



### KEEP THEM CLOSE

Honor your loved one's vibrant life with little bit of bling. These days, many families are choosing to carry their loved one's ashes everywhere they go by placing them in customized cremation jewelry. This meaningful jewelry is available in an assortment of styles, from small lockets and containers to glass cremation beads to crystals and diamonds.

Beautiful pieces combining cremated remains with the art of glass making can create a piece that is unique as the loved one it memorializes. Garden urns can also hold memories and add style to your everyday surroundings. These unique keepsakes will ensure your loved one's memory lives on and if desired close to home.



### A FINAL SALUTE

Your loved one courageously served our nation—so why not give him or her a patriotic send-off? All honorably discharged veterans and their spouses are entitled to a FREE burial at a national cemetery, whether they chose a traditional funeral or cremation. These benefits include a cemetery lot, opening and closing of the grave, an outer burial container and a veteran grave marker. Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to find out if you or a loved one is eligible to receive these valuable benefits.

## For more Information

about these and other final disposition options, contact us today. We'll be happy to answer any questions and point you in the right direction.

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## AFTER THE CREMATION IS OVER, *Now What?*



*Discover an array of final disposition options for your loved one.*

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### Options as Unique as Your Loved One

Now that the cremation is over, what do you plan to do with your loved one's cremains? Many families don't realize there are literally hundreds of distinctive choices. Although urn placement used to be the standard, final disposition options have come light years in recent decades. In this day and age, the options are virtually endless—and if you can dream it up, it's probably possible.

From scatterings at sea and cremation jewelry to underwater cremation reefs and space launches, there are countless cremation choices, ranging from remarkable to simply out of this world. The key is to pinpoint the perfect tribute that reflects your loved one's unique style and one-of-a-kind life.

Keep reading to explore the vast range of options for your loved one's cremains.



### THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

Was your loved one fascinated with space travel? Did she spend countless nights gazing at the moon and pointing out constellations? Honor her with a memorial service that's literally out of this world! Celestis, Inc., an affiliate company of Space Services Inc., can send your loved one's cremains into space for a truly stellar tribute. With Celestis, you may choose to launch a symbolic portion of the cremated remains into Earth orbit, onto the lunar surface or into deep space. The company also offers missions into space before returning the cremated remains to Earth.

### SCATTERING BY LAND OR SEA

Many families choose to scatter their loved one's ashes in a significant or meaningful place. For example, if your loved one was an avid sailor or fisherman, a scattering at sea may be a fitting tribute. If she spent most of her days tending to her garden, you might consider sprinkling her amongst her tulips and azaleas. If his favorite spot was a mountaintop lookout from a peaceful hiking trail, that may be the perfect place to spread his ashes. As long as it is permitted by local regulations, you may have a scattering ceremony in any location that your loved one cherished.

### DOWN TO EARTH

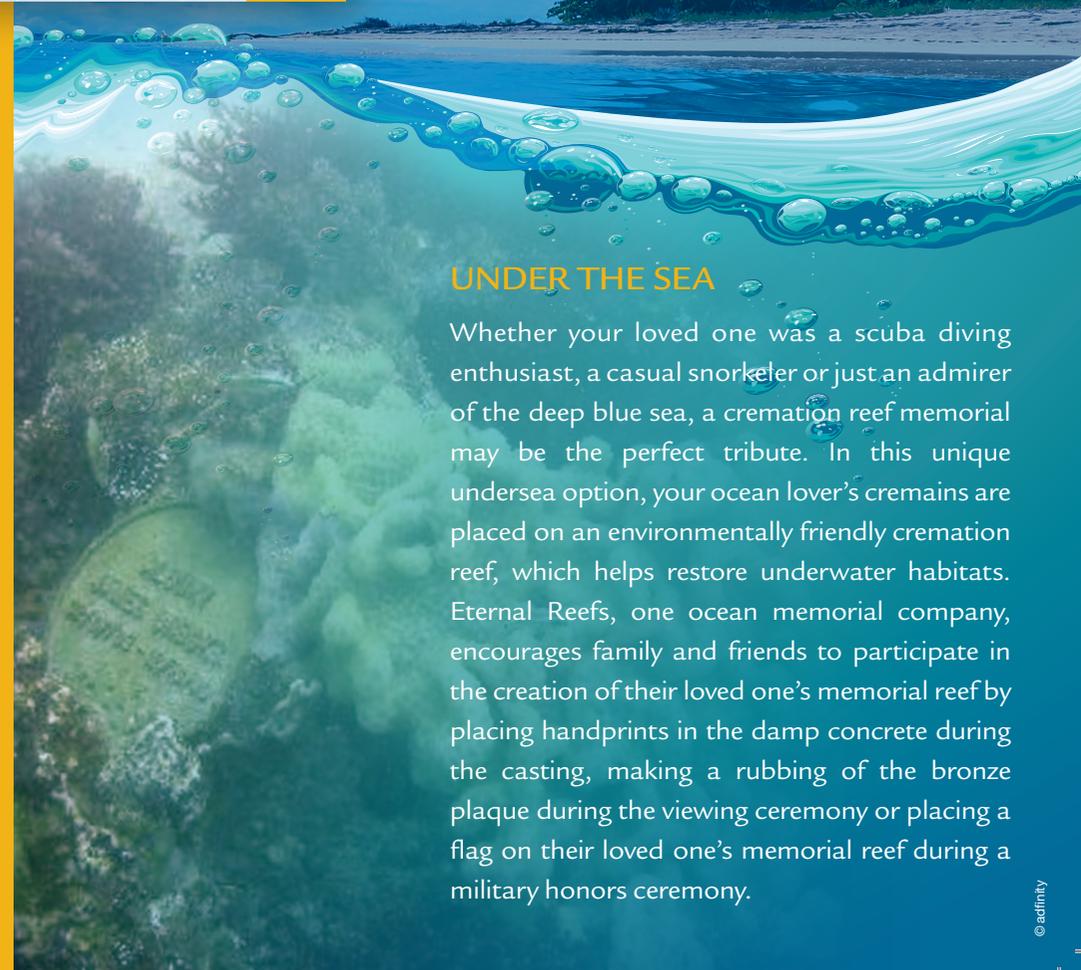
Even though your loved one chose cremation, this doesn't rule out a burial. Some families opt to bury their loved one's cremains in a cemetery so they'll have a peaceful place to visit for generations to come. With hundreds of cemetery locations throughout the area, you are sure to find a spot as unique and special as your loved one.

### A SECRET GARDEN

Many cemeteries now offer special cremation sections, often referred to as "cremation gardens." In these beautiful and tranquil gardens, you may choose to place your loved one's cremated remains in a columbarium, individual memorial, family estates, niches or other peaceful locations.

### TAKE A SEAT

Granite memorial benches are becoming an increasingly popular choice for individuals choosing cremation. In this enduring option, your loved one's cremated remains are placed in a beautiful bench, which may be customized with etchings of their name, date of birth and death and even a photo. Families often choose to place the bench in a special location that their loved one cherished—whether it's a private backyard garden, outside the family cabin or next to their favorite lake or stream. Many cremation gardens also offer customized cremation benches.



### UNDER THE SEA

Whether your loved one was a scuba diving enthusiast, a casual snorkeler or just an admirer of the deep blue sea, a cremation reef memorial may be the perfect tribute. In this unique undersea option, your ocean lover's cremains are placed on an environmentally friendly cremation reef, which helps restore underwater habitats. Eternal Reefs, one ocean memorial company, encourages family and friends to participate in the creation of their loved one's memorial reef by placing handprints in the damp concrete during the casting, making a rubbing of the bronze plaque during the viewing ceremony or placing a flag on their loved one's memorial reef during a military honors ceremony.

