

**WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE, HANDLING, AND
FINAL DISPOSITION OF MY BODY AFTER DEATH**

These written instructions are intended to be followed by my spouse, life partner, loved ones, family, heirs, and the personal representative of my estate following my death and supersede any previous oral or written expressions of my after-death intentions. My right to make these instructions, and the obligation of others to honor my instructions, is recognized by the Legislature of the State of Florida in Sections 497.002(2) and 497.391(2), *Florida Statutes*, which provide, in part, that "... the Legislature finds that every competent adult has the right to control the decisions relating to her or his own funeral arrangements," and "Nothing in this chapter (Chapter 497) may be construed to override the written instructions or wishes of the deceased as to how her or his body is to be disposed of, if such instructions are reasonably available at the time of death."

It is my desire that I be given a "Home Funeral." I hereby designate _____ to serve as my "funeral director," to take possession of my body; to care for, handle, and provide transportation of my body during the period immediately following my death and continuing until the final disposition of my body as provided herein; and to otherwise do any and all things necessary to accomplish final disposition of my body via a Home Funeral. In the event the individual named above is unable or unwilling to serve as my "funeral director," I hereby designate _____ as my alternate "funeral director."

I direct that my designated "funeral director" comply with all state laws, regulations, rules and policies regarding Home Funeral, including, but not limited to, Chapter 382, *Florida Statutes*, Chapter 497, *Florida Statutes*, and all procedures set forth in the State of Florida Department of Health Vital Records Registration Handbook. In the event my designated "funeral director" is not familiar with all of the laws, regulations and procedures applicable to a Home Funeral, I direct that he or she consult with a knowledgeable individual or an organization such as the citizens group in Gainesville, Florida known as Final Friends.

My intention in making these instructions is that, following my death, my body shall be prepared for final disposition by my family, friends and loved ones, as opposed to a professional funeral director licensed under Chapter 497, *Florida Statutes*, and that the final disposition of my body is accomplished in a more traditional and natural manner, without embalming.

I hereby confer upon my "funeral director" the option and discretion to contract with a licensed funeral director to provide selected services on a limited basis -- for example, refrigeration services in the event it is not feasible for my final disposition to be accomplished within a reasonably short period of time following my death.

Other: _____

_____.

Witness Signature

Witness (Printed Name)

Signed _____

(Printed Name) _____

Dated _____