

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & REFERENCES

Funeral Homes & Crematoriums

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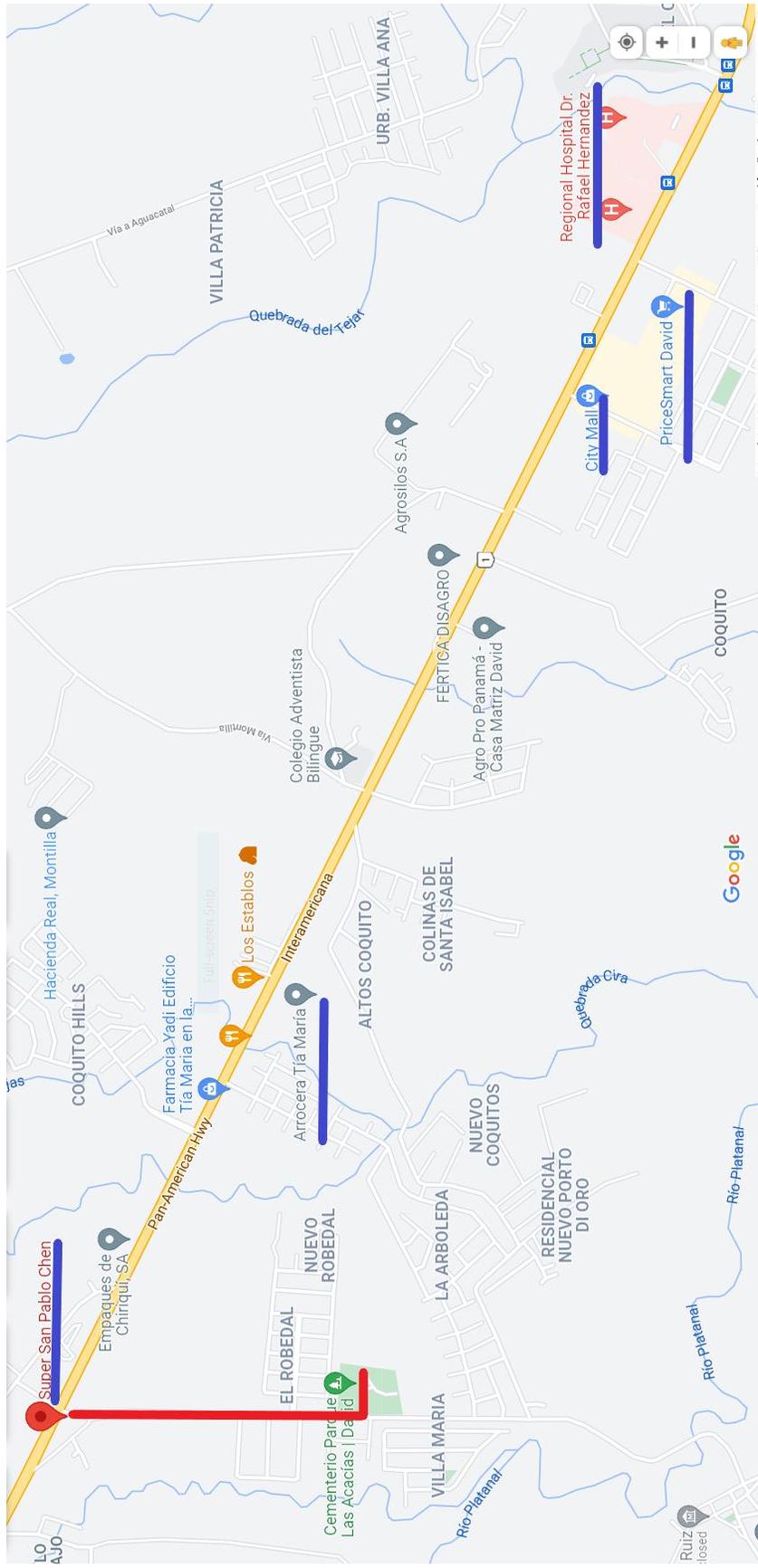
1. **Acacia Cremation Service Grupo Memorial Corporation (2021)**

- **Location:** San Pablo Viejo, Main David PTY
 - Located about 4.5 km past PriceSmart and on the same side, towards the Frontera.
 - Landmarks as follows: On the right side, you will pass a PUMA gas station, then a cement factory, followed by a 24-hour 'hotel' designed as a castle and then another 'hotel' called El Descanso. Start looking for a bus stop/shelter on the left and a blue restaurant and turn left immediately onto the road.
 - The only signage on the corner indicates San Pablo Country subdivision and Urbanizacion El Robledal Vila Maria. When you turn onto this hard-to-find-street, you will see a big store with San Pablo Chen signage. Continue down this road at least a mile through a residential area.
 - On your left you will see an arch Parque Las Acacias, and this is where you will enter the cemetery and office building...finally. 😊
- **Contact:**
 - Office 775-7371
 - Cell phone (English spoken) Mrs. Morella Medina: 6622-7345
 - Emergency cell phone (Spanish only): 6550-4444 and 6677-1736
 - Email: info@grupomemorial.com.pa
 - www.grupomemorial.com.pa
 - Google @PlasaDav
- **Services:**
 - Funeral and cremation services in David. Cremation is done on the premises with viewing options available and burial/crypt provisions.
 - Embalming
 - Transportation of the body
 - Coffin
 - Paperwork

- Repatriation and documentation. There are many other steep fees for repatriating a body. You'll need to discuss with them and with your embassy for this very complicated process.
- Extra charges for holidays and after normal working hours.
- **Fees:**
 - Basic Cremation Service: Cash Cost \$1,070 - Pre-Paid (aka pre-need) \$1,284 (24 monthly payments). Inquire about credit card option. Includes:
 - Body pickup
 - Free morgue deposit for 24 hours
 - Cremation (15-minute viewing)
 - Temporary urn
 - Other Services for additional fees:
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 - Transportation of the body
 - Coffin
 - Paperwork
 - Repatriation and documentation. There are many other steep fees for repatriating a body. You'll need to discuss with them and with your embassy for this very complicated process.
 - Extra charges for holidays and after normal working hours.
- **Hours Of Cremation:** Mondays-Fridays 8am - 2pm, Saturdays 9am - 11am, Sundays Closed
- Brochures and sample contracts are available upon request from Acacia.

Personally recommended by a BHH volunteer

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Super San Pablo Chen

Empaques de Chiriqui S.A

Farmacia Yadi Edificio Tia Maria en la...

Los Establos

Arrocera Tia Maria

EL ROBEDAL

NUEVO ROBEDAL

VILLA MARIA

LA ARBOLEDA

RESIDENCIAL NUEVO PORTO DI ORO

NUEVO COQUITOS

COLINAS DE SANTA ISABEL

ALTOS COQUITO

FERTICA DISAGRO

Agro Pro Panamá - Casa Matriz David

Agrosilos S.A

Colegio Adventista Bilingue

VIA PATRICIA

URB. VILLA ANA

Regional Hospital Dr. Rafael Hernandez

City Mall

PriceSmart David

Ruiz closed

Rio Piatanal

Quebrada de Cira

COQUITO

Google

2. **Asociación Funeraria Del Retiro (2021)**

Founded in 1960, this is a very well known, respected, and long-established funeral service in David, Chiriquí.

- **Location:** Ave 3a Este (Ave Bolivar) y Calle E Sur - David (There is a sign on the corner reading FUNERARIA DEL RETIRO.)
- **Contact:**
 - Phone numbers: Office 775-4615. Personal 6696-0314 for Sr. Daniel (manager) available 24 hours. Limited English, but can arrange for an English speaker (Sr. Daniel's nephew).
 - funerariadelretiro@hotmail.com and funerariadelretiro@gmail.com
- **Services:**
 - Services are provided 24/7.
 - Cremation and regular funeral.
 - The cremation is presently being done in Penonomé, Coclé province. In the near future, cremation will be done in their own crematory facility, in David.
 - The funerary company provides the hearse service for the transportation of the deceased.
- **Fees:**
 - Cremation costs \$1,600. It includes the jubilado discount, and the 7% sales tax; the fee includes the cost to transport the body from Boquete to the morgue, and to and from the crematory facility in Penonome; a standard urn is included in the price.
 - If no cremation service is required, the cost of hearse for transportation from Boquete to a morgue in David is \$ 250.
 - Repatriation services are available; pricing is given on a case-by-case basis.
 - The registration of the deceased at the Tribunal Electoral (where the cédulas are issued) must be made by a third party.
- **Payment methods:** Pre-payment monthly plan available. Cash preferred, but some credit card options. It is recommended to check with funerary the available payment method before contracting their services.

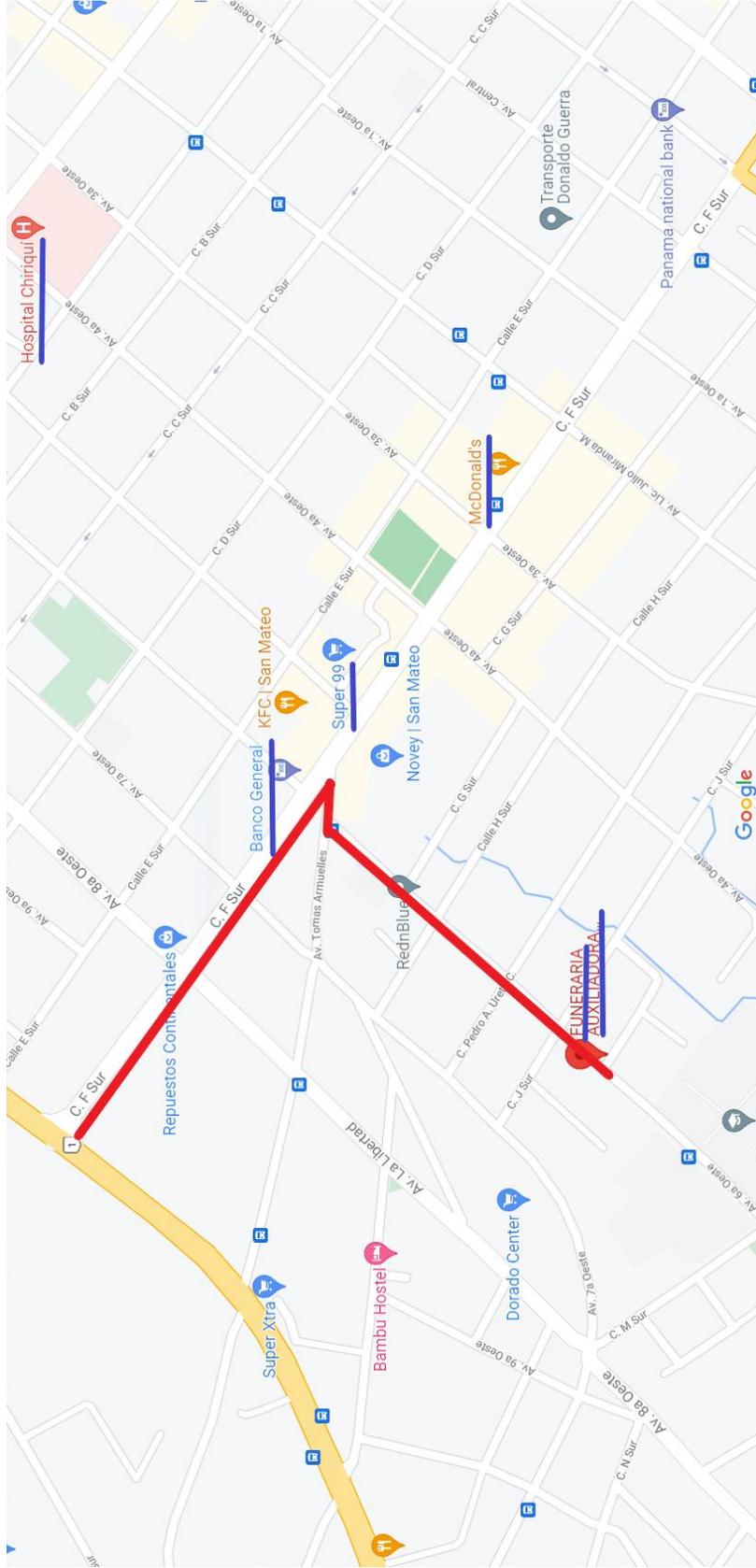
They are planning in the near future to bring cremation to David from Penonomé. Keep checking on a regular basis to see if this has been done.

3. **Empresa Funeraria Auxiliadora Cristo Rey S.A. (2021)**

- **Location:** Funerary located in David. Ave. 6 Oeste and Calle K Sur. These are also WhatsApp numbers:
- **Contact:**
 - 6905-8526 Anayansi Santos - General Administrator and Milagros Saldana her Secretary at same number.
 - 6645-1111 (Luis Rodríguez- English spoken).
 - 6618-5968 (Orlando Rodríguez).
 - 6618-0605 (Emily Cárdenas).
- **Services:**
 - Transport of body from Boquete area to the crematory unit.
 - Cremation in Panama City and in David and classic funeral with coffin.
 - A basic acrylic urn for ashes.
 - Certificate of Death, and subsequent registration of the deceased person at the Tribunal Electoral.
- **Fees:**
 - Cremation cost is \$1,284; it includes the jubilado discount, and the sales tax.
 - \$150 surcharge for nights, holidays, and weekends.
 - \$250 or more if remote location.
 - Documents for repatriation has a cost between \$150 - \$250 depending on requirements from the country of destination.
 - Payment can be made in cash, online transfer, and check.

Currently (October 2021) the offices at the above address are being remodeled so they are in temporary quarters and will return to the permanent address around mid-December 2021.

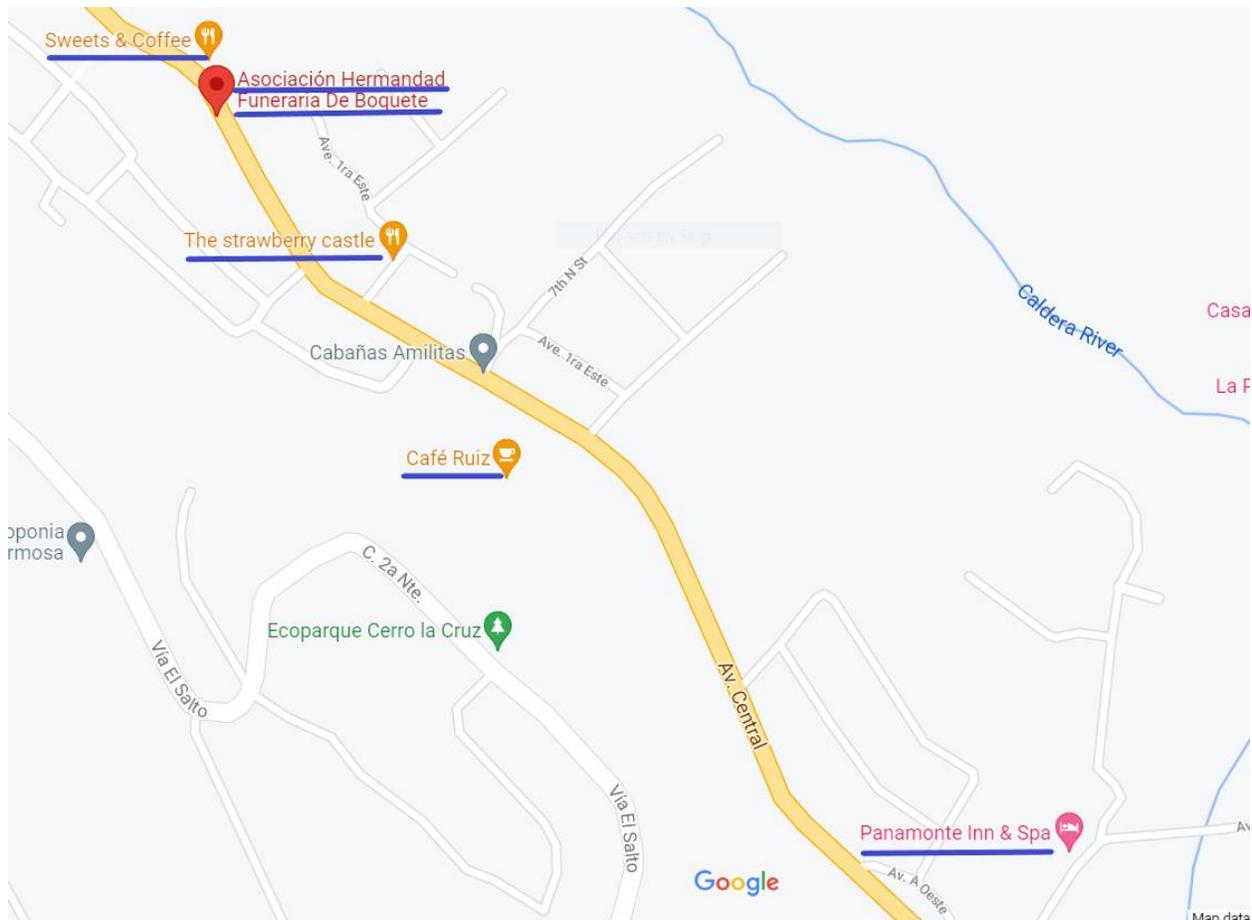
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4. **Asociación Hermandad Funeraria De Boquete (2021)**

- **Location:** Boquete, going up Boquete´s main road towards Los Naranjos. See map next page.
- **Hours of Operation:**
 - Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Closed Thursdays.
 - Fridays and Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- **Contact:**
 - 6873-8876 Office.
 - 6662-7950 Mrs. Itza Ordoñez – owner (no English spoken).
- **Services:**
 - Cremation is done through Acacias´ Cremation Services in David.
 - Supply of Coffins.
 - Rental of funeral equipment.
 - Hearse service.
 - Rental of meeting/wake room.
 - Local transportation if burial is done in Boquete.
 - The funerary does provide services for after-death documentation.
- **Fees:**
 - Transportation services to David \$171.20.
 - Cremation Service in David through Acacias. Check with them for current prices.

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5. Burial at Sea

There is no such thing as burial at sea nowadays. That was performed when someone died aboard a ship such as a sailor at time of war and the entire body was dropped into the ocean (you've seen war movies, haven't you?). Today, burial at sea is simply when somebody has been cremated and their ashes are spread/scattered over the ocean or some other body of water such as a river, lake, stream, etc.

If this is what someone wants to do after the body has been cremated then they can hire a boat to take them out where they can scatter the ashes and even hold a private ceremony if they so wish.

Going to the Funeral Home

- Carry all your ID with you, and the ID of the deceased.
- Take a Death Certificate and a copy of the physician certificate of death, AND the forms given to you by the Tribunal: one is the Civil Registry of Death and the other is the Burial Permit (*in Spanish, DIRECCION NACIONAL DEL REGISTRO CIVIL and PERMISO DE ENTIERRO*).
- Ask a friend (hopefully bilingual) to go with you. For safety, consider letting your friend drive to David because you may be distracted and have difficulty concentrating. Also, employees of the funeral homes may not speak English.

Embassies (U.S., Canada, Britain)

U.S. Embassy in Panama

- **General:**
 - 317-5000
 - <http://pa.usembassy.gov>
- **Passport Renewal:** <https://pa.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/passports/>
- **Voting:** <https://pa.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/voting/>

American Citizen Services (ACS)

panama-acs@state.gov

Regarding: Passports, Notary, Family Concerns, Citizenship, Crime, Death, Arrest, Abduction, Voting

If no phone response at ACS, please email the US Embassy instead.

STEP

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

U.S. Department of State program for US citizens traveling abroad

<https://step.state.gov/step>

Boquete Community USA Embassy Liaison Volunteers

CLVBoquete@gmail.com

Denese Rodgers, 6456-8539

George Chin, 6284-7764

Embassy of Canada to Panama

www.panama.gc.ca

294-2500

British Embassy in Panama City

<https://www.british-consulate.org/british-embassy-in-panama.html>

297-6550