

Ecologically Friendly Funerals

To be considered an ecologically friendly funeral, one must consider the carbon and toxic chemical footprint. Cremations, while the most cost effective, leave a definite carbon footprint. And traditional burials, with layouts, most definitely utilize formalin based hazardous chemicals during the embalming process.

We at Krtil Funeral Home Inc. are proud to offer an alternative that is not prohibitively expensive.

Our ecologically friendly funerals, utilizing an alcohol based preservation method, use no hazardous chemicals or carcinogens to contaminate groundwater during or after the process. Furthermore, we use earth-friendly caskets, produced by Florence Casket Company of Massachusetts; such caskets utilize no synthetic glues, only natural stains, very little metal, and totally natural muslin interiors. Therefore, a traditional funeral, with open casket visitation, is possible using earth-friendly means. Traditional, yes...but with an enlightened homage to the environmental consciousness of the 21st century.

We offer non-formalin based embalming for an additional charge of \$350.

Ecologically friendly caskets, produced by Florence Casket Company, are from the Evergreen Series, and range from \$3500 for pine, \$ 4000 for poplar hardwood, to \$7500 for mahogany. All use natural glues, natural shellacs, and natural muslin interiors, and are of the finest quality in material and workmanship.

Ecologically friendly funerals can be conducted at any cemetery.

But for those wishing to take the next step and purchase graves in dedicated natural areas, the following cemeteries are within an hour or two drive north of NYC. Contact them directly for rules, regulations, prices.

- Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Riverview Natural Burial Ground, Sleepy Hollow, NY
- Wooster Cemetery, Danbury, CT
- Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery, Rhinebeck, NY

Thank you.

John S. Krtil, Owner/Manager
Sierra Club member since 1980.