

PRODUCT AND PROCESS

Central to our system is the high-quality stainless steel identification bracelet. We made painstaking efforts to find the highest quality material for our bracelets. It is 14 inches long and half an inch wide, designed to be placed around the ankle of the deceased. A unique tracking number is embossed into the steel, providing a permanent identification marker never to be duplicated on another bracelet. The ends of the bracelet self-lock, allowing only for tightening. The product can never be loosened or removed. Equally as important is the fact that the bracelet can withstand temperatures within normal crematory operating conditions, ensuring that it will endure the cremation process.

The strategic design of the bracelet is complemented by the Universal Identification System process, which includes:

- Copies of a certificate listing the unique tracking number and decedent's name being distributed to the funeral home, crematory and family of the deceased.
- Bracelet being placed in the urn along with the cremated remains.
- An adhesive label listing the tracking number and decedent's name to be placed on the casket/alternative container.
- Funeral director inspection to ensure that the tracking numbers on the certificate and bracelet match.
- Urn being returned to the family of the deceased with full confidence and assurance that their loved one's remains were handled and processed correctly.



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WHAT IT IS



U.S. Patent # 6948271

The Universal Identification System is a patented process that provides permanent identification records for the bodies of the deceased, from the place of removal through cremation or burial. This unique system was devised by the three partners at Innovative Supply, Inc., to prevent the tragic misplacement or misidentification of the deceased.

We created this process in response to disheartening news stories such as the instance in 2002, when authorities in Georgia were faced with identifying the remains of hundreds of bodies that had not been properly handled and processed by the Tristate Crematory. Some of the remains had been there as long as two decades.

Since you can't always prevent people from perpetrating abuses such as this, we felt it was crucial to at least have a nearly-foolproof system in place to make it easier to rectify these sad situations. The Universal Identification System is just that. Furthermore, it is a cost-effective solution that funeral homes can offer their families to instill confidence from the beginning of the relationship.



PROOF IT WORKS

We already have many satisfied funeral home clients, who in turn, have many satisfied customers of their own due to the effectiveness of the Universal Identification System.

“I started using the Universal Identification System about a year ago, and I think it is the best thing a funeral director can do to give his families and himself peace of mind to assure that the right ashes go to the right family. The minor expense is well worth the peace of mind, and the proof which could avoid a possible lawsuit.”

– *Bob Pike, Funeral Director/Owner, AFCS, Inc., Boscarwen, NH*

“We are pleased with the Universal Identification System. We have received very positive feedback from the families we serve and institutional staff members. They appreciate the peace of mind provided by the Universal Identification System.”

– *Richard E. Daniels, Daniels Family Funeral Home*

“After approximately 1,750 cremations, we are delighted with our choice to begin using the Universal Identification System. Allowing the family to personally attach the I.D. bracelet with numbered disk to their loved one begins the process of closure for the family. The supporting documentation along with the stickers that are attached to the alternative container or casket has proven to be very positive assurance to the families that the cremated remains they receive are those of their loved one. We are very satisfied with the system.”

– *Howard R. Marshall, Vice President Greenwood-Mount Olivet-Arlington Funeral Homes, Fort Worth, Texas*

“Beyond the Universal I.D.'s function of ensuring accountability, we have witnessed how this system has exceeded the expectations of our client families, demonstrating our total commitment to their peace of mind.”

– *Alexander Scott, Duksa Family Funeral Home of CT*



WHEN THE UIS SHOULD BE USED AND WHO BENEFITS

The Universal Identification System should be offered to families by every funeral home and ideally should be utilized to track every deceased person. There is simply no reason to leave proper identification, when either cremation or earth burial will be the means of final disposition, to chance.

Our loved ones only get one final resting place, and our process ensures that it will be the correct one. The Universal Identification System could also be helpful in instances such as natural disasters, or other instances where there could be mass casualties.

Everyone involved benefits from having the Universal Identification System as an option. Funeral homes and crematories reduce their liability exposure and are able to establish confidence and trust with their families. Those families, in turn, have the peace of mind of knowing that the remains of their loved ones have ended up in the proper hands and the final resting place is secured.