

**To: Board of Directors,  
The Islamic Cemetery,  
On Hedden Road  
Harrison County, Indiana**

Date: November 15, 2007

Re: Burial rules in Indiana

Gentleman:

For the request of the newly elected Board of the Directors of I.C.I, I met with Mr. George Bradley the General Manager of the Kraft Funeral Services at his office in New Albany, Indiana on 11/14/07, to inquire, inquest and learn about the current burial rules and regulations in the State of Indiana.

Mr. Bradley advised that at this point there are no specific rules and regulations to prevent someone from his religious practice, rituals and requirements!

The following is the outline of our meeting.

Question:

Can a person be buried without a box or any kind of containers?

Answer:

Yes. The box etc. is used to prevent the grave's settlement only. There are no Sate regulations or rules as such to make the use of a container mandatory in Indiana!

Question:

Can a person be buried without a coffin or even in a cardboard coffin?

Answer:

Yes, even a person can be buried directly to the ground, without anything. However, we recommend some kind of protective box to cover up the body of a deceased person.

Question:

How deep should a person be buried?

Answer:

State of Indiana requires that there should be a least 24 inches of dirt / soil above the body! And that is an issue which is mandatory!

Question:

How about the lower land, where the water table is high?

Answer:

We recommend the use of a concrete box or a nonporous container. Again this is not a compulsory requirement!

Mr. Bradley mentioned that one of their existing funeral home in Louisville area provides services for the Muslim folks and he is aware of the specific requirements of Muslim burial. His ultra modern Graceland facility located in Charleston Road, New Albany might offer the same services if needed? He will make an assessment for this matter soon and he is going to prepare a list of the options with different cost categories and will mail it to my address before the Board's next meeting in December.

Mr. Bradley's Phone no. is 945-6181. I told him that Dr. I. Syed the Chairman of Services Committee might call him in the future?

The above is the answer to questions regarding the burial rules and regulations in State of Indiana. I thought you might want to know.

Sincerely,

Zahir Toba