

A GREENER WAY TO GO

From preparing bodies to burying them in natural settings, the green burial movement is attempting to make death more environmentally friendly and, in some ways, closer to the way it was in the past. A comparison:

STANDARD BURIAL

Burials use formaldehyde embalming and long-lasting caskets. They can easily cost \$10,000.

A standard grave site, often landscaped and well-maintained, features a large headstone made of granite or flat bronze. Fertilizer and pesticides are used on the grass.

Below ground, a casket made of steel, finished wood and copper rests inside a concrete vault capped by a thick concrete lid.

NATURAL BURIAL

The natural, or green, burial method starts with the body preparation, which uses no embalming fluid or a nonformaldehyde-based formula.

If there's a headstone, it's a rock or a piece of rough-cut limestone that's flat on one side to identify the deceased. Some methods use GPS coordinates to spot a grave's location.

Caskets are made of wood, plywood, bamboo, cardboard, cornstarch or wicker. Sometimes a shroud or quilt may be used to wrap the body.

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Green Burial Private Viewing Graveside Service 4295.00

Includes:

- Transfer of Remains
- Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- Refrigeration and Sheltering of Remains
- Bathing of Deceased
- Other Preparation of the Body
- Transportation to the Cemetery
- Private family viewing at Funeral Home
- Graveside Service



Simple Nature Casket

550.00



Bamboo Shroud w/ handles

695.00



Simple Bamboo Casket

1295.00

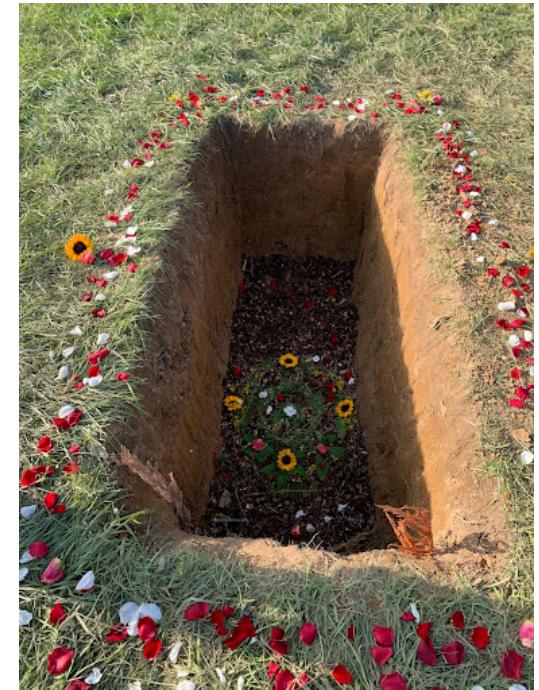


Elite Seagrass Casket

2595.00



A natural stone memorial can be purchased through our subsidiary Riverview Monument Company.



We lessen your loved one's final carbon footprint by forgoing the use of embalming chemicals, metal caskets, paper products and concrete vaults, while still allowing your loved one to have an eco-friendly passing in a way that allows all to say goodbye with dignity.

Burial can occur in a premium biodegradable natural casket at Heritage Acres, which does not require the use of a vault.

The Heritage Acres Promise

- No embalming
- If a shroud or casket is used, it will be biodegradable
- Minimal use of mechanized equipment
- Ceremonial practices determined by family members or loved ones
- No concrete or metal vaults
- If a grave marker is used, it will be made of unpolished flat, natural stone or wood
- Invitation for families and loved ones to participate in grave opening and closing



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