

Directive for Sikh Funeral Rites & Memorial Wishes

Important Note: Funeral and cremation wishes should **not** be placed solely in a Will or Codicil, as Wills are usually read weeks after the funeral. To ensure your wishes are honored immediately, include this language in a standalone **Disposition of Remains Directive** or **Healthcare Advance Directive**, and give a copy directly to your family and chosen funeral home.

Sample Language for Funeral Directives:

"I direct that my earthly remains be handled in accordance with Sikh traditions and cremated within three (3) days of my death, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable under applicable state or local law. I request that my designated Agent and family work with Sikh Dharma International [or local Gurdwara] to ensure proper Japji Sahib, Ardas and Kirtan Sohila are read. "