

SHIRLEY CEMETERY

- **NEW DURHAM, NH**

Trustees

- Michele Kendrick, Chair
- Jenifer Bourassa, Secretary
- Denis Martin, Treasurer
- Mike Clark, Sexton
- Trustees are elected to 3 year staggered terms and the sexton and is appointed by the trustees

The New Durham Cemetery Trustees are providing this presentation on today's cost and options available when a loss occurs. We are not endorsing any vendor or method of interment.

In most instances a funeral will be the second most costly event in one's lifetime.

Always get a copy of the cemetery by laws before you purchase a plot.

It is prudent to plan well in advance of a loss.

Negotiate price, and shop for services offered.

Research your options when clear headed, and not under duress. We are most vulnerable when a loss occurs. (Pre Need with a funeral director can be an option for locking in current rates. However; paying well in advance for services rendered must be carefully considered, as a vendor may not exist in the future.

In this presentation we are limiting the number of vendors, and surrounding towns for the sake of brevity. However; should you choose a different location in NH you will find the costs a current base line. It is wise to always shop and negotiate for price.

The Shirley Cemetery does not offer the option of a columbarium (storage niches for cremated remains.) but we are exploring the feasibility of an ash garden, and memorial wall that will substantially reduce the cost of interments.

Alton is currently in the process of providing columbarium's. Prices can vary but a columbarium niche in Concord is \$2600.

History of Shirley Cemetery



- The Shirley Cemetery land was left to the town of New Durham in 1999 by John J. Shirley and thus named after him for his generosity. The cemetery area is approximately. 1 acre. Additional land was added by the town in 2012.
- All past and present residents are entitled to purchase plots whether or not they currently live in New Durham.

Shirley Cemetery Costs

The cost of a 4x10 ft. plot is
\$500

Opening and closing a grave is
\$300 during business hours
and \$50 per hr. overtime.

The Shirley allows 1 casket and
1 urn per family plot or 4 urns
per family plot.



Alton Cemetery

- Unlike the Shirley Cemetery that limits its plots to New Durham residents and relatives past and present, The Alton Cemeteries are a public facility and anyone can purchase a plot.
- The cost of a plot is \$600 to \$800. Openings are \$600 Monday thru Friday, and Saturdays are \$900.
- Alton allows 6 cremation urns in one full burial (casket) plot.
- The cost to open only cremation plots are \$350 on weekdays and \$550 on Saturdays



BODY DONATIONS IN NH.

Anatomical donations in NH.

- Dartmouth Medical School,
Department of Anatomy,
Hanover, NH 03756
- 603-650-1636

Research other medical institutions that that accept anatomical donations

- Most institutions that
accept body donations will
also return the cremated
remains to family of the
decedents with out charge

DIRECT CREMATION

Services provided

- Direct cremation is the least expensive. Services include the removal and sheltering of remains. NH Law has 48 hrs. sheltering period.
- Transportation to crematory, alternative container, Medical Examiner fees, and return of remains

Cost.

- \$1200 to \$2600

Direct Burial with no attending rites

SERVICES TO INCLUDE

- Removal, sheltering transport to cemetery. The direct burial does not include casket, outer burial containers, and embalming if necessary.

COST

- \$2700

COSTS OF TRADITIONAL FUNERAL SERVICES

COSTS

- The paperwork required to inter the deceased can be a daunting task. Using the services of a funeral director to help with only the necessary filings is an option. Remember negotiating price for any service is time well spent.
- Traditional Service Packages run from \$5000 up. It includes services of funeral director and staff, embalming, cosmetics, use of facilities, and funeral coach. Not included are outer containers, caskets and cost of plots.
- CASKETS \$150 TO \$9000 PLUS
- OUTER BURIAL CONTAINERS \$1250 TO \$5500



Home Burials

- Home Burials are allowed in most of the 50 states. However; there are exceptions in urban areas for obvious reasons. When opting for a home burial check with the town clerk for permits and proximity to wells and waterways.

Home Burials

Burials in New Hampshire is an option, but careful thought should be given to this decision. It might be prudent to hire a funeral director to handle the multiple forms needed for a home burial.

- How long will property be in family?
- Will burial impact property values?
- Cost of rewriting deed?
- Prime reasons for choosing home burial?
- **What are state requirements RSA 289?**
- Must record with municipal cemetery trustees.
- Must record on property deed and right of way must exist.
- Must be located from any home, store, business or school, and must be 50 feet from water source or state highway.
- Must comply with local zoning.
- **PREPARE BY DOING THE FOLLOWING**
- Dig test pit to determine soil and drainage
- Research local health ordinances
- Draw plot plan with longitude and latitude coordinates
- **FILING PAPERWORK**
- Death Certificate must be filed with the NH DEPT. OF VITAL RECORDS WITHIN 36 HRS OF DEATH
- The town clerk will take death certificate where death occurred.

Gaining in popularity



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