



What May Add to Your Funeral Costs

Most of these expenses are from third-party vendors

Service	Estimates
Obituary in newspaper or online service	\$250 to \$1,000 or more
Flowers from florist	Varies
Death Certificates	\$21-25 each
Body pickup outside business hours	\$0 to \$500
Delays causing more days in refrigeration	\$40 to \$100/day
Funeral services outside business hours	\$200 to \$500
Coroner transportation & storage fees, differ by county	Alameda, \$321 removal, plus \$83/day after 3rd day; Santa Clara is \$210 removal plus \$45/day; San Mateo, \$486 removal plus \$50/day and other fees; Contra Costa is \$267 removal fee plus \$45 or \$75 pouch; San Francisco, \$518 removal, \$55 pouch, and \$63/day after 48 hrs.; Marin, \$225 removal fee; Sonoma, \$100 removal.
State DCA fee	\$8.50; disposition permit, \$12; state sales tax on merchandise
Caterers/food costs	Varies
Renting reception or memorial space	Varies
Licensed scattering agent	\$150 up; with family present much higher
Minister	\$250 up
Organist, singer, musician	\$175 up
Airfare to ship body or U.S. mail for ashes; Consulate and notary fees if shipping to other country	Depends on destination
Limousine rental	\$200 up
Motorcycle escort to cemetery	\$200 each and up



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Crematory fee may not be included in the cost of cremation	\$300-\$400
Witnessed cremation may be extra	\$300 or so
At the cemetery	Vault or liner, \$1000 up; opening and closing of a grave, crypt, or niche. \$800 up; the cost of one person's right to be interred in that location, \$5,000 to \$15,000; perpetual care expense, 5 to 10% of grave cost; setting up a marker or monument, \$150 up; the marker or monument itself, \$165 up (free for veteran through V.A.).