

Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Finger Lakes

**Table 2 Funeral Price Survey 2023 Tompkins County & part of Cayuga County
Elements of Full-service Funerals and Full-service Funeral Price Index**

County and place	Funeral business and date on price list (a) Phone #	Basic arrangements charge (b)	Services to which basic arrangements charge is added									Full service funeral price index (i)
			Transfer remains to funeral home (c,d)	Embalming	Other prep. (dress, makeup)	Visitation / viewing (e,f)	Funeral ceremony (f)	Graveside ceremony (g)	Hearse (d)	Passenger vehicle (d,h)	Memorial ceremony (f)	
Tompkins												
Dryden	Perkins 10 Feb 2019 607-844-8161	2850	475	600	185	760	875	825	395	140	875	6965
Groton	Shurtleff 27 Jan 2023 607-898-3577	1695	395	575	165	460	700	450	350	150	575	4790
Groton	Zirbel 21 May 2023 607-898-3867	2000	NC	600	NC	400	400	400	NC	NL	400	3800
Ithaca	Bangs 25 May 2022 607-272-1922	2850	485	675	190	525	645	470	475	NL	645	6315
Ithaca	HersonWagner 23 May 2023 607-272-2300	530	850	2000	600	1400	1300	1050	625	75	1300	8355
Lansing	Lansing 1 Oct 2022 607-533-8600	1895	450	695	200	645	695	600	425	NL	695	5605
Trumansburg	Ness-Sibley 22 Oct 2022 607387-8151	1975	595	1375	290	735	985	695	375	NL	985	7025

NL: not listed or offered

Footnotes (Table 2).

(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.

(b) Basic Arrangements charge: A non-declinable charge for business overhead, added to the cost of services **other than** those shown in Table 1, where the Basic Arrangements charge is already included in the prices of the four services.

(c) Charge for extra staff, if needed, may be added.

(d) Mileage charges are added for transportation services beyond specified distances. Cost per mile varies among funeral homes and ranges from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per mile.

(e) Prices are per day or part thereof, unless specified otherwise. If visitation was priced at an hourly rate, the cost of a 2-hour period is shown.

(f) Includes supervision and facilities charges for events at funeral home.

(g) Total cost includes supervision and fee for set-up and use of equipment. This item is handled poorly in the price lists and makes it difficult for the customer to know the cost of a graveside ceremony. The funeral home should be asked to confirm the total cost of a graveside ceremony.

(h) The price listed is specifically for a passenger car, which is not listed (NL) in some of the price lists. This cost is excluded from the Full-Service Funeral Price Index.

(i) **Components of Full-Service Funeral Price Index include:** Basic arrangements, transfer of remains to funeral home, embalming, other preparation (dress, makeup), viewing, funeral ceremony, graveside ceremony, hearse. The prices for these 8 services are summed to obtain the Full-Service Funeral Price Index.

Excluded: Passenger vehicle, memorial service. Not considered: custodial care, casket, outer burial container, cemetery costs, flowers, guest book, death certificates, obituary.