

What steps do we take?

Step 1: Finnerty and Stevens takes your loved one into our care and transports them to our aquamation facility in Connecticut.

Step 2: After the necessary authorizations are signed the body is carefully placed into the sterilized aquamation chamber.

Step 3: The aquamation takes between 6-8 hours. An alkaline solution flows around the body and mimics natural breakdown that occurs in the earth.

Step 4: The bone remains - the same as those in a flame cremation - are collected and prepared for return to the family

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A flameless process that uses water instead of fire.



Over 90% energy savings when compared to flame-based cremation.



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20% more ash remains returned to the family.

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Aquamation

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What is Aquamation

Aquamation is a flameless cremation process that uses water instead of fire. It is a more gentle process, that doesn't release harmful greenhouse gases. The process is very simple, your loved one is respectfully placed into the chamber and a combination of gentle water flow, temperature and alkalinity are used to accelerate the natural process that would normally occur when your loved one is laid to rest in the soil. This version of cremation allows you to get back 20%-30% more of your loved one when compared to the traditional way of cremation.

Frequently asked questions

Is Acid used? No, aquamation does not use acid. Instead they use a catalyst called alkali, which is the chemical opposite of an acid. Alkalies are made up of different types of sodium and potassium salts.

Are Alkalies safe for the environment?

Yes! The alkalies they use are very common and used in many everyday things, and the solution they use in the end is only 5% alkalies and 95% water.

What happens after they aquamation is finished?

Once the process has finished the water is drained and the remains are left to dry and make them into remains and return to the loved ones family

What is Aquamation

Why is this considered an environmentally friendly choice? With Aquamation there are no direct emissions of harmful greenhouse gases or mercury into the atmosphere. This process does not burn any fossil fuels. It is very energy efficient - greater than 90% energy savings compared to flame cremation, with 1/10th of the carbon footprint. There is no burning of fossil fuels.

What is the impact of the water usage?

Virtually zero. The aquamation process uses less water than a single household uses in one day. This includes all of the water used for the process, along with the clean water rinsing of the final remains and vessel.