

Important Information About Strode Cremation Services

“We Take Your Trust Seriously”

- ***WE OPERATE PAYNE COUNTY'S ONLY CREMATORY:*** When you call upon Strode, once your loved one comes into our care they never leave us until the cremation or burial takes place. Unlike many “discount” providers, we do not ship our families loved ones to third-party common crematories in other cities or states. Our crematory is for the exclusive use of Strode families and is always available for your inspection. Very few funeral homes operate their own crematory. If you are anticipating utilizing a funeral home without a crematory, insist on knowing where your loved one will be taken and inspect the location for yourself.
- ***WE HAVE OUR OWN ON-SITE REFRIGERATION FACILITY:*** Just as with the crematory, we have our own on-site refrigeration facility to accommodate remains that have not been embalmed. Many of the funeral homes in our area do not have an on-site refrigeration facility, which means that your loved one may be sent to a facility many miles away that is not under their supervision or control.
- ***ONLY LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTORS SUPERVISE OUR CREMATORY:*** Many funeral homes and “discount” providers allow non-licensed staff to oversee their cremation operations. Our crematory and refrigeration facility is under the supervision and control of licensed funeral directors.
- ***WE ALLOW OUR FAMILIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT AT THE CREMATION:*** In some instances, certain family members may gain peace-of-mind witnessing their loved one placed into the cremation chamber. This is analogous to someone staying at a gravesite to witness a burial. Since we operate the only crematory in Payne County, we are the only area funeral home able to offer this important service.

Please consult your funeral director if you have any further questions or concerns.

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES CHOOSING CREMATION

At Strode, we know that viewing, gathering, remembering, and allowing for the support of friends are all critical for those left behind. Healing begins with intentional decisions that take into account the needs of all those affected by a death.

Families who choose cremation have the same needs as those who choose burial. Cremation does not eliminate those needs, so enclosed are several options to help you decide what is best for those you care for.

We know that every life has meaning, and we are committed to helping you find personal, meaningful, and appropriate ways to remember and commemorate the life of your loved one.



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Please consult your funeral director for current price information.

Decisions to Make when Choosing Cremation

When a loved one dies, there are many decisions to be made. The three most important are 1) "How will we care for the deceased"; 2) "How will we care for the needs of the family and those most closely affected by the death"; and 3) "How will we allow others to show their love and support for us?"

The Role of the Funeral Director

Although many people believe that 90% of what a funeral home does is for the deceased, in reality it's just the opposite. 90% of what we do at Strode is to help family and friends begin healing by creating ways to gather, celebrate, share, and support.

Families who choose cremation as the answer to the first question often need guidance regarding the next two questions: care of the family, and care of friends and the community. The choice of cremating rather than whole-body burial is often the easiest choice, but the other choices deserve thoughtful consideration.

Where to Start

Following are questions that will help you decide how best to meet the needs of your family and friends. Feel free to consult with our staff should you have any questions, need pricing information, or wish to discuss other ideas or traditions.

Please check all of the following that may be of interest:

SERVICE, CEREMONY, OR GATHERING

"Every Life Deserves to be Remembered...Every Family Deserves a Funeral"

- I want some kind of gathering but I'm not sure of what kind or when to have it.
- I want a traditional or contemporary (non-religious) service at Strode or another facility with our loved one present (in a casket or ceremonial casket that can be either open for viewing or closed) followed by cremation.
- I want a traditional or contemporary service at Strode or another facility with only the ashes (cremated remains) present (in an urn) following cremation.
- I want a traditional or contemporary service (memorial service) without my loved one's body or ashes present.
- I want a non-traditional ceremony or gathering (at a park, garden, other venue, etc.) without my loved one's body or ashes present.
- I want a graveside-only service at the cemetery with the ashes present for burial or placement in a cemetery crypt or niche.
- I want an informal "open house" or come-and-go visitation (with or without refreshments) for family members and friends (no formal service or ceremony) at Strode.
- I want no opportunity for family, friends, and the community to support me and honor my loved one with any kind of service, ceremony, or memorial whatsoever.
- I want to discuss my own ideas.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VIEWING / OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE

- I or other family members wish to privately see our loved one again prior to cremation to say goodbye.
- I want to allow family, friends, and others the opportunity to say goodbye with a public viewing or visitation so their needs will be taken care of.
- I do not want to provide anyone with the opportunity to see my loved one again or to say goodbye prior to cremation.
- I or other family members wish to be present as our loved one is placed into the crematory chamber.

URNS AND OTHER MERCHANDISE

- I want to look at an urn or other container suitable for display, burial, or placement in a cemetery. (Urns may be personalized; companion urns available)
- I want to look at keepsake urns so that part of the ashes can be divided among family members or part of the ashes can be kept after scattering.
- I want to look at cremation jewelry so I can keep a small portion of the ashes with me at all times or used my loved one's fingerprint for remembrance jewelry.
- I want to discuss alternative options, such as using ashes to make art glass keepsakes; placing ashes in a container with a live plant or tree; etc.

FINAL PLACEMENT OF ASHES / CREMATED REMAINS

Eventually everyone will need a final resting place.

- I want all or part of the ashes buried or placed in a niche or mausoleum at a cemetery, church, or national cemetery (veterans only).
- I want all or part of the ashes to be given to me or to another family member or friend to be stored, displayed in an urn, or scattered. (Funeral home does not store ashes.)
- I want all or part of the ashes to be scattered by a third party, by sea, air, etc. (Funeral home does not scatter ashes.)
- I want to discuss temporary or portable placement of the ashes.

PERSONALIZED WAYS TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

How Can We Meet Your Needs By Creating A Unique Event?

- I would like information on personalizing the service or gathering with a custom DVD presentation, enlarged photos, special music, celebration reception, etc.
- I would like information on specific options available for veterans.
- I would like to know about some of the more unique or unusual ways others have created lasting memories of their loved ones.