About In-Ground Burial

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Is there a time limit after a death for a person to be buried?

States have different laws; some limit the maximum time before final disposition. Things that must be considered include: securing official permits and authorizations, notifying friends and family, preparation of the burial site and religious requirements, etc. Your funeral director will be well-versed on the regulations.

What are interment fees?

Fees for interment cover the cost of many separate services performed by cemetery or contracted personnel. They include administering and permanent record keeping -- we determine ownership, obtain permission and compete all other necessary documents, enter the interment details in the interment register, and maintain all legal files. The fees also include actually opening and closing of the grave -- we locate and lay out the boundaries of the grave. We or a contracted party will excavate and fill the space; install and remove the lowering device; level, tamp, and re-grade the grave site, and level it if/as the earth settles.
What is a burial vault?

A burial vault is the outside container into which the casket itself is placed. It is designed to protect the casket and keep the grave surface from sinking in. Burial vaults vary -- they can be built of one or more of these materials: concrete, stainless steel, galvanized steel, copper, bronze, plastic and fiberglass.

May I make the necessary arrangements in advance?

Yes. You can and should make all arrangements in advance. Planning ahead lets you consider the options you prefer. As an informed consumer, you can make the decisions about your funeral, your cemetery arrangements and the kind of memorial you want. They will be meaningful decisions that will give you peace of mind, knowing that you have relieved your loved ones of the emotional and financial burden of having to make these important decisions at a time of mourning. It's also a wise economic choice, because you purchase at today's prices, free from future inflationary pressures.

When I buy a grave, do I receive a deed?

Yes, however it's a deed to occupy the burial space, not of real estate property ownership. The purchase of a grave is really a purchase of the right to designate who may be buried in that grave, and what kind of memorial you want -- subject to what the cemetery's rules permit. You're not really purchasing the ground itself -- that remains the property and responsibility of the cemetery.

What is care and maintenance?

A portion (whole or in part) of the burial space purchase price is set aside in a Cemetery Endowment Fund, which provides for the regular care and maintenance of the cemetery, which can include mowing, planting and maintaining trees, water supply system maintenance, roads, drainage, etc. A Cemetery Endowment Fund is as specified in Colorado state law.
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From the time you enter the grounds our cemetery, you will see the perfect blending of natural and man-made beauty. Each section of the cemetery is beautifully maintained. Whether you choose a religious theme, or one based on an attribute such as hope, peace or forgiveness, it will make a lasting statement about the values you deemed important in life.

Individual and family lots are available throughout our grounds.

When selecting traditional ground burial for interment, there are three basic components: the grave, the memorial and the burial vault. The grave is purchased from the cemetery, while typically the memorial and burial vault are purchased through the funeral director.

Graves range in price by location.

Memorials are all installed level with the lawn or secured to ground. Please refer to the individual cemetery’s published policy and procedures manual for further information and details.

Burial vaults serve to maintain the grave and to protect the casket. Funeral homes offer a basic, sealing vault that meets our requirements, and vaults with liners which afford greater protection to the casket.