



SINN FAMILY
CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER

Funeral & Cremation Care

KNOWING YOUR OPTIONS

CREMATION

FAQ

Cremation is a popular choice because of its simplicity, lower cost, and flexibility. If you are considering cremation, you may have several questions regarding the options available to you.

WHAT IS CREMATION? Cremation is a common method of final disposition and an alternative to ground burial. It is the process by which high temperatures and evaporation are utilized to reduce a body to its most basic elements.

HOW DO CREMATION COSTS COMPARE WITH BURIAL COSTS?

The basic charge for direct cremation can be somewhat less than immediate burial, but they are often comparable in cost. The difference in cost arises primarily from the options selected above and beyond the basic services. Therefore, the choice between cremation and burial usually is more a matter of preference than a matter of cost.

WHY DO PEOPLE CHOOSE CREMATION?

Many people choose cremation for its simplicity. Some choose cremation for its cost-effectiveness, though this largely depends on the other service options selected. Others choose cremation because of environmental reasons or the flexibility it affords.

HOW CAN I BE SURE THE CORRECT REMAINS ARE RETURNED?

Crematories utilize meticulous identification policies and procedures to prevent errors and misidentification. The Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center proudly owns and operates its own crematory at our Trimont location - we would be happy to give you a tour any time and alleviate any concerns you may have.

"Your Loved One Never Leaves Our Care"

DO I NEED TO BUY AN URN? It is not necessary to purchase an urn, but many people choose urns based on their function. A ceremonial urn may be a lovely focal point for a memorial service. A biodegradable urn may be interred or put out to sea, and a personalized urn may be chosen to reflect a loved one's tastes and preferences. Urns of all kinds may be selected to display in the home—porcelain, wood, bronze, stainless steel, ceramic, marble, or glass. Families choose urns based on appearance and their intended use. However, there is no law requiring the purchase of an urn. You may build your own, use a cookie jar or tackle box, etc. The possibilities are endless!

CAN THE FAMILY BE PRESENT AT THE CREMATION? If requested, the Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center can accommodate on-site cremation witnessing at our Trimont location.

IS A CASKET NECESSARY IF I CHOOSE CREMATION? A casket is not necessary for cremation to take place. All that is required is an alternative container used to hold the body. If a funeral service and/or viewing is held prior to cremation, a ceremonial casket may be purchased or rented at a lower cost than a casket designed for earth burial. A new insert is placed into the rental casket for each use.

WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MY CREMATED BODY TO BE SCATTERED? Scattering cremated remains is a meaningful option for many families. Laws and regulations can vary, so it's important to consult look into the rules before scattering. In many cases, scattering is permitted on private property with the owner's permission, while scattering on public land may be subject to local ordinances or restrictions.

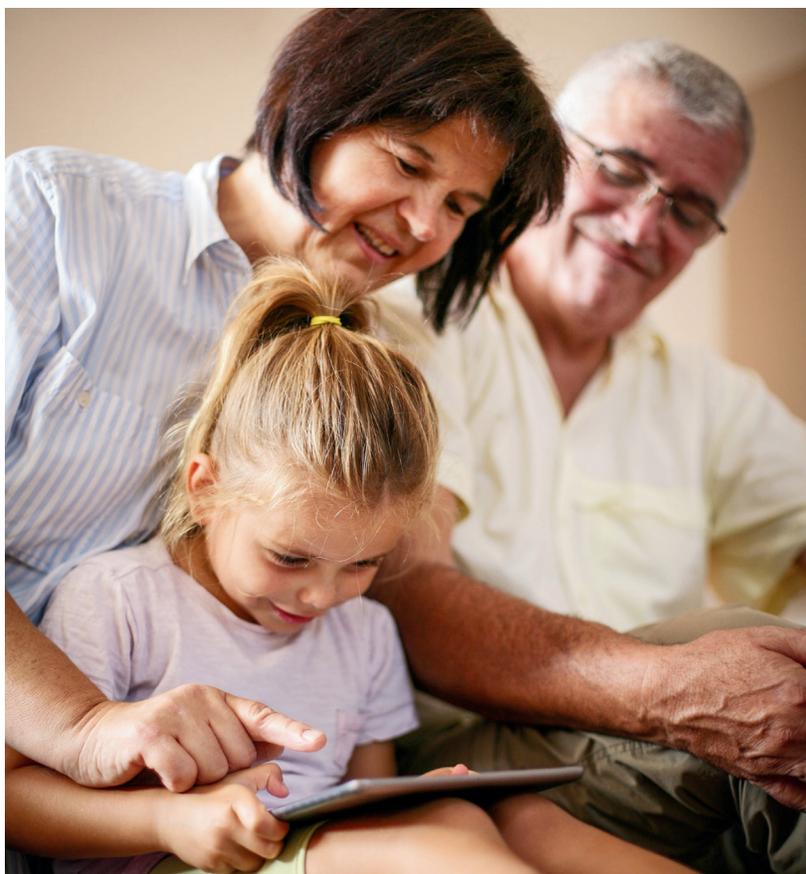
We also encourage planning ahead for a permanent place of remembrance. This may include placing a portion of the remains in a cemetery or memorial location, or establishing a designated memorial at the scattering site. Having a permanent memorial provides loved ones with a place to visit, reflect, and remember for years to come.

WHAT ARE THE FAMILY'S OPTIONS ONCE THE CREMATED BODY IS RETURNED? After the cremated body is returned to the family, there are many options for memorialization. The cremated body may be buried in a cemetery plot or cremation garden, or laid to rest in a columbarium niche. The cremated body may also be kept at home, scattered in a special place, placed in cremation jewelry, or divided among family members.

CAN WE HAVE A CEREMONY? Ceremonies help family and friends find closure and healing. A healing ceremony incorporates three essential elements:

- A public gathering
- A service that honors the memory of the person who died
- A ceremony committing the loved one to their final resting place

A service ending with cremation may include any and all of these healing aspects. Your funeral director may recommend options to help balance your wishes with your family's needs during the grieving process.



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