

## **Options Available in Our Cemetery Regarding a Traditional Burial or the Inurnment of Cremation Remains**

In 2016, the Board of Trustees of Arlington East Hill Cemetery Association added an additional service to the public. We have a new columbarium in our cemetery for the inurnment of cremation remains. The first unit will have 48 niches and the overall plan will consist of up to 42 units of 48 niches each. Each niche is designed to accommodate the cremation remains of one individual in a proper container or urn. The container or urn may not exceed the size of 9" X 9" X 9." However, depending on the size of the container or urn, a maximum of two containers can be placed in each niche.

Approximately half of the burials in Indiana are the inurnment of cremation remains. One reason for this is the cost of cremation and the inurnment of the remains can be substantially less than a traditional burial. The cost will depend on the cremation option you select. Four options are: a traditional service with cremation following, cremation with memorial, cremation with a final good-bye, or a simple cremation. The cost of each option varies with the funeral home you choose to perform the services. We are addressing only the costs involved for the traditional burial or inurnment of cremation remains in our cemetery.

The cost of a traditional burial in our cemetery is \$500 for a burial space in Sections 5 and 6 and \$600 in sections 7 and 8 for a burial space. In addition, it cost \$800 to open and close the grave if the service is during the week and \$850 if the service is during a Saturday or certain Holidays. This cost does not include the headstone, the foundation, and engraving on the headstone. The payment for the burial space is due upon the purchase of the burial space. The payment for the open and close is due at the time of service. It is the responsibility of the owner of the headstone to provide insurance coverage if desired. Otherwise, any damage is the responsibility of the owner of the headstone.

The cost of a niche in a columbarium is \$600 and the cost of the open and close of the niche is \$200 if during the week and \$250 if on a Saturday or certain Holidays. This cost does not include the engraving on the face of the niche. The payment for the niche is due at the time of the purchase of a niche. The payment for the open and close is due at the time of service. The Association has insurance coverage on the columbarium unit.

The option of placing the cremation remains in a cement vault provided by our cemetery and burying it in the ground is still available. The cost of this option is \$500 or \$600 for a burial space and \$600 to open and close the grave during the week or \$650 to open and close the grave on a Saturday or certain Holidays. This cost does not include the headstone, the foundation, and the engraving on the headstone. We do allow up to two burials of cremation remains in one burial space.

The option of purchasing a headstone that is made specifically to hold cremation remains still is available. The cost of this option is \$500 or \$600 for a burial space and \$200 to open and close

the niche during the week and \$250 to open and close the niche on a Saturday or certain Holidays. The number of containers holding cremation remains will depend on the design of the headstone. This cost does not include the headstone, the foundation, and the engraving on the headstone.

We are not recommending one option over another. The choice is up to each individual. Traditional burials continue to be a popular choice in our community. We have 2,924 burial spaces available for sale within our cemetery. A person can purchase one burial space or a family plot of any number of burial spaces. If a person wants to be cremated and have their remains placed in our cemetery, we offer three options. Currently, there are 44 niches available for sale in the columbarium. We do suggest you consider the options and check with your funeral director to decide which option works for you.

If you are interested in learning more about the above options offered by our cemetery, please contact Brenda McMahan at 765-663-2410 or email [brenda@arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com](mailto:brenda@arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com) .