for 2023, we were given the 2019 list. Using this 2019 list resulted in a higher Full-Service Funeral Price Index than using the 2021 price list because of the way the cost of a graveside ceremony is calculated.

Prices are subject to change without notice. Price lists, like any printed materials, are subject to typographical errors. See Footnote (d) for an error noted while preparing this survey.

(b) Basic arrangements charge is a non-declinable charge for business overhead, which is **listed in Table 2** and is added to the costs of any services chosen from those listed in Table 2.

(c) Includes alternative container for cremation. Price in parentheses applies if customer provides container. Price usually **does not** include crematory charge or a possible Coroner’s fee if the cremation is done in Pennsylvania (approx. \$300–450 for both), which appear as a cash advance on the funeral bill.

(d) Includes an alternative container or, if price is followed by *, a minimal casket. Price in parentheses applies if customer provides burial container.

The symbol + after the price for direct burial with the container provided by the client is used to draw attention to the fact that the price for direct burial with the container provided by the funeral home is missing in the price list. Given the stated price for an alternative container (\$20.00), the expected price for direct burial including an alternative container would be \$1,400. **If this price is of interest, the funeral home director should be consulted to confirm the price.**

(e) Add cemetery costs: plot, grave opening and closing, outer burial container (vault or grave liner) if required, and marker/monument.

(f) Forward body to, or receive body from, another funeral home. Shipping charge added if necessary for forwarding. Mileage charge added for ground transport beyond specified distances.

(f-1) Forward body to AND Receive body from Syracuse, NY.

(f-2) Forward body to AND Receive body from Rochester, NY.

(g) Single value indicates GPL combines prices for alternative containers and caskets, or that only one category was listed. Lowest value are likely alternative containers made of cardboard. The reader is advised to contact the funeral home for specifications of containers.

(h) The Full-service Funeral Price Index is obtained by adding up the prices for 8 commonly-used services: Basic arrangements, transfer of remains to funeral home, embalming, other preparation (dress, makeup), visitation/viewing, funeral ceremony, graveside ceremony, and hearse. Excluded: passenger vehicle, memorial service. Not considered: custodial care, casket, outer burial container, cemetery costs, flowers, guest book, death certificates, obituary and monument.

(i) This business also offers transportation of the body for donation to Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. Price for this service is shown in parentheses below the price for “Forward Body”.

In addition, for body and tissue donation **contact the medical facility before death** to set up a plan for donation. See www.fingerlakesfunerals.org *Anatomical Donation* for more details.

(J) A cremation service is a limited-service company that offers only direct cremation and possibly direct burial. It is a different business model from full-service funeral homes. All funeral homes offer direct cremation and direct burial. Full service funeral homes may offer several services that cremation services do not. Consult several businesses about their prices and services while you **plan ahead** for family funerals. **Do not wait until the need arises as there is no time then.**