

Cremation interment at Greenwood

When it comes to honoring your loved one with a graveside cremation burial, there is no standard way. Some come with clergy, readings, prayers and songs. We've had people do butterfly releases and military honors. Some keep it short and simple. The type of service is up to the family. We are here to help.

Before the burial

Documents: Please provide the cemetery with a copy of the burial/transit permit, death certificate or both ahead of time, if possible. Otherwise, you may bring it with you to the gravesite on the day of the scheduled interment and hand it to a staff member.

Vault: Greenwood Cemetery requires that cremains be buried inside a burial vault (whether in an urn or not in an urn). There are several sizes and styles from which to choose — but there is a minimum size we accept. Contact us with questions. You may purchase vaults at a funeral home, but please let our office know the make, model and/or dimensions at least two business days in advance of the scheduled burial



A burial vault like this one (along with many other different styles) is required by Greenwood Cemetery.

Schedule: Schedule a time and date with our office: (231)347-6531. Burials may be done Monday through Friday 10am-3pm (or Saturdays and holidays for an added fee)

Payment: In order for an interment to be made, we must receive payment in full two business days in advance.

Extras: For an additional fee, the cemetery may offer chairs, tent and/or a covered table on which to display an urn. If you wish us to provide any of these, our office must know 24 hours in advance. Chairs may not be set up more than 30 minutes prior to a ceremony or left more than 30 minutes after. Tents are not set up if the weather makes it dangerous to do so. **You may not bring and set up your own tent.**



The grave will be open under plywood and artificial turf as shown.

On the day of burial

Staff: A staff member(s) will be in the vicinity of the burial site a half hour before your scheduled time, out of the way, but available for you to find if you have any questions or requests. Please give them a copy of the burial/transit permit if you haven't already done so.

Parking: If there are several cars, look for a staff member for direction on parking your vehicle(s).

The grave: The grave will already be open when you arrive. We place plywood over it for safety and cover that with a piece of artificial turf.

Closing: After the ceremony you may leave or stay to watch the staff fill in the grave and replace the sod. It is your choice and you should let them know your preference prior to the service.

Vault and cremains:

- If the vault and cremains are coming with the funeral home directors, you don't need to do anything. The director will communicate with our staff.
- If you've arranged for the vault and/or cremains to be stored here, we will have them ready at the gravesite when you arrive. We will wait to seal and lower the vault until your service is over.
- If you have brought the vault and/or cremains with you, you may set them on the artificial grass or ask one of the staff to do so.

