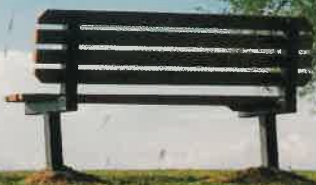


Cremation:

What's next?



A Final Resting Place for Your Loved One

Urns are one of the most common options after choosing cremation. Elegant and respectful, urns are able to be kept by loved ones in their home. This allows families to keep their loved one in the front of their mind and keep them near.

One thing that is often overlooked is the long term disposition of the cremated remains. The Urn may sit on the mantle for many years, but will the urn be passed on for generations? Or disposed of in future years? Although initially honoring and respectful, this option is not a long term solution for your loved one.



Scattering is another option for those choosing cremation. This option is often a very strong tribute to your loved one, or perhaps it was their wish.

A thought to consider with this option would be the ability for friends and family to visit, feel connected and reflect on memories of the deceased. Often scattering can leave others feeling there is nothing left of their loved one, and no place to pay respects or feel close to them.

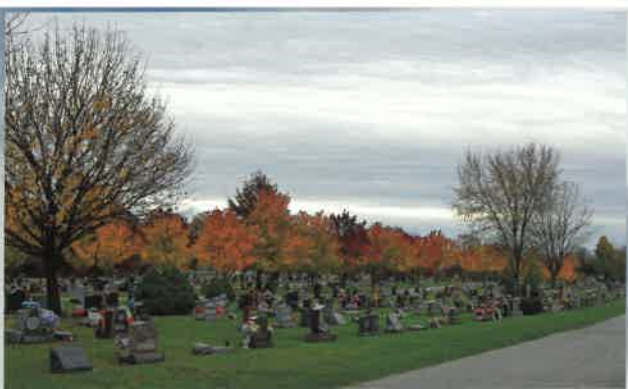
Check with your local and state laws and regulations; as scattering is commonly illegal, or requires documentation.

Some cemeteries offer Scattering Gardens which can help alleviate these concerns.



Cemeteries are the most traditional option for final resting places. A common misconception is that cemeteries are only for those who choose traditional casket burial.

Cemeteries offer solutions to the long term challenges that often occur with conventional Scattering and Urns.



Types of Cemeteries

- **Municipal Cemeteries** are operated by cities, villages, or townships and are open to the public. Because they are tax supported, they usually are the most affordable.
- **Religious Affiliated Cemeteries** are operated by religious organizations or individual churches. Many of the religious traditions will have specific teachings and rituals that guide their regulations.
- **Private Cemeteries** are owned by for-profit companies. These cemeteries often have very strict rules and regulations concerning grave markers.

Prior to purchasing, ensure you understand the current and future costs, monument regulations, and decoration rules to make a fully informed decision.

Contact your local monument provider to help answer these questions.



Basalt Cremation Memorial

Cemetery Cremation Options

Most cemeteries allow for multiple individuals to be placed in a single grave. This allows a cost savings for families and allows better usage of land in the cemetery. One monument can be used to memorialize a number of different people.

Single Grave Markers and Monuments come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors.

- **Single Cremation Monuments** allow for one individual to be interred into the monument.
- **Companion Cremation Monuments** allow for two or more individuals to be interred into the monument.
- A **Community Columbarium** allows for urns to be placed within an individual niche, usually affixed with a granite front to secure and memorialize each individual.
- **Traditional Monuments** allow the grave to be marked for multiple individuals buried on single or multiple graves next to each other.
- **Cremation Benches** provide a place for contemplation and remembering your loved one; and also may serve as an interring vessel for individuals.



Companion Columbarium



Rustic Boulder Cremation Monument



Community Columbarium

Memorialization is a crucial aid in the grieving process. Monuments and memorials are important whether it's at home, in a park or in a cemetery.

It is more than a marker of a death, it's a tribute to a life lived, the memories of loved ones and the history of our family and our community.

The poem "This is a Cemetery" is a good reminder to us that a cemetery is not merely a holding place for bodies we have no idea what to do with otherwise. A cemetery is for the living.

A cemetery offers a place for the living to grieve, to remember, to contemplate, to heal and to plan for the future. Cemeteries are places where we connect with the past, learning from those that have gone before us.

A cemetery is a place where we pause from our busy lives to question whether all of that busyness really matters as much as living a life that will later be memorialized not only in stone but in the lives of those that follow.

Whether the decision is a Cemetery Monument or a Garden Memorial,

Every life is worth being remembered & memorialized.



Decisions for final disposition of remains should be carefully considered. Once a choice is made it is often very difficult, if not impossible to reverse.

This guide is meant to present options, with their benefits and drawbacks, for loved ones to consider prior to making these important decisions.

This is a Cemetery...

**Lives are commemorated,
deaths are recorded, families are reunited,
memories are made tangible,
and love is undisguised.**

This is a cemetery.

**Communities accord respect,
families bestow reverence,
historians seek information
and our heritage is thereby enriched.**

**Testimonies of devotion, pride and
remembrance are carved in stone
to pay warm tribute to accomplishments
and to the life, not death, of a loved one.**

**The cemetery is homeland for family
memorials that are a sustaining source of
comfort to the living.**

**A cemetery is a history of people,
a perpetual record of yesterday
and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today.**

**A cemetery exists because every life is
worth loving and remembering - Always.**

- Mary Lou Brannon