Disposition of Human Remains

The following information is submitted in accordance with the reference requirements.

PART I: Name of Country:

Bermuda

PART II: U.S. Consulate Information:

U.S. Consulate Hamilton
Address: 16 Middle Road, Devonshire DV 03, Bermuda.
Phone:(441)335-3828
Fax: (441)295-1592
Email: hamiltonconsulate@state.gov

PART III: Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to Visitors:

Over 125 religious congregations on the Island practice almost twenty faiths. The largest denominations are Anglican (15.8 percent of the population), Roman Catholic (14.5 percent), and African-Methodist-Episcopal (AME) (8.6 percent). While still the predominant faith, the Anglican denomination has been declining, down from 45 percent in 1970. Also represented on the island are a growing Seventh-Day Adventist (6.7 percent), nondenominational (6.2 percent), Pentecostal (3.5 percent), Methodist (four percent), Church of God (1.6 percent), and Presbyterian (two percent). Groups that each constitute one percent or less of the population include the Baha’i, Baptist, Brethren, Ethiopian Orthodox, Jehovah’s Witness, Jews, Lutheran, Muslim, Rastafarian, Salvation Army, and other.

PART IV: Funeral Directors, Morticians and Related Services Available in the Host Country:

Disclaimer: The U.S. Consulate Hamilton, Bermuda assumes no responsibility or liability for the professional ability or reputation of, or the quality of services provided by, the following persons or firms. Names are listed alphabetically, and the order in which they appear has no other significance. Professional credentials and areas of expertise are provided directly by the funeral directors, morticians and other service providers.
Alpha Memorial Chapel  
16 Secretary Road  
St. Georges GE 01  
Tel: 24 hr. (441)335-1958  
Email: alphafuneralhome@gmail.com

Amis Memorial Chapels  
8 Khyber Pass  
Warwick WK 03  
Tel: (441)236-0155  
Fax: (441)236-4845  
Email: amismemorial@logic.bm

DH Augustus & Sons Funeral Home  
5 Elliott Street  
Hamilton HM HX, Bermuda  
Tel: (441) 292-5251  
Fax: (441)295-5285  
Cell: (441)334-7646  
Cell: (441)705-6566  
Cell: (441)535-0930  
Email: info@augustusfuneralhome.bm

Bulley-Graham Funeral Home  
32 Mount Hill  
Pembroke HM 09  
Tel: (441)292-3320  
Fax: (441)292-5589  
Cell: (441)335-5083  
Cell: (441)533-0233  
Email: bgfunerals@logic.bm
Part V: Profile of Services Available in the Host Country Regarding Preparation and Shipment of Remains:

**MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL**

Bermuda requires burial within 48 hours of death; however, this limitation is not enforced.

**EMBALMING**

Equal to the highest United States standard is available. There is no regulation governing this procedure. Bodies are embalmed as soon as possible.

**CREMATION**

Amis Bermuda Cremation Service is the one and only crematorium service available in Bermuda. The ashes are pulverized resulting in cremains that are the same size as cremains in the United States; cremains are placed in the same containers as used in the United States.

**CASKETS AND CONTAINERS**

Water-tight wooden shipping cases are obtainable locally. Hermetically sealed containers are available in cases of death from a communicable disease.

**EXPORTATION OF REMAINS**
A Police Clearance certificate releasing the body for shipment must be obtained in the case of all deaths. Bodies must be embalmed and placed in a water-tight casket or shipping case.

**COSTS**

A local burial can cost anywhere from $7500.00 to $10500.00 not including church, cemetery and other disbursements averaging $2500.00.

Preparation for shipment including transfer case is approximately $2450.00 plus airline charges averaging $550.00 to Canada. Separate charges apply from Canada to the U.S. based on U.S. final destination. The cost of a death certificate is $35.00 and overseas telephone calls are separate. The approximate charges are itemized as follows:

1. Removal from hospital to funeral home 450.00
2. Embalming 550.00
3. Documentation 275.00
4. Consultation on Arrangements and Professional Attendance 600.00
5. Funeral Coach to airport 250.00
6. Death Certificate 35.00
7. Water-tight wooden transfer case 500.00
8. Air Fare 550.00

*Approximate* cost for shipment to United States $3210.00

**EXHUMATION AND SHIPMENT**

Section 127 of the Bermuda Public Health (1949) states:

Subject as hereinafter provided, the Director, on application made to him, may grant permission by writing under his hand, subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose, for the
disinterment of the human remains of any person buried within Bermuda in order that such remains—

- may be cremated in Bermuda; or
- may again be buried at some other place within Bermuda; or
- may be removed out of Bermuda:

Provided that the Director shall not grant any such permission as aforesaid unless he is satisfied—

- that the applicant is by reason of kinship, connection by marriage or friendship with the deceased, or is by reason of any other grounds a fit and proper person to make the application; and
- that the disinterment can be effected without danger to the public health; and
- that having regard to all the circumstances of the case it is expedient to grant such permission.

**AUTOPSIES**

Most deaths of non-residents require an autopsy, performed at Bermuda Government expense.

Current exchange rate as of 9 January 2019: US $1.00 = B$1.00.