

NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE



**CREMATION:
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

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FOREWORD

Thank you for taking the time to download our eBook. This comprehensive guide is full of information and resources to help make cremation planning easy. Covering everything from the history of cremation to uniquely personal ash scattering ceremonies, this guide has something for everyone.

Cremation has really started to take off in recent years, and therefore we want to educate families about it. It is my hope that you receive the information you seek and have a better understanding of cremation.

At [Neil Bardal Funeral Centre](#) we are proud to offer families quality and affordable cremation services. If you are interested in preplanning a cremation service, please feel free to contact us. One of our staff members would be happy to speak with you and discuss our various cremation packages and products.

As always, we pledge to be here for your family from the first call until long after the service has ended. If there is anything you need, we will be here to assist you in any way that we can. From grief support resources to connecting you with local groups or organizations, our aftercare services are always available.

I hope this guide serves you well.

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1. WHAT IS CREMATION

HISTORY OF CREMATION

For centuries, cremation has been a common method of disposition in many different countries and cultures around the world. In fact, according to Wikipedia (2018), cremation could date back as far as 20,000 years ago. In Europe and other parts of the world, there is evidence of cremation occurring around 2000 B.C. Many scholars believe that this is when it became a common practice for many cultures throughout Europe.

Over time, the popularity of cremation began to fade. By the Middle Ages, cremation was mostly used as a form of punishment and not as a way to respectfully care for the deceased. Cremation began regaining popularity around the late 1800's. According to the Cremation Association of North America (2018), the first crematory was built in the United States in 1876. By 1913, there were 52 crematories across North America and more than 10,000 cremations occurring annually. While burial was still the primary way for families to care for their loved one's remains, cremation rates continued to rise.

THE CREMATION PROCESS

When it comes to the actual cremation process, there are many misconceptions about what really happens. Many people believe that cremation is done by simply setting the body on fire and burning it. However, the process is done with a lot more care and is much more technical in nature.

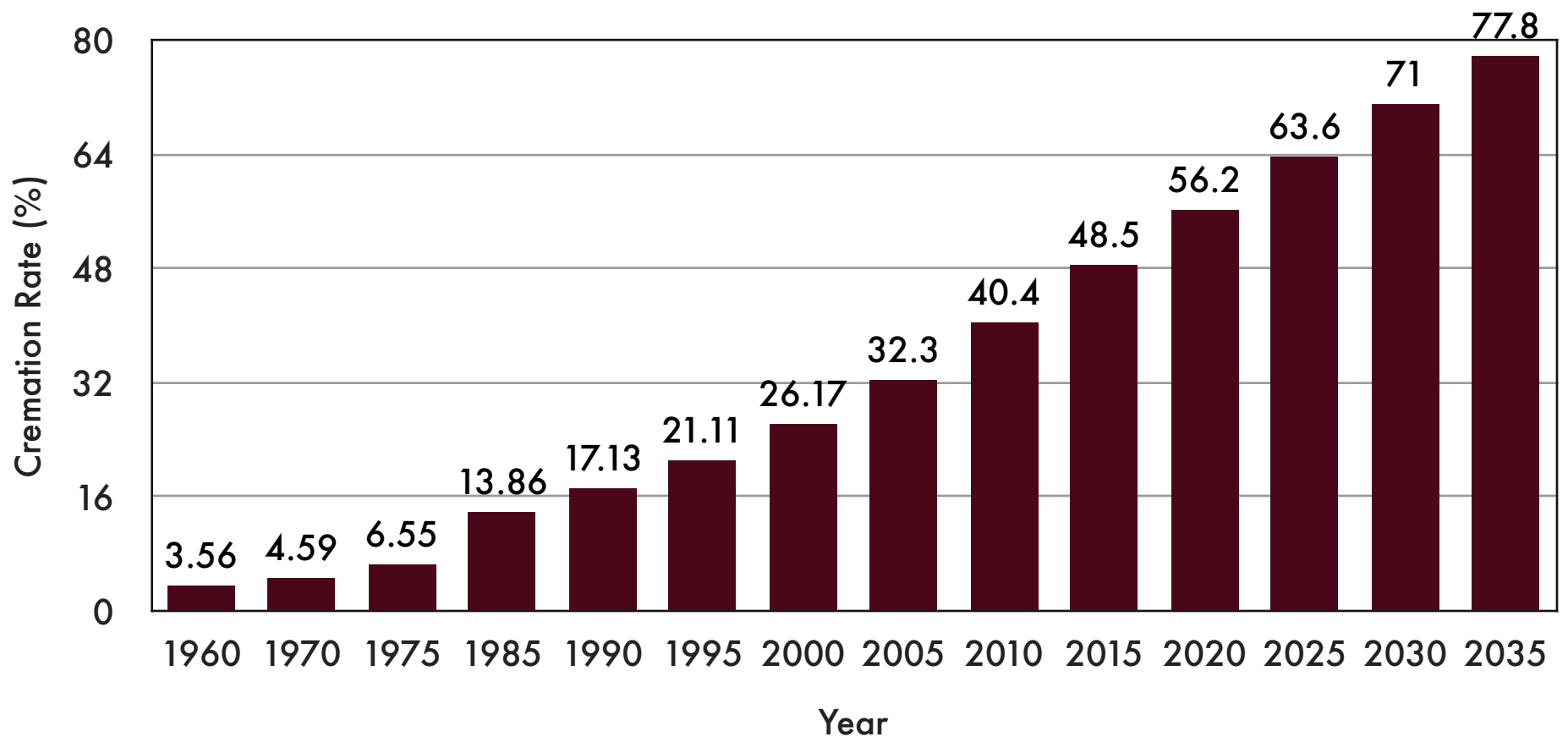
Cremation is the process of reducing a body to ash by exposing it to very high temperatures. The process begins by the family providing authorization to have the body of the deceased cremated. The crematory operator then prepares the body and removes jewelry, medical devices (i.e. pacemakers), prostheses, and implants. The body is placed in a container made from wood or heavy cardboard. The container is then placed into the retort or crematory chamber. The heat ignites the container and the body begins to dry out. The temperature in the chamber can rise to about 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. It usually takes 2 to 3 hours to fully cremate a body. What's left is a grey coarse material that feels like a fine gravel. On average, 3 to 9 pounds of ash is produced (Kim, 2018).

2. THE RISE OF CREMATION



THE INCREASED POPULARITY OF CREMATION

Cremation Rate in the United States from 1960 to 2035



Source: Statista, 2016

In 2015, 48.5% of Americans chose cremation compared to 45.4% that chose burial. This marked the first year the **cremation rate was higher than the burial rate**. The latest stats from 2016, show that 50.2% of Americans chose cremation while 43.5% selected burial (National Funeral Directors Association, 2017)

The graph above shows forecasted numbers on the United States cremation rate that suggest a continual rise. The graph shows just how steadily the cremation rate has climbed over the years, and predicts it will continue to rise. It's astonishing to believe that more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of Americans could be opting for cremation in 2035.

With more and more people beginning to choose cremation over the more traditional option of burial, you might be asking yourself, why? While there are many reasons someone might choose cremation over burial, the simple answer comes down to five main things: **cost**, **simplicity**, **flexibility**, **environmental concerns**, and **cemetery availability**.

Let's take a closer look at these benefits of cremation:

- Cost

If you look at the general price list for almost every funeral home, you'll find that cremation costs are less than burial. On average, the price of a cremation service is around 45-50% cheaper than a burial service. This is because there is no need to purchase additional items like a headstone or casket.

- Environmental Concerns

Many people view cremation as a more "green option" when it comes to caring for remains. Burial often uses harsh chemicals to embalm the remains for a funeral service. This leads to concerns that the chemicals can contaminate the environment. Burial also takes up land space and disturbs the Earth to bury a casket. While a crematory does release emissions, new equipment is constantly being developed to reduce the pollution and environmental impact.

- Cemetery Availability

If a cemetery in an area is a popular or desired place to be buried, eventually it will become full. More and more cemeteries are becoming full, and due to short supply of spaces the price on burial plots is also increasing. Cremation allows you to avoid the trouble of finding a burial plot.





- Simplicity

A cremation service can offer a much simpler process than a burial service. Generally when people choose to bury their loved one, they choose to have a traditional funeral service along with the burial. In this case, you need to coordinate things with the cemetery, organize pallbearers, plan a visitation, and much more. While some people still choose to hold a traditional funeral along with a cremation, a celebration of life or memorial service are the types of ceremonies that are more associated and conducive to being paired with a cremation. These ceremonies do not require as much planning in the days immediately following the death when your family is still grieving and reacting to the news.

- Flexibility

To build off the last benefit, a cremation service also allows for more flexibility. Because you can hold a celebration of life or a memorial service well after the cremation, you are not constrained by time. In fact, it's quite common for a family to hold these types of services weeks or even months after the death has occurred. This means you can take your time to plan a more meaningful service and ensure guests can plan ahead and schedule themselves to be there. Furthermore, celebrations of life and memorial services do not operate on common traditions and rituals that traditional funerals do. Celebrations of life and memorial services give you the flexibility to make the ceremony much more personal and unique. They can take place almost anywhere and can take any type of format and style that you want.

Also cremation gives you way more options in terms of what you can do with your loved one's ashes. Burial is fairly restrictive in the sense that you are either buried in a cemetery plot or interred in a mausoleum. Chapter 3 - Your Loved One's Ashes beginning on the next page, breaks down a list of several unique things you can do with cremated remains.



3. YOUR LOVED ONE'S ASHES

After your loved one has been cremated, you might be asking yourself, what now? When it comes to what you can do with your loved one's ashes, there are many options to choose from. It really comes down to personal choice, what you are most comfortable with, and what will be the most healing during your grief process. We will break down the most common things people do with their loved one's ashes along with some new, creative things people are doing.



3.1 - SCATTERING ASHES

Scattering your loved one's ashes involves releasing them outdoors where they can decompose and become one with nature. Choosing the perfect location to scatter the ashes is often the most difficult decision.

FINDING THE RIGHT SPOT

For many families, they choose to scatter the ashes in a place that was significant or important to the deceased. Parks, bodies of water, and beaches are all popular places to scatter a loved one's ashes.

Scattering ashes allows families to have a special place you can come and visit when you want to be close to your loved one. The possibilities are nearly endless when it comes to places you can spread your loved one's ashes. Think about what they loved to do or where they loved spending their time. A golf course would be perfect for those who loved the game. Hunting grounds would be ideal for those who had a passion for hunting. What about the beach where you and your partner got married? Choosing places like this is fitting because your loved ones get to spend eternity in a place they truly loved and that was special to them.

Ultimately, you should choose a spot that is special to your loved one, a place where you shared a connection with your loved one, or somewhere that reminds you of him or her. It is not a decision that should be taken lightly.

However, there are laws and regulations on where you can scatter ashes. So before making a final decision, ensure you are permitted and legally allowed to scatter ashes at your desired location. Next we provide some general information on where and where you cannot spread your loved one's ashes, and some other considerations you need to keep in mind.

WHERE CAN I SCATTER ASHES?

If you are planning to scatter your loved one's ashes, we suggest inquiring with a local agency or the police to find out the exact bi-laws surrounding ash scattering in your area. Please note that there is no policing agency responsible for overseeing ash scattering. However, there is some general information you should be aware of.

SEEK OUT PERMISSION BEFORE SCATTERING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

If you wish to scatter ashes on private property that you own, you are able to do so without issue. However, if someone else owns the property you wish to scatter ashes on, you must obtain permission before doing so. To avoid any legal ramifications, you should ensure that you receive signed and dated written permission from the property owner before scattering (Perfect Memorials, 2018).

SPORTS VENUES & AMUSEMENT PARKS ARE NOT PUBLIC PROPERTY

Although these types of venues have thousands of visitors every year, they are still pieces of private property. Spreading ashes at these types of venues is almost always forbidden. You may request to spread ashes at these venues but most often these requests are declined. Should you choose to spread ashes without permission, the venue will likely call the police and the remains will be removed from the venue and disposed of elsewhere (Perfect Memorials, 2018).

SPREADING ASHES IN PUBLIC SPACES

If you would like to scatter the ashes in a public place like a local park, many municipalities require you to obtain a scattering permit. For uncontrolled public lands, there are usually no regulations but please use your best judgement and if you are unsure, please ask someone. In any case, make sure that you do not scatter the ashes within 100 yards of any public roads or trails (Perfect Memorials, 2018).





NATIONAL PARKS REQUIRE PERMITS TO SPREAD ASHES

National parks are great places to scatter your loved one's ashes. Many national parks across the country allow visitors to hold scattering ceremonies. However, please note that there are specific regulations to abide by. Before scattering ashes, you should make sure to speak with the chief park ranger and obtain written permission in the form of a permit. Once the permit has been obtained, you will be free to spread the ashes, but stay away from trails or developed areas that see regular foot traffic.

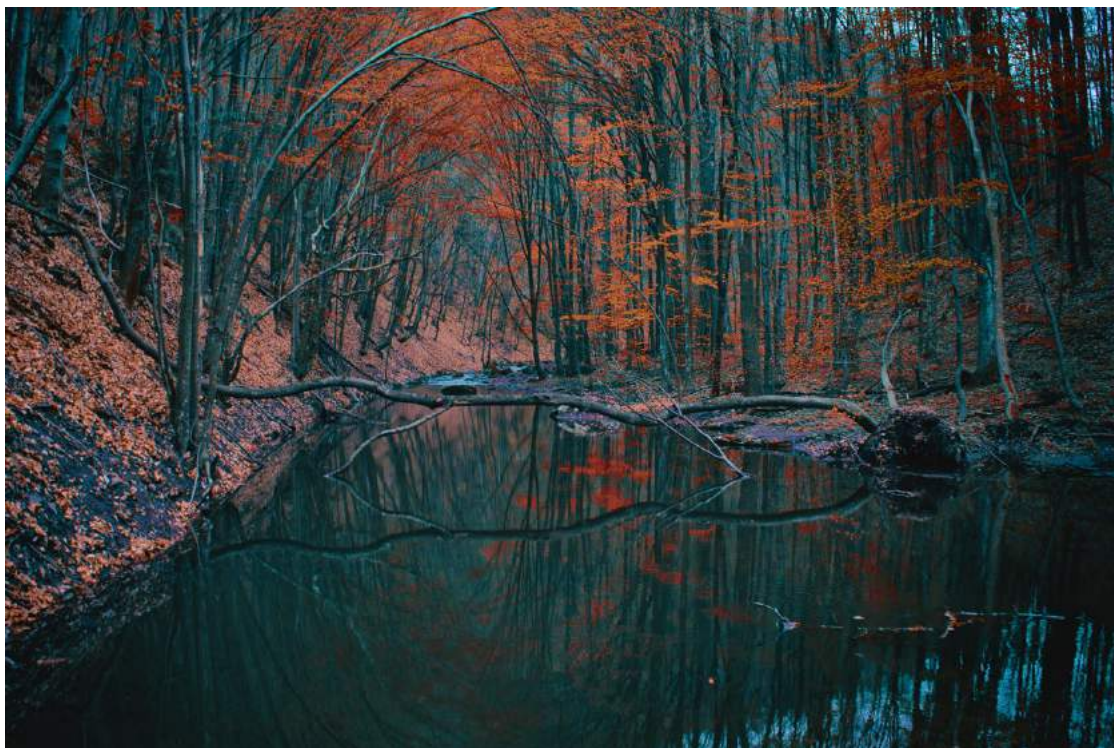
If you choose to forego receiving permission and are caught; you may be fined, prosecuted or banned from the park (Perfect Memorials, 2018).

SPREADING ASHES IN WATERWAYS

According to the [United States Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#), spreading cremated remains in oceans is permitted but there are regulations you must follow. The scattering must occur from plane or boat at least three nautical miles from the coastline. Any urns or flowers used in the ceremony must be able to decompose easily. After the scattering is complete, you must also notify the EPA within 30 days.

The spreading of ashes over inland waterways such as rivers, ponds and lakes is not subject to the federal regulations listed above. You need to contact your local environmental agency, mortuary board, or city office to learn about the specific laws that pertain to your town. Scattering ashes over these inland waters is prohibited in some states.

Many states prohibit spreading ashes along shorelines. As mentioned already, contact the proper authorities beforehand to clarify and to learn the laws that pertain to your area (Perfect Memorials, 2018).



BEING CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

No matter the location of your scattering ceremony, please remember to always be considerate of others. For each of the places discussed above, it is always recommended that you spread the ashes away from areas where heavy foot traffic is common. Cremated remains are usually quite distinct unless they have been finely pulverized. Think of your own family. You would not want to be out with your children and stumble across someone's ashes. Be considerate when selecting a location and spread the remains in a place where they can rest in peace (Perfect Memorials, 2018).

TYPES OF SCATTERING CEREMONIES

Casting Ceremony

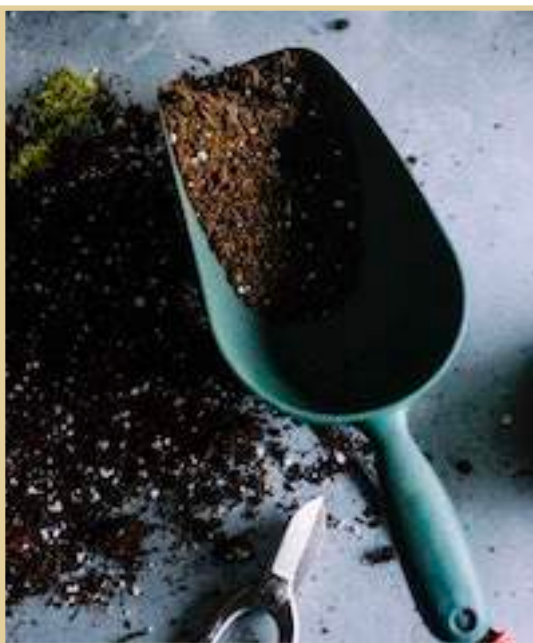


A casting ceremony is the most popular way to scatter ashes and it is often what comes to mind when people think of ash scattering. With a casting ceremony, the cremated remains are thrown into the wind and dispersed over land or water. Casting has a symbolic meaning of freeing or letting go. In doing so, you can say goodbye to the deceased while letting their spirit be free to explore the area you have released them to.

If you choose to hold a casting ceremony, make sure to first detect the wind direction. Also make sure that you release the ashes downwind so that attendees are not in the path of the ash.

There are many different ways to hold a casting ceremony. Some families choose to have one person spread the ashes while others take turns letting each family member spread some. If you would like to have a symbolic toast during your ceremony, divide the ashes into cups for each guest. When the time has come, everyone can say a toast to the deceased and release the ashes together (Cremation Solutions, 2017).

Trenching Ceremony



A trenching ceremony is another popular way for families to spread their loved one's ashes. This type of ceremony differs from a casting one because the remains are not released into the wind. Instead, a trench is dug in the ground and the remains are spread in it. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the family then covers the trench with the dirt that was initially removed.

Most families choose to have trenching ceremonies at the home of the deceased or at the residences of other family members. Popular places for digging the trench are under a tree or in a garden.

Some families like to get creative and hold their ceremony at the beach. Family members will dig a trench in the sand but will not fill the hole back in. Instead, as the tide comes in, the water will take the ashes and spread them throughout the water (Cremation Solutions, 2017).

Other ways to get creative with this type of ceremony is to dig the trench in the shape of a heart or dig out the spelling of the deceased's name (Cremation Solutions, 2017).



Ringling Ceremony

A ringling ceremony is similar to a trenching ceremony in that a large trench is dug, but specifically the trench is dug in a circle around a tree, shrub or something else that was meaningful to the deceased. Some families will create a memorial in the center of the ring with candles, a picture of the deceased or a special item like a favorite baseball hat. Once the trench is dug, the ashes are then spread around the circle.

To add to the ceremony, many families form a circle around the trench of ashes. One by one, guests step inside the ash circle to share a favorite memory about the deceased (Cremation Solutions, 2017).



Raking Ceremony

A raking ceremony is a type of scattering ceremony that is often held in large gardens or flower beds. The ashes of the deceased are poured out evenly across a section of the soil. The remains are then raked and mixed into the soil by one person or by multiple people taking turns. As each family member takes their turn raking the ashes into the soil, they share a memory of the deceased with the other guests.

Scattering gardens are now very popular across North America. Many cemeteries and funeral homes now have scattering gardens where families can spread their ashes alongside other members of the community.

If you would like help finding a scattering garden in the area, please ask one of our staff members for assistance.



Sky or Aerial Ceremony

Aerial scattering is a type of ceremony that has been growing in popularity in recent years. For this type of service, a private company will fly your loved one's remains into the sky and then release them. Aerial scattering can be done by plane, helicopter, hot air balloon, or even by a hang glider (Fraser, 2015).

The downfall to this type of service is that you are often unable to fly in the plane when the ashes are released. If you pay an additional fee, you may be able to fly but the space and number of guests permitted will be limited.

Because family members are unable to be involved in the scattering portion of this ceremony, many will hold a small ceremony on the ground prior to the plane taking off. Once in the air, many scattering ceremonies are viewable from the ground on a clear day. The company flying the aircraft will often take photos of the scattering for families to take home as a keepsake (Fraser, 2015).



Water Ceremony

Rather than just casting ashes into a body of water, families can perform what's referred to as a water ceremony which has your loved one's ashes placed into a water-soluble urn. Once the urn is placed in the water, it will float for a few minutes before sinking and beginning to dissolve into the water. As this happens, the ashes stored inside will gradually be dispersed in the water. As a final part of the ceremony, guests will often toss flowers, petals, or wreaths into the water as they pay one final tribute to the deceased. Just remember that the flowers

or wreaths must decompose easily (Cremation Solutions, 2017).

For this type of ceremony, it is highly recommended that you purchase a specialty water-soluble urn. If you choose to simply pour the cremated remains into the water, the wind may blow them back onto the boat. It is also possible for the ashes to be splashed onto the boat and stick to the sides (Cremation Solutions, 2017).

For best results, discuss this type of service with one of our funeral directors. Please remember that if you choose to hold a water ceremony, you should contact the local agency responsible for the body of water being used.

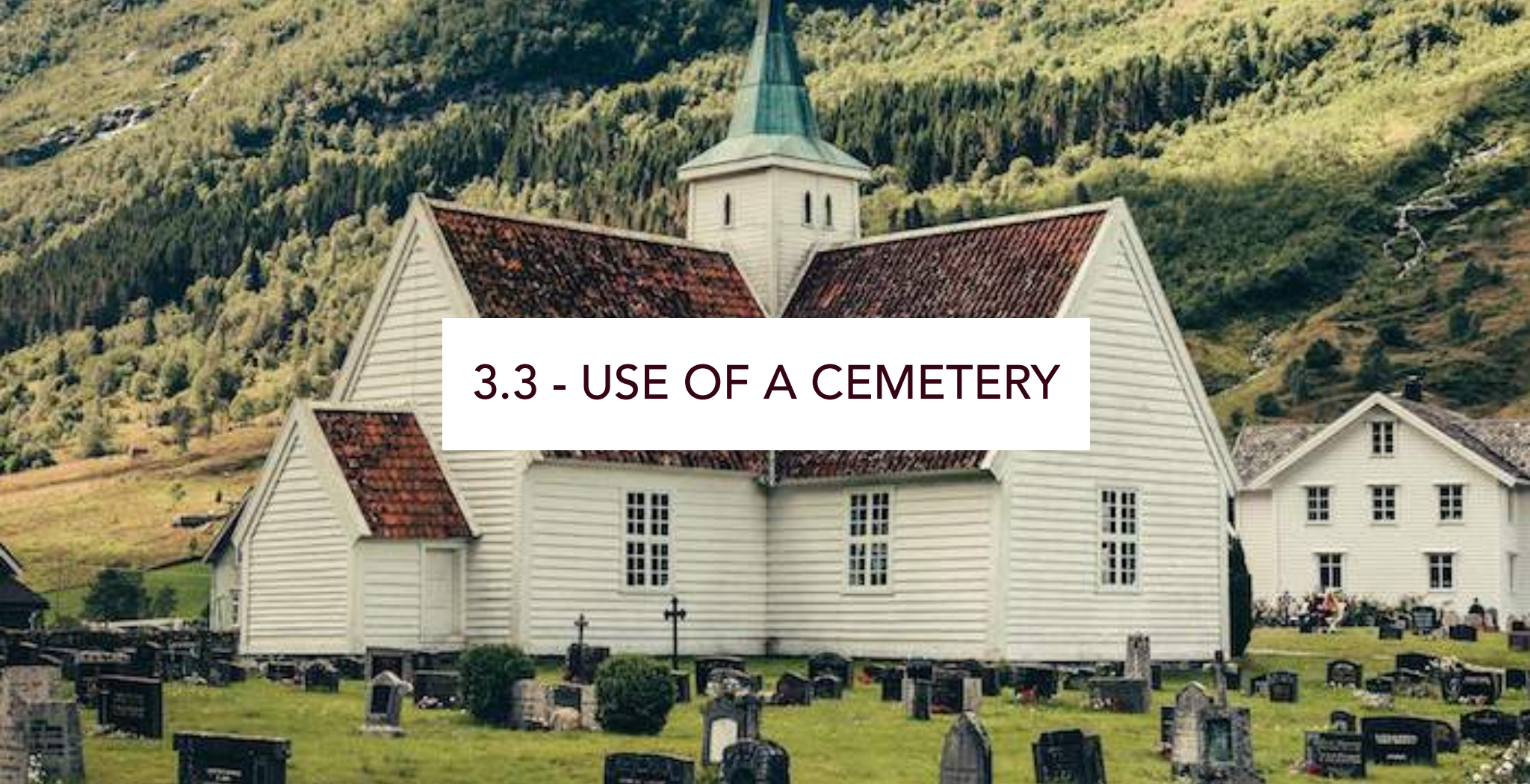


3.2 - STORING ASHES IN AN URN

It is very common for some families to forego a scattering ceremony, and instead store the ashes in an urn that is kept at home. Urns are available in a number of beautiful designs and are built from quality materials. Many families will put the urn on display at their homes and will use it to help decorate a room. For other families, the thought of having a loved one's remains out in the open can be uncomfortable. Instead, the urn will be tucked away in a private room or space.

One of the benefits of storing an urn at home means that when you miss your loved one or want to feel a connection to them, they are right there. You can simply retrieve the urn and spend time with your loved one for as long as you need. In doing so, you can rest easy knowing they will always be close by.

Portability is another key benefit of storing ashes in an urn. If you have to move to another city or state, it can be hard to visit a loved one's grave or the area where his/her ashes were spread. Storing the remains in an urn allows you to take your loved one with you, wherever you live.



3.3 - USE OF A CEMETERY

Although cremation has been around for many years, some people feel a certain level of comfort in going through the process of burying a loved one. Some people find it very healing and powerful to visit loved ones specifically at a cemetery. It is almost like having your loved one rest anywhere else would be unnatural. Luckily if your loved one has been cremated, you can still bury the ashes in a cemetery much like a traditional burial.

Interring in a Columbarium Niche

Similar to mausoleums, columbarium niches are above ground structures found in cemeteries that are used to safeguard urns. A columbarium niche features walls with built in vaults that are used to store urns. The space is typically a little larger than a traditional urn. However, group niches are sometimes available to place multiple urns together. Once placed inside, the niche is sealed with a bronze plate placed on the outside to mark the space and identify whose remains are interred there (Everplans, 2018).

Burying Cremated Remains in a Plot

Many cemeteries now offer plots to bury single or multiple urns in and will mark them with a headstone. The process to bury an urn is quite similar to burying a casket. In order to keep the cemetery safe and prevent the ground from collapsing, an urn vault is often required. With that being said, there are some cemeteries that allow you to have a green burial and do not require a vault or grave liner. A green burial involves creating a hole in the ground where the ashes are poured into. The other option is to place a biodegradable urn into the hole (Everplans, 2018).



3.4 - MEMORIAL JEWELRY

Rather than just storing a loved one's ashes in an urn, more and more people are storing ashes in beautiful memorial jewelry.

There are some companies that are even creating diamonds and crystals with the actual ashes themselves as opposed to just storing them as apart of the jewelry piece. Essentially, the keepsake is handcrafted by solidifying ashes into the actual jewelry.

Today, people are choosing memorial jewelry because:

- 1) It allows several family members to keep a portion of their loved one's ashes. Most cremation jewelry can only hold about ½ a pinch of ashes (Perfect Memorials, 2018b)
- 2) You are not limited with the type of jewelry - you can have earrings, necklaces, pendants, rings, bracelets, etc. Essentially, any piece of regular jewelry has a memorial jewelry equivalent. Memorial jewellery is available in a variety of styles, shapes and sizes. It is constructed from high quality materials that are built to last. These materials include stainless steel, sterling silver, white or yellow solid 14K gold, 14K gold vermeil, glass, wood, and stone (Perfect Memorials, 2018b).
- 3) They can be treated as family heirlooms that get past down from one generation to the other.
- 4) It can be further personalized with beautiful engravings that include a few brief words or even your loved one's finger print.
- 5) There is no other way to keep your loved ones closer to you, and it allows you to keep them with you at all times.



3.5 - NEW, CREATIVE WAYS TO HANDLE A LOVED ONE'S ASHES

If you are not enthused about some of the common methods of handling ashes, take a look below at some new and interesting things being done with ashes. As more and more people look for personalized ways to say goodbye, more unique ways of handling ashes are being thought of.

Fireworks

If your loved one was the type of person who loved to be the center of attention or was always entertaining, fireworks may be the perfect solution. There are now several companies that can create custom fireworks that include your loved one's ashes. Imagine ending their celebration of life with a firework display.

Go Out of this World

Send your loved one on the greatest trip of all by electing for a memorial space flight. The company [Celestis](#) offers several memorial



spaceflight options that can send your loved one's ashes into space. Some of these options include a trip to space and return to Earth, a trip that orbits the Earth and vaporizes upon re-entry, a lunar service that carries your loved one's ashes to the moon, or a voyage through space that explores well beyond the moon and deep into the galaxy (Celestis, 2018).

One Final Round

If your loved one was a police officer, member of the military, avid hunter or gun collector, this option is the perfect way to pay tribute to them. The company [Holy Smoke LLC in Alabama](#) can include your loved one's ashes in the ammo of pistols, rifles and shotguns. This creative way to pay tribute to your loved one is a new take on the 21-gun salute (Sherman, 2015).

An Artistic Goodbye

If you are an artist or your loved one was an artist, what better way to pay tribute to them than by incorporating them into a piece of art. Mix your loved one's ashes into paint or clay, and create a piece of art that embodies your loved one's spirit and personality.

A Permanent Reminder

Some tattoo artists are now willing to mix a portion of your loved one's ashes in with the ink to create a one-of-a-kind memorial tattoo. If you are into tattoos this can be a cool way to memorialize your loved one.



From Ashes to Vinyl

For music lovers of the '70s and '80s, the company [Vinlyly](#) will create a vinyl record out of your loved one's ashes. Memorialize your loved one by creating a record of your loved one's favourite songs (Savage, 2016).

Under the Sea

For those that love the ocean and spending time on the water, a water scattering ceremony is a popular choice. Some companies have taken a water ceremony to the next level by turning ashes into

concrete reefs that get placed at the bottom of oceans. Honor the deceased's love for the ocean by making them a permanent part of it. The reefs will go a long way in providing habitats for ocean wildlife (Savage, 2016).

Nurture New Growth

Continue the circle of life and use your loved one's ashes to help nurture new life. There are now biodegradable urns that help nurture trees. The remains are placed in a biodegradable urn and are planted with a tree. As the tree grows, it will use the cremated remains for nutrients.

Rising to The Heavens

Lantern releases are a popular way to say goodbye to a loved one in many cultures around the world. Paper lanterns or "Chinese lanterns" holding some of the deceased's ashes are released into the sky and slowly rise up. Many people believe releasing paper lanterns symbolizes light leading the deceased up into heaven. To take the tribute one step further, families will write personal messages or prayers on the lanterns.



An Eternal Hug

Losing a parent or a grandparent can be especially hard on children. In an effort to make this experience easier, companies are now offering memorial teddy bears and stuffed animals. These stuffed animals can have some of the deceased's ashes placed inside the bears. This allows the child to keep a close physical bond with the deceased and take them anywhere (Sherman, 2015).

4. A CREMATION STORY



Throughout this eBook, we've offered several different options for storing or spreading a loved one's ashes. While these are some of the most common and popular methods for handling remains, they may not be the best option for you. For many people, deciding what to do with their loved one's ashes can be difficult. No matter what you select, it's important to make sure that it honors your loved one, but also helps you and your family through the grieving process.

You need to decide on something that suits your situation and provides you with the greatest restorative feeling. The story we evaluate below demonstrates just how creative and personal you can get when handling your loved one's ashes.

To read the full story by Tré Miller Rodríguez (2014) please [click here](#).

Tré's story begins following the fatal heart attack of her husband Alberto in 2009. In the hours after his passing, she realized that her husband wanted to be cremated. What scared her about this was how to celebrate and recognize his birthday, their anniversary, and his deathiversary (date he passed away) in the years ahead. At this point in her life, she was used to visiting gravesites to cope with her grief. She was wondering how she would do this when her husband's ashes were being stored in her apartment.

Her solution and now ritual to this problem was discovered a few months later. She was getting ready for a 4th of July trip that her and Alberto would go on every year. She was feeling anxious about visiting a place her husband always looked forward to. But then it dawned on her, she could take a part of Alberto with her.

She grabbed a container and filled it with a few tablespoons of Alberto's ashes. After spreading them at the lake he loved to visit, she felt a sense of closure and a new connection with him. Since that time, she has spread his ashes in Miami (his birthplace), Texas, the Bahamas, Brazil, Cuba, England and Hungary.

Although she initially despised the thought of cremation, her newfound ritual has changed her perspective. Tré never intended this to be a ritual, but with each new place she visits she is able to bring Alberto with her. Her ritual has become a central part of her grief journey. This is because it allows her to acknowledge the past that she shared with Alberto while continuing to make him apart of her present life.

What is great about Tré's story is that she has been able to continue to feel a connection to her loved one with each trip she takes. Now rather than having one place to visit (a gravesite), she has places around the world where she can revisit and feel a connection to Alberto. That's an underappreciated aspect of cremation - you can bring your loved one with you wherever you go. You never really know what life is going to throw at you. If an opportunity arises that causes you to move across the country, it can be incredibly difficult, not to mention costly, to transfer remains from one cemetery to another.

With cremation, you have the ability to bring your loved one's remains with you wherever you go. And in Tré's case, she can take her husband around the world and always feel a connection to him. Although he is gone, Alberto continues to be a world traveller alongside his wife.

5. CREMATION AT NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE



OUR CREMATION PACKAGES

The cremation services below cover just some of the more popular packages people tend to choose. Please contact us so we can give you a full breakdown of what we can provide. We are fairly flexible with our cremation offerings, and can customize them to meet specific needs and wishes.

- **Immediate Cremation with No Ceremony**

This is our simplest cremation service available. It does not involve any type of ceremony. Essentially the fee covers the completion of the necessary paperwork, removal of the deceased from the place of death, and the actual cremation of the deceased.

- **Immediate Cremation with a Memorial Service or Celebration of Life**

This cremation package includes all the aspects of a direct cremation plus your choice of a celebration of life or memorial service. This option gives families more time to think about the ceremony, the service can be more personalized, and it allows for more flexibility as opposed to a traditional funeral. Often times, families have the memorial service or celebration of life weeks or even months after the death.

- **Traditional Service with Cremation**

This is much like our traditional funeral service we offer with burial. It includes a viewing/visitation with an open or closed casket followed by a traditional funeral ceremony usually in a church. A specially-selected cremation casket is used during the visitation. After the funeral, the deceased is then cremated as opposed to being buried.

Go to our [cremation options page](#) for more information on these packages.

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