

TIPS ON CREMATION/FUNERAL AND RITES AFTER THAT

One is never happy to see ones near and dear pass away but that is the end of our journey and is bound to happen hence it is better to be prepared for it and knowing what needs to be done.

On the death of your loved ones to prepare for the cremation the following needs to be done

- Get a death certificate from the Health Department
- Get a date and time of cremation from the funeral home

Then call the temple front desk at 925 449 6255 during temple hours which are

Mon to Thu 9 am to 12 non & 6pm to 8 pm, Fri to Sun 9 am to 8 pm

All priests do not perform the last rites.

In our temple there are a few who do it and depending on their availability front desk will give you their contact #.

The temple does not charge a fee from a devotee to assist in the funeral however the devotee needs to give the priest a Dakshina/Sambhavana which is up to them and not dictated by the temple.

Once the funeral rites are conducted there are some more rites that need to be performed which depends on the region from which the devotee hails and priests will explain this to the family.

The suggestion donation for an after funeral rites to the temple is \$ 151.00 per day. Dakshina/Sambhavana to priest is up to the devotee.

After devotee finalizes the finer details with the priest then they must call the front desk again and book his schedule. If this is not done it is possible the priest thinking that the devotee has gone to another priest gets himself booked for another puja.

Priest gives the list of items needed to perform the funeral as well as the other final rites after the funeral.

Important

- During the first 14 days after the death of a near one a devotee who is directly related to the deceased should not enter the temple
- If anyone else comes in physical contact with the direct grieving family then as per custom they need to shower and change their clothes
- Similarly, anyone going to attend a funeral is supposed to take a shower and change their clothes before they attend to any other chores.

Please keep in mind that Pinda Pradhanam cannot be conducted on temple premises including our HS sheds in the back, so this has to be conducted at home only.

Direct Family is defined as

- Parents
- Spouse
- Siblings
- Children