
Are You Considering Cremation?

This brochure will help you answer some of the most commonly asked questions regarding cremation. It will help to explain the next step involved once you have chosen cremation.

Planning ahead is important, and so is making your choices for the future. We plan for the future with a home, insurance, a vocation, your retirement, a will, and yes, even for the inevitable - we plan for death. By preparing in advance for the inevitable, we show proper forethought and a caring concern for our family members.

Just as life is full of choices, there are many choices available in preparing for death. You have the choice of the traditional in ground burial, above ground burial or entombment, and you have the option of cremation.

If Cremation is your choice, please read the information provided you in this brochure. Just as you purchased insurance and prepared a will, you should make your wishes known for the disposition of your remains. Make arrangements for your final resting place now, with your family so they are aware of your wishes. By planning ahead, you can assure your loved ones will not have to make painful decisions during a stressful and emotional time.

Do I need A Funeral Director?

Yes. In the State of New Jersey, only a licensed funeral director can transport the

deceased. He must also secure legal papers such as the death certificate, health permits, etc.

Is a Casket Necessary?

Yes, a cremation funeral service is the same as any other, the casket is used in the same manner and for the same purpose. The regulations of each crematory generally require that all human remains intended for cremation be received in an acceptable container that assures protection to the health and safety of the operator, provides a proper covering for the remains, meets minimum requirements for the appropriate respect and consideration, and is composed of suitable combustible materials.



What is Actually Involved in Cremation?

Crematories require that the deceased be enclosed in an acceptable rigid container of combustible material. The deceased is cremated in the same enclosed container in which it arrives at the crematory. It is placed in the chamber where, through heat and evaporation, is reduced to cremated remains; not ashes but bone fragments. The cremated remains are then placed in a permanent urn or in a temporary container suitable for transport.

Cremated remains are not ashes.

Is Cremation The Final Disposition?

No, it is not. Cremation is one step in the funeral process. The **memorialization** of the cremated remains normally follows the cremation itself. A memorial serves a basic human need to remember and to be remembered. As part of the grieving process and as an integral part of our recovery from loss, is the need to know that our loved ones have been placed in a permanent and secure location, where present and future generations can return to honor their memory.

A space at Franklin Memorial Park provides a physical anchor that helps many people deal more comfortably with their loss.

Is it Advisable to Arrange for Cremation in Advance?

Yes. Your family should visit the cemetery to learn what types of memorialization are offered. Arrangements can be made together, ahead of time, free of emotional upset, grief and confusion over the loss of your loved one.

Our Memorial Counselors can help with the selection and purchase of a final resting place. By doing so, you are assured your family will be able to carry out your wishes.

Your thoughtful planning will protect your family when they need it most.

What Choices of Memorialization are Available at Franklin Memorial Park?

Chapel Pedestal Niches, Gallery Niches as well as Marble and Glass “Story” Niches are available within both of our beautiful Mausoleums.



Story Niche

We offer unique Garden Columbaria in our Good Shepherd Garden for families who prefer outdoor memorialization.



Some People choose a spot in one of our Memorial Sections.



Our Memorial Counselors can help you choose what is right for you and your family.

When Can I Visit Franklin Memorial Park?

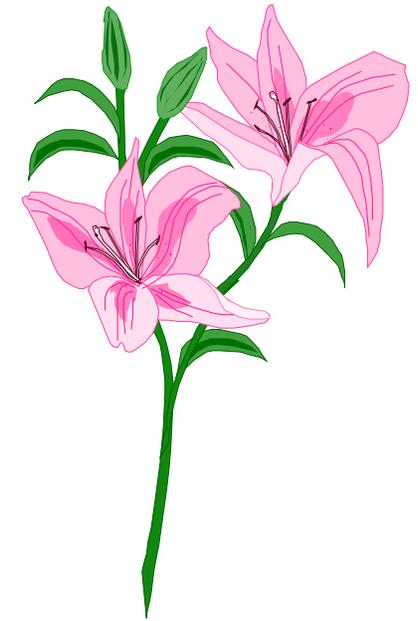
The Park is open for visitation from Dawn to Dusk, 365 days a year. Our Office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30 and on Saturday and Sunday by appointment. We can also make arrangements for a Memorial Counselor to visit you in your home if you are unable or do not wish to visit the park.

For directions please visit www.FMPark.org



We hope that this simple brochure about a complex topic was able to help you answer some of your questions about cremation. Please do not hesitate to visit or call if you have further questions that we may be able to help you with.

If Cremation is Your Choice,



What's Next?



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