



Creating a Place to Remember

THE IMPORTANCE OF A PERMANENT MEMORIAL

Explore the importance of having a permanent resting place for your loved one, helping you understand why this decision can bring lasting peace.

Why It's Important

Gravesite

Urn Garden

Columbarium

Family Plot / Mausoleum

Intro

Losing a loved one is a profound experience, and in the midst of grief, finding comfort becomes essential.



This guide aims to provide you with an understanding of the benefits of a dedicated space that will guide you in making a choice that honors your loved one's memory.

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Why it's Important

Emotional Connection and Healing: A physical location where you can reflect, remember, and feel close to your loved one provides a tangible connection that can be incredibly comforting. This space allows for moments of quiet reflection, where memories can be revisited, and emotions can be processed.

A Place for Family and Friends to Gather: One of the key reasons to have a dedicated place for your loved one is to create a common space for family and friends to come together. When the remains are kept in a private residence, it can be difficult for others to pay their respects, especially if they live far away or if visiting the home is inconvenient.

Preserving Legacy for Future Generations: Having a permanent resting place for your loved one also ensures that their memory is preserved for future generations. These sites serve as a physical reminder of a family's lineage, allowing future generations to connect with their heritage.

Avoiding Regret and Providing Closure: For many, the decision to scatter ashes or keep them at home may initially seem appealing, but it's not uncommon for people to later regret not having a permanent place to visit. Without a dedicated space, it can be difficult to find closure, and there may be a lingering sense of something left undone.

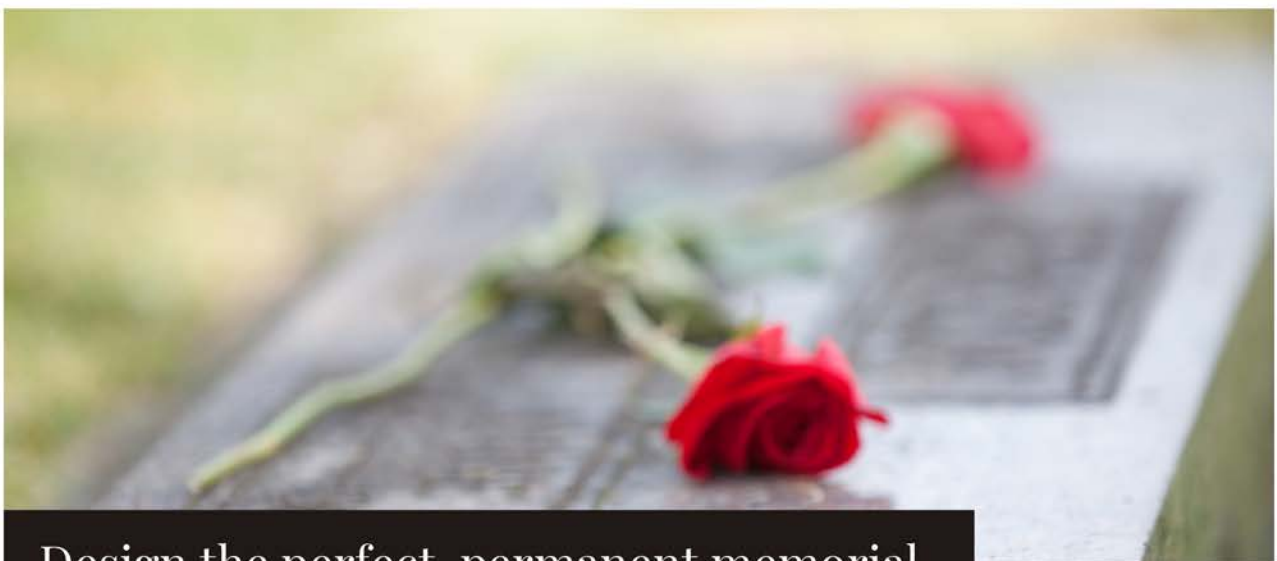
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Gravesite

A gravesite serves as a physical memorial and final resting place for the deceased, offering a tangible location for loved ones to visit, remember, and grieve.

- **The Grave or Burial Plot:** This is the physical space in the ground where the casket or urn is interred.
- **A Headstone or Marker:** This is usually a stone or metal monument inscribed with the deceased's name, dates of birth and death, and perhaps a personal message or epitaph.
- **Surrounding Area:** The immediate vicinity of the grave may include landscaping, flowers, or other decorative elements placed by loved ones.

Visiting a gravesite can bring a sense of closure and acceptance to the grieving process.



Design the perfect, permanent memorial.

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Urn Garden

An urn garden is a designated area within a cemetery or memorial park specifically designed for the interment of cremated remains.

- **Interment Options:** Urns may be placed in various ways, such as:
 - **In-ground burial:** Urns are buried in individual plots or in a communal space.
 - **Niche walls:** Urns are placed in niches within a wall or structure.
 - **Scattering gardens:** Ashes are scattered in a designated garden area.
- **Memorialization:** Urn gardens often offer personalized memorial options, such as engraved plaques, benches, or sculptures, to honor the deceased.
- **Landscaping and Design:** Urn gardens are typically designed with beautiful landscaping, including trees, flowers, and water features, creating a peaceful and tranquil atmosphere.
- **Accessibility:** Urn gardens are usually designed to be easily accessible for visitors, with well-maintained paths and seating areas.



Tip

Urn Gardens offer a variety of interment options and memorialization choices to suit individual preferences and budgets.

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Columbarium



Memorialization & Cremation

A columbarium is a structure designed for storing cremated remains in individual compartments called niches. Columbaria offer a cost-effective, space-efficient, and low-maintenance option for memorializing loved ones who have been cremated.

- **Niches:** These are the individual compartments within the columbarium designed to hold urns. They come in various sizes to accommodate different urn dimensions and can often hold multiple urns for couples or families.
- **Memorialization:** Columbarium niches usually have a front panel that can be engraved with the deceased's name, dates of birth and death, and other personal information or messages. Some may also allow for the placement of small photos or mementos.
- **Structure:** Columbaria can take various forms, including freestanding structures, walls, or even rooms within a larger building such as a mausoleum. They can be located indoors or outdoors and are often designed to blend harmoniously with the surrounding environment.

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Family Plots / Mausoleums

Family Plots are designated areas within a cemetery where multiple members of the same family can be buried together. It provides a sense of continuity and connection, allowing families to create a lasting legacy and shared resting place for generations to come. Family plots often feature a central monument or headstone with the family name, along with individual markers for each person interred within the plot. They offer a sense of belonging and tradition, allowing families to visit and honor their ancestors in a unified and meaningful way.

Mausoleums are large, above-ground structure designed for the entombment of deceased individuals in crypts or vaults, often featuring ornate architecture and serving as a grand and permanent memorial. Individuals or families typically choose mausoleums as their final resting place. The decision might be made during pre-planning or by surviving family members after a death. Factors influencing the choice include personal preference, religious or cultural beliefs, budget, and a desire for above-ground entombment.



Inquire about any available grief support resources or aftercare services.

Don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have throughout the process.

Tip

Take some time to review the decisions you've made and ensure they align with your wishes and budget.





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