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Dear Applicant:

The purpose of the Indigent Burial Program is to provide a dignified cremation for persons who die and have no resources to pay for the interment costs at the time of death.

Please fill out the enclosed application, and gather the supporting documentation for each next of kin—surviving spouse, parent(s), siblings, and adult child(ren).

E-mail the paperwork to [indigentburial@mobilecountyal.gov](mailto:indigentburial@mobilecountyal.gov) or fax to (251) 574-5080.

The County Administrator's Office will review the indigent status of the individual as well as the financial status of immediate family members according to the procedures of the Mobile County Commission. Once I verify indigence and approve the application, I will contact Serenity Funeral Home for arrangements. It will take 24-48 hours to decide.

Please note the following details regarding the Indigent Burial Program:

- The decedent must have died in Mobile County.
- Unless prohibited by religious statute, decedent will be cremated.
- The County does not provide for subsidization of privately arranged funerals.
- The County bases eligibility on federal poverty guidelines.
- I will review insurance, income, property, and assets to determine eligibility.
- Lack of life insurance or a burial policy does NOT constitute indigence.
- A decedent who has a prepaid burial plan, burial plot, or burial insurance benefits is not eligible for an indigent burial.

Sincerely,

Barbara T. Smith  
Indigent Burial Program  
Mobile County Commission Administration