

# BASIC FUNERAL EXPENSES



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How Much to Set Aside



## Burial Rings



## Burial Shrouds



# Basic Funeral Costs

There are some specific things that you, as a Bahá'í, may wish to consider when planning for your final expenses, such as burial shrouds and burial rings, as well as how you want your preparation to be handled. There are some Bahá'ís who have experience with washing and wrapping techniques, but most people will need help with this from the mortuary. Mortuary staff are experienced in providing this type of service. It may not be exactly the way that Bahá'ís do it, but it is certainly adequate.

## Burial Rings

You can obtain burial rings from several sources. They range in price from \$11.95 and up, but average about \$30.00. These rings can be purchased from Forlora (<http://www.forlora.com>), from Tahirih.org (<http://www.tahirih.org>)

*Burial rings should be purchased ahead of time so that they will be available when needed, as it could take several days or more to receive the ring.*

## Burial Shrouds

There is only one place, currently, that you can get Bahá'í Burial Shrouds—from Folora (<http://www.forlora.com>). These shrouds range in cost, depending on whether you go with silk or cotton. Both comply with requirements for Bahá'ís. Here is the cost breakdown:

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- Silk: \$395.00
- Cotton: \$295.00
- 100% Natural Cotton: \$295.00

It may be a good idea to order these ahead, too, when it is known that you or your loved one will pass soon. However, Folora is very good about immediately shipping their shrouds, and they usually arrive very quickly.

## SKY CASKETS



\$895.00 and  
Free Shipping  
20 Gauge Steel



\$990.00 to  
\$2,690.00  
Solid Hardwood



\$4,090.00 to  
\$17,890.00  
Solid Mahogany

## CASKETS.COM



\$695.00 and  
Free Shipping  
20 Gauge Steel



\$980.00 and  
Free Shipping  
20 Gauge Steel



Hardwood



Steel

## CASKETS

There is a great price range for caskets. What you never want to do is to purchase one from the mortuary, as this will nearly double the price, or more. You can order a casket online from many distributors. Most ship for free and most ship overnight directly to the mortuary. To comply with Bahá'í laws, you will need a hardwood or steel casket. Steel has a crystalline structure, so it falls under the category of crystal. Steel is the most economical — the cost begins at about \$690.00

## Gauge

You will also want to notice the gauge of steel when ordering a steel casket. Most of them are 18 and 20 gauge. You will not want one that is less than that.

## Floral Sprays

The cost of flowers varies widely according to personal preferences. However, you will need to spend about \$200 for a nice floral spray to put on top of the casket.





## FUNERAL HOMES, MORTUARIES AND CEMETERIES

Since Bahá'ís must be buried within one hour's traveling distance from where they pass, there is little benefit in purchasing a burial plot ahead of time. You can select a community cemetery or a national cemetery, if a veteran or the spouse of a veteran. There is no cost for burial in a national cemetery. Burial packages in community or private cemeteries range in cost from \$3,295.00 to \$5,195.00 in this area. You should carefully review what services you will be receiving, as not all of them are necessary.

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## TOTAL FINAL COST FOR A MODEST BURIAL

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Shroud        | \$395.00          |
| Ring          | 30.00             |
| Casket        | 1,200.00          |
| Flowers       | 200.00            |
| Funeral Home  | 4,500.00          |
| Cemetery      | 3,500.00          |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$9,825.00</b> |

*It would be best to set aside \$10,000 to \$12,000 for your final expenses and if relatives will need assistance to attend the funeral, somewhat more.*



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