

When Pre-Planning Cremation or Planning a Loved One's Cremation

Think about whether you'd like to have additional services before or after the cremation, such as:

Funeral service before cremation

- Religious
- Memorial after the Secular
- Military
- Visitation/wake
- Select a funeral home

Memorial service after cremation

- Location _____
- Who will come? _____
- Who will officiate? _____
- Do you need audio/video equipment?
- Will the remains be present?

Scattering ceremony

- Is it on private property? Do you have permission?
- Is it on public land? Do you have authorization?
- Who will come? _____
- Will you have any music or special components? _____

What to Do with the Remains

Following cremation, what would you like to do with the remains?

- Decorative urn at home
- Keepsake urns for family members
- Columbarium interment
- Cemetery interment
- Outdoor urn for a garden memorial
- Scatter the remains

When a Loved One has Died

Notify people and relevant organizations

- Personally call family and close friends
- Notify the cremation provider
- Notify the life insurance or final expense insurance provider
- Notify the employer, or the organization administering retirement benefits
- Notify the VA, Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid, and other relevant parties

Make cremation arrangements

- Select a cremation provider
- Complete required paperwork, such as cremation permits and death certificate
- Make financial arrangements for the cremation
- Call to arrange transport of remains to the cremation facility
- Make arrangements to pick up cremated remains or have them shipped

Manage related details

- Write and submit an obituary to memorials.funeralhomeresource.com
- Select a charitable organization for donations
- Make arrangements for visiting family to stay with local friends and family, or prepare a list of lodging options

Handle Death-Related Details After the Cremation

Manage accounts:

- Banks
- Investments
- Insurers
- Retirement plans
- Utilities
- Credit cards

Deal with legal considerations

- Administer the estate per the will and local probate laws
- Pay bills until the estate is settled
- Hire an accountant for help with end-of-life financial considerations