

# Primary Next of Kin Authorization to Scatter Ashes

The undersigned authorizes Ashes on the Sea and/or its agents or employees to receive and scatter at sea the cremated remains (cremains) of:

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Full name of deceased

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Date of death

**Please read the following. If you are in agreement, fill out & sign below.**

1. I certify that I am the primary next of kin\* of the deceased, and have the legal right to make disbursement decisions.
2. I understand that the cremains of the above named will be scattered at sea at least 500 yards off the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ County.
3. I understand that once the cremains are scattered, that they are not recoverable. The obligation of Ashes on the Sea shall be limited to the disposition of the cremains as directed.
4. I agree that Ashes on the Sea and its owners, agents, employees, and business partners shall not be responsible for delay, damage, loss, theft, or circumstances beyond their control during transport of the cremains.
5. I understand that although Ashes on the Sea will give its best efforts to scatter cremains within sixty (60) days of receipt, weather or sea conditions, government regulations, or other factors may delay the planned disposition. I understand that I will be contacted if this is the case.

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Signature

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Date Signed

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Print name above

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Relationship to deceased

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Address

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City

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State

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Zip

**Instructions: 1)** Fill out this form by hand or online, **2)** Print, Sign & Date, **3)** Make a copy for your records, and **4)** Send this form along with either the death certificate (original or certified), OR the California Burial Permit with correct disposition to Ashes on the Sea, PO Box 710693, San Diego CA 92171. If you have any questions, please call toll-free 858-277-2799 or send an email to [anya@ashesonthesea.com](mailto:anya@ashesonthesea.com).

**\* Primary Next of Kin according to law is in order as follows:**

(1) An agent under a durable power of attorney for health care executed pursuant to Division 4.7 (commencing with Section 4600) of the Probate Code.

(2) The competent surviving spouse.

(3) The sole surviving competent adult child of the decedent, or if there is more than one competent adult child of the decedent, the majority of the surviving competent adult children. However, less than one-half of the surviving adult children shall be vested with the rights and duties of this section if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving competent adult children of their instructions and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of more than one-half of all surviving competent adult children.

(4) The surviving competent parent or parents of the decedent.

If one of the surviving competent parents is absent, the remaining competent parent shall be vested with the rights and duties of this section after reasonable efforts have been unsuccessful in locating the absent surviving competent parent.

(5) The surviving competent adult person or persons respectively in the next degrees of kindred. If there is more than one surviving competent adult person of the same degree of kindred, the majority of those persons. Less than the majority of surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred shall be vested with the rights and duties of this section if those persons have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred of their instructions and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of one-half or more of all surviving competent adult persons of the same degree of kindred.

(6) The public administrator when the deceased has sufficient assets.