

Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge

Dedicated to Informed End-of-Life Decisions

Programs available for any group – any size. We can provide a program for any day of the week and any time of the day. We tailor our remarks to your group. Our mission is one of providing accurate information to the community.

1. Shop before you Drop - Comparison of prices and services of the funeral homes in our five-county area and beyond.
2. Alternative funeral practices
3. Dust to Diamonds, non-traditional choices for body disposition
4. Going out Green, environmentally friendly burial
5. Why I want to die from cancer, views from a former hospice nurse
6. Death on a Dime – how to avoid getting stiffed
7. Cremation – From start to finish
8. Home Funeral, one family's experience
9. Memorial societies and the Funeral Consumers Alliance movement
10. Body and organ donation
11. Preplanning, not pre-paying your final arrangements
12. Death away from home
13. Death Outside the Box – Virginia laws and caring for your own
14. Surveys of area cemeteries and funeral homes
15. How to select a funeral home
16. Write your own obituary
17. *Two Weeks* – 99 minutes-DVD (Four adult siblings return to their dying mother (Sally Field) with special feature *Learning to Live Through Dying*)
18. *Strangers in Good Company* – 105 minutes-DVD (film examining questions of life, aging, death)
19. *Lasting Images: Alternatives to Traditional Burial* - 52-minutes – DVD (examines ways to remember and honor the dead)



About our organization

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge is affiliated with the national Funeral Consumers Alliance. We are a completely voluntary organization with no connection to the funeral industry. We are a consumer group dedicated to ensuring informed choices. In addition, we are prepared to provide information about Virginia law and other information useful in dealing with end-of-life decisions.

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