

Cemetery Planning

It's not just what your legacy
will be. It's where.



Beechwood Cemetery
proudly serving our community
since 1873



What is cemetery planning?

Preplanning your cemetery arrangements is one of the most thoughtful and considerate gifts you can give to your loved ones, because it relieves the burden of making difficult and expensive decisions at the time of grieving, and lets you set your own legacy.

It can help build your legacy with your family, which will endure for generations. Having your plans in advance allows your family and friends the time to connect with the warm and tender memories you all shared together.

It really means:

- Sparing your family from making hard decisions at an emotionally stressful time;
- Lightening additional grief at the time of loss;
- Ensuring your decisions are informed and thoughtful;
- Choosing the specific items you want at today's prices.

Imagine the calming peace of mind you can have knowing that it's all taken care of.



How involved is cemetery planning?

You'll be amazed at how quick and easy it is to prepare your cemetery plan.



JUST A SIMPLE FOUR-STEP PROCESS:

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR BURIAL PLAN OPTION

First, cremation or casket burial? This choice is very personal and it is best to make it with your loved ones. Beechwood Cemetery's knowledgeable family service representatives will provide you all the information that you may require to make an informed decision.

STEP 2: SELECT YOUR MEMORIAL SPACE

As part of your cemetery planning, you must decide if you want your final resting place to be in-ground, above ground, niche, crypt or mausoleum. You will also have to decide where in the cemetery you would like to be.

Beechwood Cemetery is 160 acres of breathtaking park-like settings, with colourful gardens, century old trees and sections that represent all cultures and communities that make up Canada.

Beechwood Cemetery is also the National Cemetery of Canada, and home to the National Military Cemetery, the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery, the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery and the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery.

You may find yourself overwhelmed with the variety and choice, but our family service representatives will walk or drive you around the grounds and show you different options.



STEP 3: IDENTIFY AND SELECT ALL NECESSARY BURIAL ITEMS

CASKET - IN-GROUND

1. Monument and base
2. Vault
3. Internment
(Opening-and-Closing)

CASKET - ABOVE GROUND

1. Marker
2. Entombment
(Opening-and-Closing)

CREMATION - IN GROUND

1. Internment (Monument/
Marker and base)
2. Urn
3. Vault
4. Inurnment
(Opening-and-Closing)

CREMATION - ABOVE-GROUND

1. Marker
2. Urn
3. Inurnment
(Opening-and-Closing)



STEP 4: INSCRIPTION

Deciding what to inscribe on your monument can be a challenging and emotional task.

A few items are typically found on each monument, such as:

- your name,
- your date of birth and death,
- your connection to your loved ones, and
- a decorative carving.

Some people choose to add a saying, a quote or a religion piece of text or even a family inside joke. This level of personalization not only brings meaning to you and your family, but provides all visitors a brief glimpse into who you are as a person or leaves them with a final reflection.

Inscriptions are as varied as the people at Beechwood Cemetery. Some are thoughtful, some are funny, some share their favourite poem or verse. All inscriptions are as special and unique as the people who chose them.



It can be that simple.
Making such a thoughtful
decision helps you
protect your loved ones
and your wishes.

Please contact us to find out more with
no obligation. A Beechwood Cemetery
Family Services Representative is always
available to help you and address
your questions.



Questions?

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About us

Beechwood is the National Cemetery of Canada and is the home of the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces, National RCMP Memorial Cemetery, the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery, the CSIS Cemetery and many more organizations and religious groups. Beechwood has been proudly serving our community since 1873.

Take advantage of all the services offered by Beechwood Cemetery, including pre-arrangements, full service funerals, cremation, cemetery services and executor assistance. Beechwood Cemetery can meet whatever wishes you may have from visitations, informal gatherings, life celebrations, memorial services, catered receptions, to a custom monument or memorialization.

Beechwood Cemetery is here to provide you with everything you need to make the right decision for you and your loved ones.

Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services is owned by The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation and operates on a not-for-profit basis. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, it is the only organization of its kind in Ottawa. In choosing Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, you can take comfort in knowing that all funds are used for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of this National Historic Site. The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation was created for the purpose of safeguarding Beechwood's future and increasing public awareness of Beechwood, as well as the important historical persons buried within it.