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Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge



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Consideration:

Exploring green burial options for our area. More in an upcoming newsletter.

Annual meeting, Sept. 14

The annual meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 7:00 P.M., at the Virginia Tech YMCA, 1000 North Main Street in Blacksburg. Trev Smith will recount his experiences in providing a home funeral and burial. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the public program. Bring a guest and come for an informative evening.

A brief business meeting to elect three Board of Trustee members will follow the program. The Board of Trustees also serves as the corporation's Board of Directors. The nominating committee composed of Franklyn Moreno, Dick Luke, and Paula Markham proposes this slate for the term to run through 2012.

Jo Burroughs
Judy Campbell
Harriett Cooper

Stay for refreshments and conversation after the meeting.
The meeting is open to the public and is free of charge.

Directions to YMCA

From I-81: Take the 118-B exit to Blacksburg. This is Rt. 460. Follow the signs to Virginia Tech. Go past the Virginia Tech exit, which is the first traffic light you come to on 460. Take the next exit Prices Fork TOWARD DOWNTOWN. Stay on this street until it ends at a T junction. There is a Wendy's on the right. Stay in the left or middle lanes because you turn left at the T junction which is Main Street. Go north on Main for about two blocks. The Y is on the right next to a Citgo gas station.

Home Funeral, a family undertaking

Trev Smith, a member of FCAVBR, will share his experience of providing a home funeral and burial for his mother. There will be a question and answer session after his talk.

With increasing interest in home funerals and green burials, this is sure to be a fascinating and informative program.

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Revised Advance Medical Directive available

The Virginia General Assembly passed a new Advance Medical Directive, effective July 1, which allows for health care decisions. The new directive is twice as long because it includes more options including those for mental health care. It requires the signatures of two witnesses, but does not need a notary's verification.

Remember that an advance medical directive is invoked when you are incapable of making an informed decision. The new directive requires that every 180 days it must be determined if you are still incapable of making informed decisions. The new form also

makes it clear that the named agent "shall not make any decision regarding my health care which he knows, or upon reasonable inquiry ought to know, is contrary to my religious beliefs or my basic values, whether expressed orally or in writing."

If you have already named an agent, signed the old Virginia Advance Medical Directive, and feel that the old form covers your wishes, you need do nothing more. That is still a valid document.

The new form is available on the web:
<http://www.funerals.org/affiliates/fcavbr/pamphlet.htm>

Please call if you want a hard copy mailed to you.