

July 28, 2023

Funeral Alternatives of Washington

455 North Street SE

Tumwater, Wa. 98501

Attn: Rebecca Harris: Funeral Director

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Dear Rebecca,

Thank you so much for your prompt response in supplying Death Certificate and burial permit on Hugo Brodin.

As yet, I have no luck in contacting Jacob Donovan re: a death certificate for his grandmother, Loretta Brodin who passed away in Grays Harbor County on May 4, 2009.

We will need a copy of her death certificate and a burial permit for her as she was authorized by St. Johns Board to be placed in the coffin with her husband Hugo Brodin by your funeral director. Jacob was told those instructions.

The second urn that was evidently placed in the coffin at the same time is unknown to us. We would not have permitted this.

Have been trying to contact Jacob re this issue since June 24, 2023 with no response. St. Johns need a death certificate and burial permit for Loretta Brodin whose urn was authorized to be interred with her Husband Hugo Brodin, placed in said coffin by Funeral Director of Funeral Alternatives of Washington who handled arrangements for burial.

St. Johns Board had no discussion about a 2<sup>nd</sup> urn to be placed in Hugo Brodin's coffin with Mr. Donovan. It was asked and authorized for the urn of his grandmother to be placed by the funeral director in her Husband's coffin.

It was learned after the burial had taken place from Mr. Donovan that a second urn had also been placed in the coffin. We have no information regarding the contents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> urn.

My question is who placed the 2<sup>nd</sup> urn in the coffin? Where are the death certificates and burial permits for Loretta Brodin and the unknown urn. U would appreciate any help and information you can shed on this.

You told me in a phone call that Jacob Donovan came to your funeral home with two urns, did he provide any information at that time? Is it your practice to place urns in a coffin without the presence of a death certificate? Hopefully Jacob will respond to us soon and provide us with the death cert. of his grandmother Loretta Brodin and same for the unknown urn and the relationship of unknown to the Brodin's and the Wishkah Valley. St. Johns Cemetery has strict rules as to who is permitted to be buried there. It is not a public cemetery, it was formed in Feb. 8, 1910; on 3 ½ acres of land donated by Mr. and

Mrs. Miecystow and Francis Gorski, the cemetery to be held in trust with a stipulation only residents or persons with Valley affiliation are to be buried there. This is on file with the County of Grays Harbor. The cemetery is voluntarily maintained and operated by the Board of Directors and Valley residents.

Hopefully, we'll hear from Jacob soon and clear this up. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Urn should not have been placed in Hugo's coffin without authorization and prior identification re a death certificate. Without that knowledge placement of the second urn would not have been allowed.

Sincerely

Kay Busz

Sec.-Treas.-Sexton Records

Dear Kay,

I did some research and was able to get copies of the death certificates from the mortuary that cremated Loretta and Beverly. I included the death certificates in here. We cannot get access to the permits as cremation is the final disposition and they are turned into the state after cremation. Hope this helps but that is all I am able to obtain as a permit is not required for urn burials.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RH' followed by a long horizontal line.

Rebecca Harris