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 Mahanoy City PA 17948
 Phone 570.205.1597 Fax 570.773.3711
Funeral Dove Release Service Order form
Fax to 570.773.3711

In addition to this fax, please notify Dave Truskowsky by phone at 570.205.1597
 (Leave message if no answer)

Funeral Home	Phone Number (Cell)	Name of Decedent
Day of Dove Release		Location of Release (Funeral Home, Cemetery, Cem. Chapel, Other)
Expected Time of Procession Arrival	Was Decedent a widow(er) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please list the name of the predeceased spouse : _____	
Of what Faith is the Decedent?	Note: We will play our music, unless the family provides Doves of White a CD with instructions. Will there be a CD with instructions from the family? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

If the release is going to take place somewhere other then the cemetery or funeral home, or if you want to add any additional information, please specify below.

Funeral / Memorial Service packages

- Additional charge of \$50 beyond 20 miles around Mahanoy City. (mileage usually determined via google maps ruler)
- Additional Doves will be added at your request at \$5 per Dove. (subject to availability)
- A delayed release will incur a cost of \$75 per hour (starting one hour after the scheduled release time)

Typical graveside release packages. 1.- 1or2 Doves \$150 2.- 1or2 followed by 3 (TRINITY RELEASE) \$175 3.- 1or2 followed by 10 \$250 For other ideas, call to confirm price.	Doves of White will always try to honor special requests. Please call to convey any special wishes. *Note: Option 3 (10 doves) subject to availability.
Payment type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	*** Please note: Payment must be made prior to any dove release service. ***
*Credit Card On File <input type="checkbox"/> Record for future use <input type="checkbox"/> *Credit Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Card Number _____ Exp ____/____ Sign _____	



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I would like to introduce you White Dove Releases. More and more families are discovering the sense of comfort and peace that a white dove release brings to the family members and friends at the end of a loved one's funeral or memorial service. Once the typical graveside service has concluded, we will have the family and friends come out of the tent (typically) and into the open unless there is no tent. We then begin to play a hymn or special song. During the playing of the music, we will give the family the opportunity to touch the Dove before we release it. We also release two doves. For the occasion when children are putting to rest their second parent, we release a dove for the predeceased spouse first or doves to represent predeceased loved ones. This two dove release will symbolize them being together again for eternity. The options are endless, although our most popular option is the Trinity Release. Once all of the doves are released, they will join together in a group and fly in a circle above the ceremony while the music continues to play. The result is a very beautiful ending to the service and a warm memory made for family and friends.

In January 2005, I experienced my first dove release at the funeral. As a family member for once at a funeral, I was deeply touched to say the least. As a funeral director, I was full of questions. I talked to the funeral director and he told me that since that service started he has been very satisfied to be able to offer this special service that is truly unique, and can be deeply satisfying and highly emotional for those who experience it including myself, a funeral director. I am now offering more to my families and they are very please to say the least. And you can too.

Since this is a very moving tribute, some relatives or family friends or even your funeral home may give a dove release, as a gift, to the family of the deceased. What a wonderful, affordable and memorable gift this is! These types of releases can be done at the graveside, mausoleum, cemetery chapel or funeral home or anywhere it will work best.

To order Doves of White dove release service, please complete the enclosed fax form (make copies for yourself) and fax to the number indicated but also, please call 570-205-1597 so that I know you sent a fax and also for verbal receipt of the order. Because with arranging funerals, time is of the essence, verbal confirmation will suffice as an agreement to provide the service. There may be an instance were a family member or friend orders this service without your knowledge. If this takes place, I will keep you informed every step of the way so there are no embarrassing miscommunications. Once again, thank you for your interest in this truly nice service. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely

David Truskowsky



Here are the things you can expect from us (and the Doves).

- There will be at least one knowledgeable handler at each funeral or memorial service.
- Our experienced handler will be there well before the start of the ceremony to touch base with you. This way you know we have arrived and everything is on schedule.
- The handler will be dressed in appropriate attire for the occasion.
- The birds can navigate in a wide variety of weather conditions, but like everything else, they have their limits. We care greatly about the safety and well being of our birds. On their behalf we have set up a few guidelines.
- If the wind is consistently over 25 miles an hour, the wind could drive them into power lines and tree limbs. For the birds' sake, the release will not be made in these conditions.
- Rain, snow and fog are the most detrimental of weather conditions. This makes flying and/or navigation impossible. I'm sure you can understand us not wanting to release our birds under these conditions. Scattered showers is something that we must make a judgment on at the time of the release, it is not always serious enough to stop a release.
- We will not release our birds indoors because they are trained to return home. They haven't been trained to fly inside of buildings or trained to exit that particular building. Therefore it would have disastrous results.
- Our birds must be released early enough in the day to have time to return home before dark. They are not equipped with vision that allows night vision. Therefore they can't be safely released at night
- We will not ship our birds to you for a self release. It takes some experience to handle our doves properly. We know the do's and don'ts; therefore we couldn't in good conscience allow an untrained person the responsibility of overseeing their care even for a short time.

What will the birds do?

No one can guarantee exactly what the birds will do. But through experience, a person can give a close prediction most of the time. The one thing you can count on is that the birds will come from the baskets in a rush of white and take to the air in front of everyone. How long they will stay in view is hard to say. It all depends on the lay out of the release area. With a lot of open sky they can be viewed for some minutes. In limited areas they may only be visible for as long as it takes them to go beyond your view.

The birds are excellent navigators, and will be able to maneuver their way around the area without any risk to bystanders. Rest assured they will not make a mess while flying. You can expect them to leave the ceremony with **grace and beauty**.