

THE BUYER'S GUIDE TO  
*cemetery property*

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## *Creating a timeless legacy.*



**CEMETERIES OFFER A SPECIAL CONNECTION** to those who have come before us. A permanent resting place can be a beautiful and lasting way to remember a personal story for generations to come. And whether you choose traditional burial or cremation, the cemetery space you select can be as unique as you are.

Deciding to purchase cemetery property in advance is an important step to securing your final arrangements. There are many choices available to suit your individual preferences, family traditions or budget considerations.

### **HOW TO BEGIN**

It's not every day that people think about purchasing cemetery property, so there's often confusion or questions about the types of options available and how to go about starting this process. This guide was created for just that reason. It will help you to better understand:

- > The types of cemetery property available for both cremation and traditional burial
- > The types of memorials available for your cemetery property

- > Special religious and military arrangement options
- > Why it's important to begin pre-planning your arrangements now

As you make your way through this guide, take note of the options you are drawn to and write down any questions you may have. Your local Dignity Memorial® professional can provide any additional information or details you may need.

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Cemetery property types and options vary by location.

# Types of cemetery property



There are many different types of cemetery property to meet the needs and wishes of families and individuals. One of the first steps is to determine whether or not you would like to be cremated. This will help you in making your selections.

## ABOVEGROUND BURIAL OPTIONS



### Private Mausoleum

- > Exclusive and custom-built
- > Can be designed for an individual, couple or family
- > Customized options can include stained glass, benches or special landscaping
- > Can be built to accommodate traditional caskets, cremation urns or both



### Community Mausoleum

- > A structure holding multiple crypts (for caskets) or niches (for urns)
- > Can be indoor or outdoor
- > Structure is beautiful and perpetually maintained



### Additional Aboveground Cremation Options

When choosing cremation, it's important to also select a lasting place of remembrance where loved ones can reflect and remember. In fact, there are even more aboveground choices for cremation memorialization than there are for casket placement. In addition to the above, these include:

- > **Columbaria** – permanent memorials containing cremation niches. A columbarium can be indoor or outdoor. Niche choices can include those with glass, granite or bronze fronts.

- > **Mausoleum Niches** – cremation niches can also be housed inside of a mausoleum that includes casket crypts.
- > **Cremation Gardens** – specially designed gardens for those choosing cremation. Aboveground options in a cremation garden include columbaria, pedestals, benches and other custom memorials—all tailored to fit your specific needs.

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## GROUND BURIAL OPTIONS

Ground burial refers to a casket or urn being placed below the ground. Many families and individuals choose ground burial as a form of lasting remembrance. Regardless of whether you choose casket or urn burial, there are several types of ground burial from which to choose.



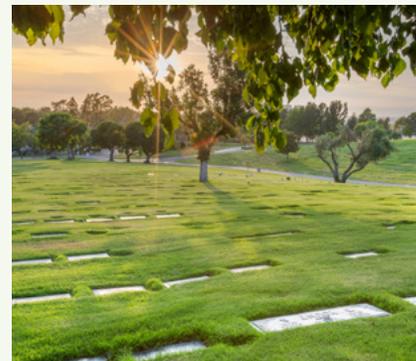
### Family Estate Areas

- Semi-private area where loved ones can be together
- Often bordered by beautifully crafted stone walls, benches or lush hedges
- Can include distinctive landscaping and gate
- Can accommodate casket or urn burial, or a combination of both



### Community Lawn Gardens and Upright Gardens

- Natural setting
- Offers options for different types of markers\* and memorials including granite upright and flat bronze markers, all customized to tell a special story
- Also an option for those choosing cremation



### Lawn Crypt Gardens

- Areas where outer burial containers are pre-installed in a lawn setting
- No need to purchase a separate vault or outer burial container
- Economical choice
- Can accommodate both caskets and urns

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



Many cemeteries also include areas for special groups such as veterans or specific religious affiliations. Your local Dignity Memorial® professional can provide additional information on choices to meet your needs.

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## *The next step to taking care of an important family responsibility.*



Whether you choose space in a majestic mausoleum or under the shade of a giant oak, a final resting place should serve as a beautiful lasting remembrance for friends and family to visit and reflect.

Making your funeral, cemetery or cremation arrangements in advance is one of the greatest gifts you can give the people you care about. And when you plan with a Dignity Memorial® provider, you'll have peace of mind in knowing you're part of a network of more than 2,000 funeral and cemetery locations that offer compassionate care and service excellence to families throughout North America.

We hope this guide has been helpful in explaining the basics of choosing cemetery property. If you're ready to begin the planning process, just have questions or would like to take a tour of your local Dignity Memorial cemetery, please contact your us today.

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