

The PROS & CONS Of Soil Burial

Pros

ALIGNS WITH MANY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

The act of burying a body is deeply rooted in both family & religious traditions.

An individual may choose a traditional burial if that is a common practice in their family or an integral part of their religious beliefs.

PROVIDES A PERMANENT RESTING PLACE

Soil burials provide a physical location for loved ones to visit, which can be comforting during the grieving process.

Soil burials also provide a place where family members can erect a permanent memorial for the deceased, (ex. a headstone) that will remain for generations.

FAMILY PLOTS

Soil burial allows families to buy plots near one another so that they can be buried close to their loved ones.

This can have a huge impact on whether or not you choose soil burial as many like the idea of spending eternity alongside deceased family members.

Cons

IT'S EXPENSIVE

Soil burials are, most often, an expensive option. You have to purchase burial clothes, a casket, pay embalming fees, purchase a grave marker/tombstone, pay grave opening & closing fees, fees for the plot & pay for a hearse.

CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

You will be required to adhere to the rules & regulations of the cemetery you choose.

BODY PERMANENCE

Once the body is buried, it's extremely difficult to change the final resting place & doing so comes at an immense cost.

WEATHER

Soil burials can't take place during the winter months when the ground is frozen. Also, tombstones and grave maintenance can be extremely difficult.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Soil burials can adversely affect the environment due to the large amounts of metal, concrete and embalming fluids placed into the ground during the burial process.

