

PROS AND CONS

OF CREMATION

Pros

It's Less Expensive:

With no cemetery plot, casket, embalming, headstone or monument, cremation is less expensive than ground burial.

More Time to Plan:

Cremation allows families to take their time planning a ceremony, (as ashes won't decompose).

The Remains are Portable:

Urns holding cremains are far more portable than a casket holding the body.

It's Environmentally Friendly:

Cremation prevents cemeteries from expanding and taking up more land.

It's Psychologically Easier:

Some people, particularly those with claustrophobia, have a deep-seated fear of being buried.

It Gives Many More Memorial Options:

With cremation, families have a wide range of memorial options.

The Deceased's Resting Place Can be a Sentimental Location:

With cremation, you aren't restricted to using a cemetery for the deceased's final resting place.

Cons

Cremations aren't Available Everywhere:

Not every community has a funeral home with facilities & equipment for cremations.

Religious Bans:

Cremation is not permitted in some religious faiths.

Agreement Can Be More Difficult:

Some families experience tension & strife when it comes to cremation.

Environmental Concerns:

Cremation requires extensive use of fossil fuels, which increases carbon dioxide emissions.

Prevents Further Examination of the Cause of Death:

Not possible have body exhumed if investigation into the cause of death is required.

Impossible to Identify Misplaced Ashes:

There is always the possibility that the cremains may get misplaced.

Lack of a Permanent Memorial:

A big downside of scattering ashes in an outdoor location is that there isn't a permanent memorial where family & friends can visit in the future.