

## Funeral Arrangement Guide

1. Before a viewing and puja can be planned/scheduled.
  - a. The death must have occurred.
  - b. A legal pronouncement of death must be made by either a doctor, nurse, paramedic via telemetry or Medical Examiner.
  - c. A viewing *cannot* be scheduled when told that life support will be terminated.
  
2. The next step is meeting with the people/person who have the legal right to control the cremation.
  - a. New Jersey law is very strict pertaining to who can give permission for the cremation. Here is the list of who needs to give written permission for cremation.
    - i. Appointed funeral and disposition representative
    - ii. Surviving spouse
    - iii. Majority of adult (over 18) children
    - iv. Mother and/or father
    - v. Majority of the siblings.
  
3. Funeral arrangement conference is next. This is a time that those in charge meet with a licensed funeral director to obtain all the information needed to complete all paperwork to allow for cremation.
  
4. Lastly, getting a priest to perform the service at the funeral home. Coordinating priest availability with the funeral home schedule is very important.

### Antim Vidhi Kriya:

Once you have made preliminary arrangements with the funeral home, please contact ITA to see the priest availability by emailing: [PujaServices@indiatemple.org](mailto:PujaServices@indiatemple.org)

### Antim (Funeral) Sanskar Samagri List:

- Sandal/Chandan Wood Powder -5 gm or 1 small pack
- Kumkum -5 gm
- Abeer - Gulal - 5 gm each
- Ghee - 200 gm or 1 small bottle
- Milk - 50gm
- Til/Black Sesame Seed - 10 gm or 1 small pack



- Camphor/Kapur Goti - 1 pack
- Agarbati Package - 1
- Rice Flour (make 6 ball like when you make roti, using Rice Flour + Milk)
- Coconuts - 4 general
- Deep/Jot with Cotton Wicks 1
- Tulsi leaves – few
- Flower - 2 bunches (for Viewing you need extra flowers)
- Match Box - 1
- Ganga Jal some
- Small Piece of Gold to put in Deceased mouth (Optional)
- Bed Sheet (not be new) - 1
- Paper Napkin Roll - 1
- Aluminum Trays, medium size - 3
- Thali- 2
- Lota or Kalash 1
- steel/ metal glass 1
- Spoon 2

*Please Note: You may also add any personal items as per your family tradition to the above list.  
First, check the household items. Household items needed not be new*