



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738



Dear Interested Party:

Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your loved one. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is honored to have the opportunity to provide a final resting area for the remains of your loved one; however, there are a few guidelines which need to be outlined before scattering any remains.

First, there are no fees connected with scattering cremains in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but it is necessary to obtain permission pursuant to 36 CFR 2.62(b). ***This letter serves as that permission, subject to the following conditions:***

- A copy of this letter must accompany the person performing the scattering as this letter serves as the physical authorization needed to permit the activity.
- The chosen site must be no less than 300 feet from any buildings, towers, or historic sites, including historic structures and cemeteries.
- The chosen site must be no less than 150 feet away from other developed areas, e.g. roads, trails, campgrounds and picnic areas, as well as 150 feet from a stream or other watercourse.
- The ashes must be scattered and not deposited in any type of container. Cremains may not be buried even without a container. The identifying tags and the containers in which the ashes are packaged by the crematory must be disposed of outside the park.
- No marker or memorial of any sort may be placed or left at the site. The placement or planting of real or artificial flowers, memorial trees, brass markers, wooden crosses, etc. is prohibited.
- No birds, butterflies, or objects, either natural or artificial, may be released in conjunction with the scattering of cremains within the national park.
- Cremation must be accomplished in accordance with state law.

Please remember that the site must be the appropriate distances from developed areas, waterways, and historic structures. We appreciate that you sought permission to scatter the ashes of your loved one and are humbled to be able to grant the wishes of those who have cared so much for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Sellars
Superintendent