

BURIALS AT SEA

DELIVERY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

FUNERAL DIRECTORS GUIDE



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BURIALS AT SEA - GUIDENCE NOTES

Mamarine.com Llp (Burials at Sea.co.uk) will deliver burials at sea for your company in support of your clients opting for burial at sea - We operate primarily from The Needles MMO Designated Burial Site – other areas also (see later). As an experienced Burial at Sea Company, we have worked with most National and many Local Independent Funeral Directors throughout the UK in the deliver of the operational parts of a Sea Burial.

OUR SERVICES DOVETAIL SEAMLESSLY WITH YOUR NORMAL FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S PROCESSES

We aim to dovetail the operational parts of Sea Burials seamlessly into your normal client support services. At all times we act as a support contractor to YOU the Funeral Director in the fulfilment of your clients wishes to arrange a burial at sea, you should proceed in your normal professional way with your client's arrangements following notification of the death – advising us also at the earliest opportunity please.

Following formal notification of the death we will commence checking the logistics & forward weather forecasting (to find a suitable weather window options).

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN MMO SEA BURIAL LICENCE

We will require you to forward to us the following scanned copy certificates:

(originals to be held by you and made available on the day of the burial at sea for MMO inspection)

- The Death Certificate
- Freedom from Fever and Infection Certificate
- Coroners Out of England Certificate (Form 103)



OUR ROLE - MAMARINE (BURIALS AT SEA.CO.UK) - on receipt of the 3 scanned copy documents (via email):

We will commence the Marine Management Organisations (MMO) online process for obtaining the Licence required for your client's burial at sea.

- The MMO licence fee is payable at the time of submission (this fee will be paid by us as part of our fees).
- Once the licence is granted (usually at the end of the online process and the submissions being accepted by MMO) we will advise you of the successful licence including any special conditions required.

THROUGHOUT THE TIME LEADING TO THE DAY OF THE BURIAL AT SEA WE WILL LIAISE WITH YOU AS THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR LINKING INTO THE FAMILY:

- Regarding all logistical arrangements (date of the burial – booking of the Boat, Crew, Crane, Harbour Masters Pontoon, all marine fees and any catering requirements (pre/post the burial).
- Provisional date/time will be researched via multiple weather forecast sites for the best project weather window (passenger comfort) matching (where possible) the preferred date / time for the Funeral Director/Family.
- Through you we will also seek to establish how many family/friends will wish to accompany* the deceased on their final journey aboard our cruiser (normally up to 10 passengers plus the deceased). Additional passenger capacity is available via added vessels being chartered in support – (Any issues my direct mobile is g John 07721978053).

RELIGIOUS / HUMANIST SUPPORT SERVICES ON THE DAY - We can arrange via our network connections a chosen Minister (may be an additional cost) for the family:

- **Minister of the main Religions or Humanist** - should your clients wish to have a service at the quay side prior to the boat departing.
- **Often families prefer to hold such services prior to arrival at the boat**
- **Within sight of the committal area is Tennyson’s Monument on the Isle of Wight and often a family member will read his poem “Crossing the Bar”**

MAMARINE (BURIALS AT SEA.CO.UK) – DELIVERY OF THE BURIAL AT SEA

We will assume full responsibility for carrying out MMO Licence requirements once the casket has been placed aboard our chosen vessel.

We will charter sufficient vessels* to deal with any additional passengers wishing to accompany their loved one on this final journey (*at additional cost)



FUNERAL DIRECTOR (AIDE MEMOIRE)

Prior to the day of travel, we require you to email us the exact weight of the casket (including the deceased) so we can advise the crane operators - this weight will be checked and recorded by the crane operators at the time the casket is transferred to the boat.

It is the Funeral Directors role to obtain a compliant sea coffin and prepare the deceased in accordance with MMO regulations (embalming is prohibited) for burial at sea. [link to MMO coffin specification](#)

On the appointed day it is the Funeral Director’s role is to deliver the deceased in a compliant MMO specification casket to the Marina crane for transfer to our vessel for the burial at Sea.

Once the Marine Coffin has been certified as compliant* in particularly the weight being confirmed (crane’s load cell will provide a read out), this should match the previously advised weight provided by you as the Funeral Directors**

We will assume full responsibly for complying with the provisions of the MMO burial at sea licence and the delivery of the deceased final wishes.

**MMO Reserve the right to carry out a full inspection of the coffin (including contents), licence and vessel before confirming the execution of the MMO burial at sea licence can proceed (any additional costs incurred due this inspection failing will be chargeable to the Funeral Director). ** We reserve the right not to proceed with the burial at sea if the coffin weight is below the minimum MMO specification – coffins & deceased usually weigh in the region of 300kg.*

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ARRIVAL AT THE CRANE & THE TRANSFER PROCESS

On arrival at the Marina the Funeral Directors will be directed to park their van adjacent to the crane where the transfer process will be commenced. We use a commercial crane to lift the casket aboard our vessel

TRANSFER PROCESS

MECHANICS OF THE TRANSFER PROCESS



Once the crane has made the transfer, the Funeral Directors and their vehicle should proceed to The Mayflower Hotel and park.

The Coffin will be secured aboard, and will be covered with a national flag prior to the family joining the boat. The crew will secure the coffin and proceed to the Harbour Master's Pontoon to await the family.

PRESENTATION OF THE LICENCE – PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO SEA

Whilst the coffin is being loaded the MMO (Marine Management Organisation) Licence will be formally presented to the Authorities (MMO Inspectorate/ Harbour Master) for confirmation to proceed to sea.

Once this formality is concluded the Family will be collected from the Mayflower Hotel and escorted to the boat for any religious service to be carried out or to depart directly to sea

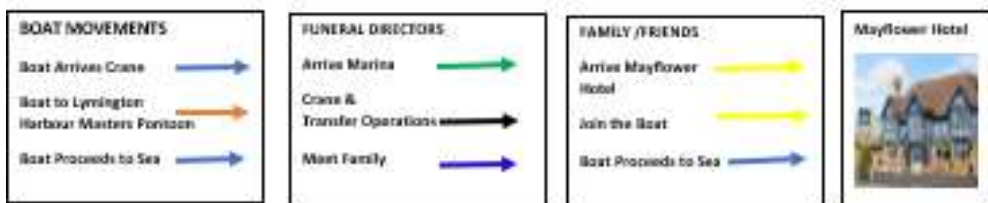
LOGISTICAL BENEFITS TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*The use of the crane requires only one representative from the funeral directors to attend the burial at sea operation. Once a compliant MMO casket has been delivered to the Crane *for transfer onto our boat.– your operational role has been completed (*Weight- we reserve the right to refuse an underweight coffin)

MAMARINE (BURIALSATSEA.C.UK)

We assume full responsibility for carrying out the Committal & MMO licence provisions once we have accepted a compliant MMO Coffin has been placed aboard

LYMINGTON OPERATIONS LOGISTICS - FUNERAL DIRECTORS (ORANGE) - FAMILY (YELLOW) - BOAT (RED/BLUE)



OUR TERMS OF BUSINESS

Our Contract with you is covered by our T&C's (see Burialsatsea.co.uk home page). Under our terms of business, we will invoice you for our services once the licence has been obtained – payment in full is required prior to the agreed burial date.

NEXT PART - INVOLVING FAMILY / FRIENDS

Arrangements have been made for Family/Friends to assemble and wait



at The Mayflower Hotel where Tea/Coffee will be provided.

BOAT NOW READY TO MEET THE FAMILY

When the boat is loaded and ready to receive the family/friends our representation will collect and escort the group to the Harbour Masters Pontoon where the boat will be waiting with their loved one aboard.

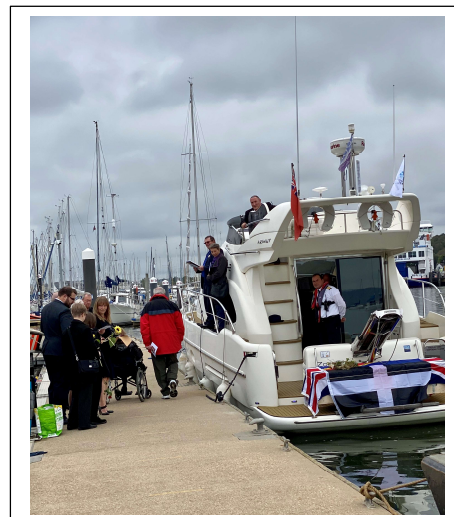


THESE PHOTO SHOWS HOW WE PRESENT THEIR LOVED ONE TO THE FAMILY.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE – QUAYSIDE

Families are offered the opportunity to have a service at the quayside as part of our packages

We work closely with Swan Ceremonies who will provide in addition a Quayside Services will also provide pastoral support <https://www.swanceremonies.com/funerals>



GOING TO SEA

Following a quayside service, those wishing to go to sea will be introduced invited aboard. (Maximum of 10 passengers – additional vessels can be chartered in to accommodate more people)

The Skipper will carry out a safety briefing and an outline of procedures of the Burial at Sea voyage - we will then proceed to the Needles burial site and the committal ceremony



Our Italian Azimut 42 Flybridge Cruiser on route to The Needles to the Designated Burial area



Our Cruiser is positioned at The Needles Designated Burial Area Ready for the Committal

COMMITTAL CEREMONY

THE SKIPPER WILL POSITION THE VESSEL WHILST OUR CREW WILL MAKE READY FOR THE COMMITTAL PROCEDURE

The Family will be invited to take their place at the stern of the boat ready for the committal to take place

OUR EXPERIENCES OF FAMILIES AND COMMITTALS

Some families choose to have a family member read a passage or a poem prior to the Committal

In the back ground (picture above) is a Monument to Alfred Lord Tennyson on IOW – often his poem “Crossing the Bar” is read prior to the committal button being pressed*.

The boat’s sound system can be used to play favourite music .

*A Family member or Friend aboard can if they wish press the button that commences the Committal

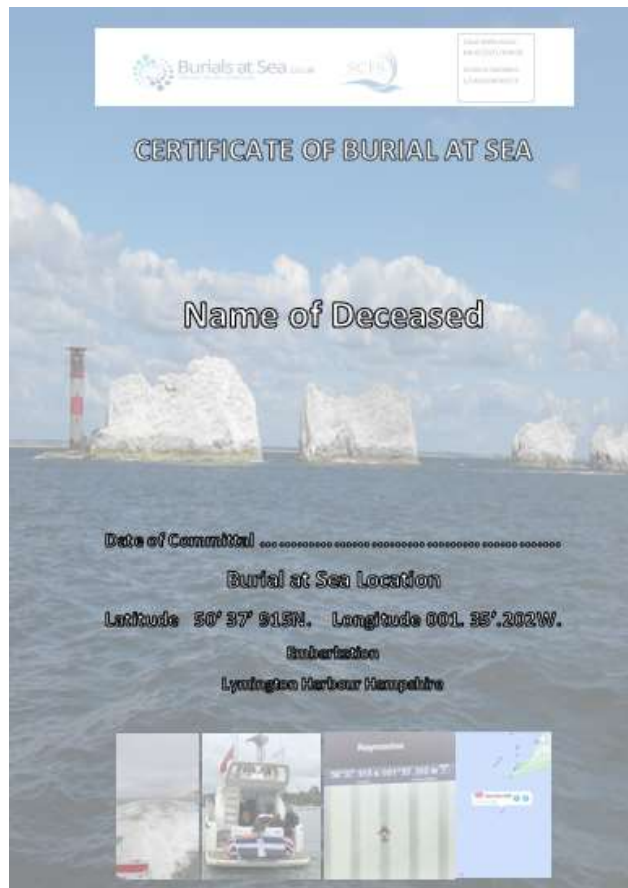
Often Family & Friends will celebrate the life of loved one with a Champagne Toast – this can be provided aboard as part of some of our packages or as an extra

Following the Committal, the Skipper will hold the boat on station to allow time for reflection by those aboard. When all are ready he will commence the return voyage to Lymington

The Boat’s MMO Burial at Sea Licence folder will be presented to the family by our Skipper.

On the boat’s return to Lymington some families go back to the Mayflower Hotel for a wake gathering

A few days later a Certificate of location will be sent to the Funeral Director for presenting to the family



ADDITIONAL NOTES

UK BURIAL AT SEA DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WHERE YOU CAN BE BURIED AT SEA

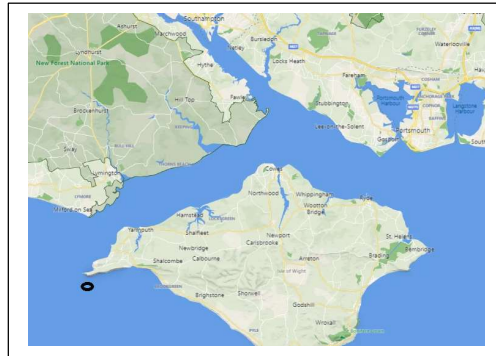
BURIALS AT SEA IN ENGLAND



Mamarine (Burials at Sea.co.uk) usually use The Needles Isle of Wight site as our boat is based operationally near here

Following are designated English MMO locations:

- OFF THE NEEDLES, ISLE OF WIGHT



- BETWEEN HASTINGS AND NEWHAVEN



- OFF TYNEMOUTH, NORTH TYNESIDE

MMO WEB SITE COMMENT FOR ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR CONSIDERATION

"If you wish to apply for burial at sea at a location in England or the Northern Irish offshore area that is different to those set out above you can still apply for a licence but you should be aware you might also have to provide evidence your proposed burial location is suitable. Things like water depth, currents, pipelines and fishing will be considered.(All applications are published on the [public register of marine licence applications and decisions](#))"



Following are the 2 Marine Scotland's designated Burial at Sea locations :

- OFF JOHN O'GROATS
- OFF OBAN WEST COAST

BURIALS AT SEA ELSEWHERE IN THE UK

- For Burials in inshore and offshore areas of Wales you will need a licence from:



<https://gov.wales/search?global-keywords=burial+at+sea+sites+in+Wales>

- For Burials in inshore areas of Northern Ireland you'll need a licence from:



<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

Wales – Contact National Resources Wales

OBTAINING A BURIAL AT SEA LICENCE - MMO (Marine Management Organisation)

To enable us to apply for a MMO Burial at Sea Licence using our online account we need you/your Funeral Director to supply us with a copy (via email) of the following documents:

- Death Certificate
- Certificate of Freedom from Fever and Infection (available from the deceased person's GP or hospital doctor)
- Form 103 Notice to a Coroner of Intention to Remove a Body out of England (available from the coroner in exchange for a Certificate of Disposal provided by the registrar)

Burials must take place within 3 months of the date the licence is granted.

MARINE COFFIN SPECIFICATION (click here)

You /and or your Funeral Directors must ensure that the coffin is constructed to the MMO specification and weight requirements

PREPARING THE DECEASED

In preparing the Deceased for a Sea Burial you/your Funeral Directors must also make sure that the body:

- isn't embalmed
- is lightly dressed in biodegradable material
- has a durable identification tag with the details of the funeral director

MMO always reserves the right to inspect the body, coffin, licence and the 3 supporting original certificates before the boat puts to sea to carry out the burial at sea.

MAMARINE /BURIALS AT SEA OFFER A PERSONALIZED AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICE - 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK – YEAR - ROUND (ANSWER SERVICE) AND WE SEEK TO SUPPORT AND COMPLEMENT THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SERVICES TO BEREAVED FAMILIES - RING JOHN 07721978053

BURIALS AT SEA STORY BOARD

ARRIVAL OF THE COFFIN AND THE FUNERAL PARTY



MOURNERS PAYING THEIR FINAL RESPECTS



BOAT LEAVING LYMINGTON AND MAKING ITS WAY PASSED THE NEEDLES ON ROUTE TO THE BURIAL AREA



FINAL PREPARATION FOR THE BURIAL AT SEA

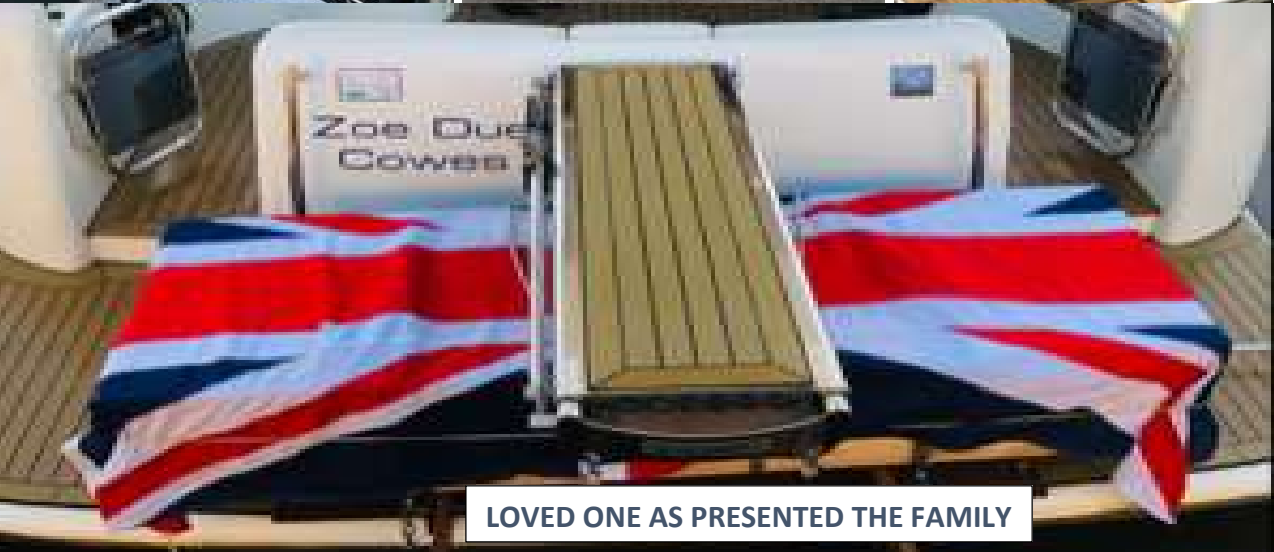
BURIAL HAS TAKEN PLACE



IMAGES KINDLY ALLOWED BY A PAST CLIENT FOR THE SOLE USE OF FAMILIES CONSIDERING A BURIAL AT SEA



TRANSFER PROCESS TO BOAT FOR A SEA BURIAL



LOVED ONE AS PRESENTED THE FAMILY

MMO Marine Coffin Specification

Statutory guidance

Burial at sea: coffin requirements

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The coffin you use must be made of solid softwood and must not contain any plastic, lead, copper or zinc. It must have:

- between 40 and 50 50mm (2 inch) holes drilled throughout
- corners butt-jointed and strengthened with mild steel right angle brackets screwed internally, or substantial wooden bracing struts 50 x 38mm
- about 200kg of iron, steel or concrete clamped to the base of the coffin with brackets of 10mm mild steel bar, or blocks of weak concrete mix
- weight distributed evenly to prevent the coffin from turning to the vertical
- 2 long mild steel bands running from the top to the bottom of the coffin
- several mild steel bands across the coffin at about 30cm intervals along its length

The coffin and any inner box or liner must be made from natural, non-toxic and biodegradable materials. They must both be able to withstand any impact and be able to carry the body quickly to the seabed.



BOAT PASSING THE NEEDLES MMO DESIGNATED COMMITTAL AREA

**WORDS OF COMFORT THAT HAVE BEEN USED ABOARD DURING A BURIAL AT SEA
– USUALLY SPOKEN BY A MINISTER OF RELIGION (*WE CAN ARRANGE*)**

SENTENCES FROM THE BIBLE

Jesus said, “ I am the resurrection and the life: all who believe in me, though they die, yet, shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in m shall never die”.

John 11. 25 -26

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor thing present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Romans 8.38-39

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Mathew 5.4

COLLECT

Let us pray.

**Lord of the roaring waves and the mighty deep,
we thank for your calm in the chaos,
As your Holy Spirit blows where you will,
help us to set our course to follow that wind and, at the end,
find our peaceful berth in you:
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BIBLE READING - *Corinthians 15. 35-38, 42-44a*

Some will ask, “How are the dead raised? What kind of body do they have? No! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the plant, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat, or of some other grain. Then God gives it a body.

**So it is with the resurrection of the dead,
what is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.**

It is sown in sorrow, it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES

Support us, Lord, all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadow lengthens, and the evening comes,
the noised world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy, give us safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last.

Amen *(all)*

COMMENDATION

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,

we entrust..... to your merciful keeping in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen *(all)*

RESPONSORY

Lord, have mercy upon us

(all) Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy upon us.

(all) **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth s it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen *(all)*

WORDS TO ACCOMPANY THE COMMITTAL

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take to himself the soul of our dear friendhere departed:

We now commit these mortal remains to the deep, looking for the resurrection of the body, when the sea shall give up her dead.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our frail bodies that they may be conformed to his glorious body, who died, was buried, and rose again for us.

To him be glory for ever. Amen *(all)*

CATHOLIC PRAYER

**Lord God,
By the power of your Word
You stilled the chaos of the primeval seas,
You made the raging waters of the Flood subside,
And calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee.
As we commit the body (earthly remains)
Of our brother (sister) to the deep,
Grant him/her peace and tranquillity
Until that day when he/she
And all who believe in you
Will be raised to the glory of new life
Promised in the waters of baptism.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And may the blessing of God Almighty : the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen *(all)*

ALTERNATIVE WORDS OF COMFORT (non-religious)

Crossing the Bar BY ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Tennyson's Monument



TENNYSON DOWN, FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO39 0HY – VISABLE FROM THE DESIGNATED BURIAL AREA

The inscription on the memorial pillar reads: 'In memory of Alfred Lord Tennyson this Cross is raised as a beacon to sailors by the people of Freshwater and other friends in England and America.'

ALTERNATIVE WORDS OF COMFORT

"I give you this one thought to keep, I am with you still, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on the snow.

I am as sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain when you awaken in morning hush.

I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight,

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone, I am with you still in each new dawn." Anon.



The Needles MMO Designated Burial Area

