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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection includes materials about the founding and organization of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge (FCAVBR), FCAVBR Cemetery and Funeral Home Surveys for 2003 and 2004, Checklist for Survivors, Pre-Planning Form for an individual's wishes and final arrangements, and the packet "Before I Go, You Should Know: My Funeral and Final Plans." The collection also includes a number of brochures prepared by the FCAVBR, including "How to Plan a Memorial Service," "Beat the High Cost of Funerals," "Recycle Your Medical Devices," and other topics related to death, grief, and funeral decisions.

Creator

Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge

Extent

0.25 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge began in January 2001 with six members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, Virginia. The organization made a conscious effort to branch out and not be associated with any denomination. The group is committed to providing information about end-of-life planning to anyone who requests it. The FCAVBR is a volunteer group. It is committed to fostering a cooperative working relationship with the community, including businesses dealing with end-of-life.

Scope and Content

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge Papers include materials helpful to individuals and families of individuals wishing to make their own choices related to death, funerals, and final plans. Materials have been prepared by the FCAVBR, which is concerned with helping individuals do their own end-of-life planning. It includes a Checklist for Survivors as well as "A Guide for My Survivors." The collection also contains a packet which individuals may prepare to let their individual funeral and final plans be known. It includes survey results for 2003 and 2004 FCAVBR surveys relating to costs for services of over 30 cemeteries and 27 funeral homes in the Virginia Blue Ridge area. The collection also contains over 30 brochures dealing with various topics associated with death and dying and funeral plans, such as "How to Plan a Memorial Service, "A Guide to Funeral Planning," "Organ & Body Donation," Viewing and Visitation," and "What You Should Know About Embalming. The brochures endeavor to help individuals make informed decisions regarding their final and funeral plans.

Related Materials

Special Collections and University Archives also has the newsletter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge (call number GT3203.F86 Spec Large) in the Rare Book Collection.

Keywords

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject matter.

Description of Subordinate Components

Background Material

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Pre-Planning Forms

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

"Before I Go, You Should Know: My Funeral and Final Plans" packet

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Cemetery and Funeral Home Surveys

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Brochures

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