LIST OF ITEMS REQUIRED TO BATHE THE DECEASED

1. Shroud
2. Terry Towels (Med. Size 4)
3. Bath Towels (4)
4. Paper Towel (2 Rolls)
5. Absorbent Cotton Roll (3 Pieces)
6. Bar Soap
7. Shampoo
8. Hair Dryer (if available)
9. Comb or Hair brush
10. Surgical tape (to cover stitches if there are any)
11. Q-tips
12. Camphor (small bottle or a few tablets)
13. Surgical Gloves
14. Cologne (not a strong one, soft powder scent)
15. Scissors

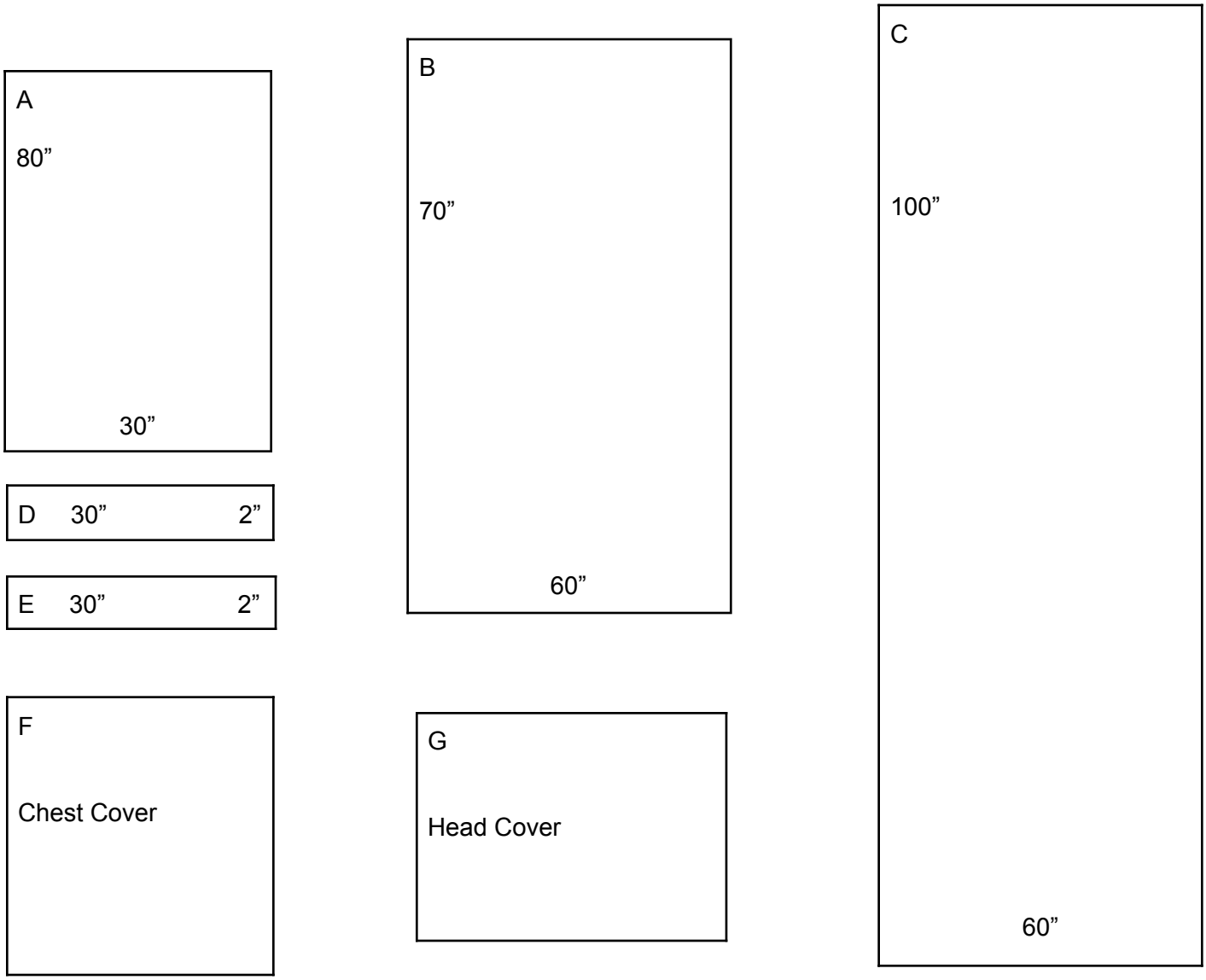
Order of Sheets in wrapping of the shroud:

1. Place the cover sheet first in the casket.
2. Place the bottom sheet (Azar or trousers) second
3. Place the top sheet (Kurta or shirt) last. Have the top part of the sheet rolled up to the shoulders, so upon placing the body, one can easily slide the top part of the shirt through the head onto to the front of the torso. Then place the body on the sheets.
4. To enclose the shroud, cover the chest, in case of a woman, then cover the upper torso with a rolled-up sheet, enclose Azar or trousers, and finally cover with a large covering sheet or chadder. A chadder or cover sheet is usually left open for viewing. Prior to closing the casket, this sheet covers the whole body, including the face, followed by fastening the shroud from head and toes (See Shroud Measurement sheet, D & E for reference).

Please note that:

- Prior to bathing, the body should be covered for privacy and respect of the deceased, from navel to knee with a towel or a piece of cloth, and also the chest area, in case of a woman.
- Surgical gloves should be used, and massaging of the stomach is also recommended in case of privy.
- To bathe once is obligatory; however, bathing three times is also acceptable. The last wash should be given with water mixed with camphor.
- Be cautious so that the water doesn't enter the mouth or nose while bathing.

Shroud Measurement



A. Shirt for the top part of the body (80"x 30") (fold in half and make an opening for the neck)
B. Azar for the bottom part of the body (70" x 60")
C. Large cover sheet or chadar to cover from head to feet. (100" x 60")
D. For the head (2" x 30")
E. For feet (2" x 30")
F. For a woman's chest
G. For a woman's head

Note: These measurements are for approximately 5.8" to 5.10" of height. The length of the shroud can be adjusted according to the person's height.