

About Us

Finnerty & Stevens has proudly served the Great Barrington, Massachusetts area since 1918.

Our experienced and compassionate staff of funeral directors are here to help families celebrate their loved one's life with dignity and respect. We want to give you a unique and memorable experience as your loved one reaches their final resting place. We now offer different options when thinking about planning, from the traditional burial to now green burials. From as simple as a celebration of life to a full viewing of a green burial.

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GREEN BURIALS



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What is a green burial?

A green or natural burial does not use traditional embalming chemicals or metal caskets. While each cemetery has different requirements, a natural burial seeks to return bodies to the earth after death.



Where around us can we do this

- Great Barrington Cemetery
- Pine Grove Cemetery in Sheffield
- Mount Washington Cemetery

Why do people chose this option?

People choose this option based on there beliefs and lifestyles. This option gives a more eco-friendly way to still bury your loved one. This means they minimalize the impact on the environment when laying their loved one to rest reducing their carbon footprint one last time. This also allows for your loved one to make one final connection to nature

Green Burial: what it is & isn't

One of the primary goals of green burial is to minimize resources used and waste.

This may include:

- Natural caskets made out of biodegradable materials
- Do not allow for the use of embalming fluids
- Most often it the grave is marked with a natural marker or a gravestone that blends in with the surrounding environment



Can we still have a formal viewing and/or funeral?

While we don't use embalming fluids you can still have a viewing as we can use oils to preserve the body in a more natural way that follows the green burial guidelines.

Your loved ones care could still be under the complete supervision of a green burial guidelines from the use of green burial approved soaps to the natural fibers they are dressed in. We offer different caskets made of green burial approved materials. The most common caskets are made of wicker or pine.