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## New State Law on Final Disposition

On August 2, 2006 a new state law was implemented that establishes a “hierarchy” of individuals who have the legal right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person if instructions are not provided in the deceased person’s will. In addition, the bill creates a legal structure that allows someone to formally designate/appoint another person (an agent) to control the disposition of the deceased’s remains. This includes some very important legal and practical “ground rules” for funeral service and consumers in New York State, including:

- A State next of kin hierarchy law specifically to determine who has the legal right to control a person’s disposition, in the following descending order:

- \*Final disposition agent\* (Person designated in a written instrument by the decedent)

- \*Spouse

- \*Domestic Partner (registered or otherwise documented as a recipient of employee benefits or other documentation of “mutual intent”)

- \* Children 18 or older

- \*Parents

- \*Siblings 18 or older

- \*Guardian (appointed)

- \*Fiduciary (Executor)\*\*

*\*Final Disposition agent- An agent is a person who the future decedent trusts to carry out his or her final disposition instructions after death. The agent must be appointed using an agent designation form.*

*Walker Funeral Home has the agent designation forms that can be downloaded at [www.walkernf.com](http://www.walkernf.com)*

*\*\* “Grandfathering” of current wills that designate a person to control final disposition remain in effect, unless a written instrument is subsequently completed; new wills may be used as well, but either can be superseded by an “agent designation form”*

*Please contact the funeral home if any questions or if you would like the forms sent to you.*

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