

❧ Burial vs. Cremation ❧

The choice is a very personal one. Decisions may be influenced by family tradition, religion or the wishes of the person who has died.



If you decide on cremation, you can choose between a full cremation service or a memorial service (with or without the ashes present).

Many churches today have a Wall of Remembrance. It may be a good idea to postpone your memorial service until after the cremation, in order to have the interment of ashes taking place straight after the service. You can discuss your wishes with your Funeral Planner.

You may wish to have the deceased in a coffin present at a church/chapel service or another location before the actual cremation will take place. The service is then concluded with all family members, friends and those attending leaving the church at the end of the service, to gather outside around the coffin/hearse. A final committal is done outside and an opportunity is given for paying your last respects. This is the final moment for saying your goodbyes, and as the hearse leaves the premises with all those attending watching, it brings some sort of closure to the ceremony.

Whatever you decide, we can take care of the necessary arrangements for you.

The cremation is then done privately, normally not attended by family members. We make use of the services of a private crematorium, Cremos Cremations cc situated in Randfontein.

What to do with the Ashes of the Deceased

You may choose to scatter the Ashes in a favourite place, inter them in an existing grave or place them in a Wall of Remembrance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What exactly is cremation?

Cremation is a process of reducing the human body to bone fragments using high heat and flame.

What services are available with cremation?

Any traditional funeral service with the body present can take place prior to the actual cremation. Or else, a memorial service can be held before/after the cremation

Is a coffin required for cremation?

Yes, a coffin is required for cremation.

Can the body be viewed before Cremation?

Yes, immediate family members may view the deceased prior to cremation in our private viewing room. The deceased is first prepared for viewing, i.e. washed and dressed.

Can the family be present during the cremation?

No, there are no facilities at the private crematorium to accommodate family members

Is cremation accepted by all religions?

Today most religions allow cremation. Some people believe that cremation is against the teachings of the Bible, but it remains a very personal matter. Those who wish to be cremated should communicate their wishes to family members.

What happens when the body is presented for a cremation?

The officials responsible ensure that:

- The cremation has been reserved.
- The cremation documents submitted comply with all legal requirements.
- The details on the coffin correspond with those on the documents

What do such legal requirements entail?

A. The cause of death (if Death by Natural Causes) must be confirmed by two independent medical practitioners. Then a Medical Referee assigned by the Council grants consent that cremation may take place. This is done after he/she has ascertained that:

No foul play is suspected; and the cremation is not contrary to the expressed wishes of the deceased.

B. In the event of an Unnatural Death, the Medical Referee will consent to cremation as soon as he/she has received the Schedule D, completed by the Pathologist who performed the autopsy.

Are all bodies cremated simultaneously at the Crematorium?

Possessions, clothing and decoration of the coffin