

# Green Ideas

for Funeral Services

**Environmentally  
Sensitive Funeral  
& Burial Options**



## What are your green options?

Green funerals. Natural burial. Eco-burial. Regardless of the name, the objective for many people is to minimize the impact on the environment. To leave a lighter footprint on the Earth. End-of-life arrangements can be both meaningful and environmentally sensitive.

If you choose a green burial, we can assist you in making the experience everything you want it to be and none of the things you don't.

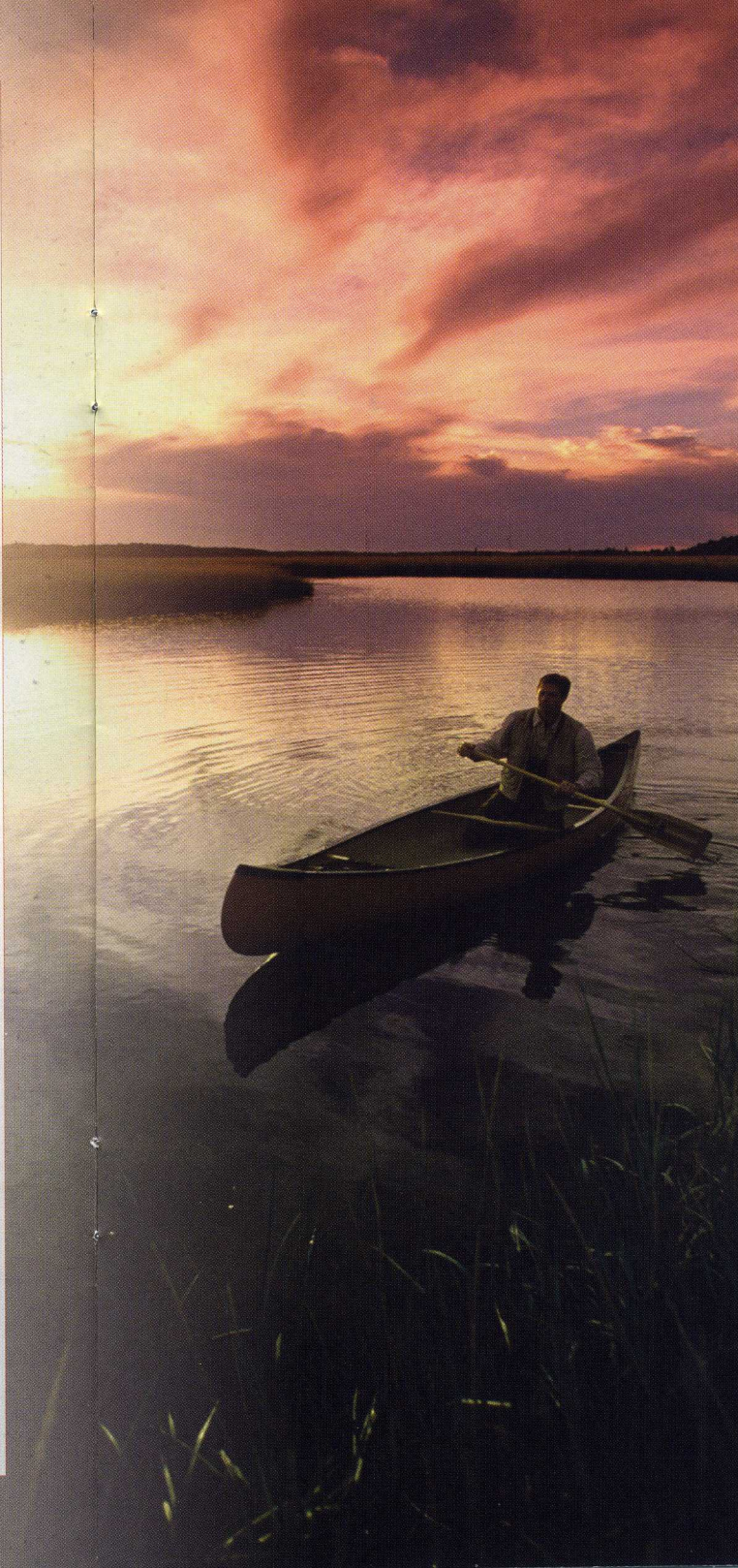
Many people ask, "How can a funeral be environmentally sensitive?" This is accomplished by using non-toxic embalming fluids, containers with non-toxic coatings, through the use of dry ice and other innovations.

## What types of caskets are considered green?

Now, there is another casket choice made from natural, biodegradable materials used today in green funerals. They can be made from wood, wicker, or even cardboard. A shroud made of cloth may also be used. Eco-caskets come in all shapes and sizes, and in different colors and finishes. They can be as plain or fancy as you choose. We can show you what is available and offer many suggestions of personal options to help create a tribute that honors your loved one in a way that also respects the environment.

## Cremation Can Be Environmentally Friendly

There are many eco-friendly options for the disposition of cremated remains. Some of these include biodegradable urns and scattering urns. There are artificial ocean reefs for cremated remains. And companies that turn cremated remains into a planting medium. These cremated remains, in turn, can aid in the growth of flowers, foliage or a living plant memorial. Please be sure to ask us for more information.





## Natural Burial

Although there are only a few truly natural burial cemeteries and land preserves in North America, many cemeteries offer natural alternatives to traditional burial. Ask us for more details about this option.

## What type of "green" is right for you?

We understand the growing concern to protect our environment. Whatever level of "green" you prefer, there are many funeral service options to choose from.

We encourage you to talk to us about what environmental concerns are most important to you.



## Planning Ahead

Planning ahead means you can learn what options there are for your green funeral services and decide what you would like before the need arises. We can assist in putting you in control of your own personal funeral planning. Importantly, it also relieves others of the burden of making those decisions.

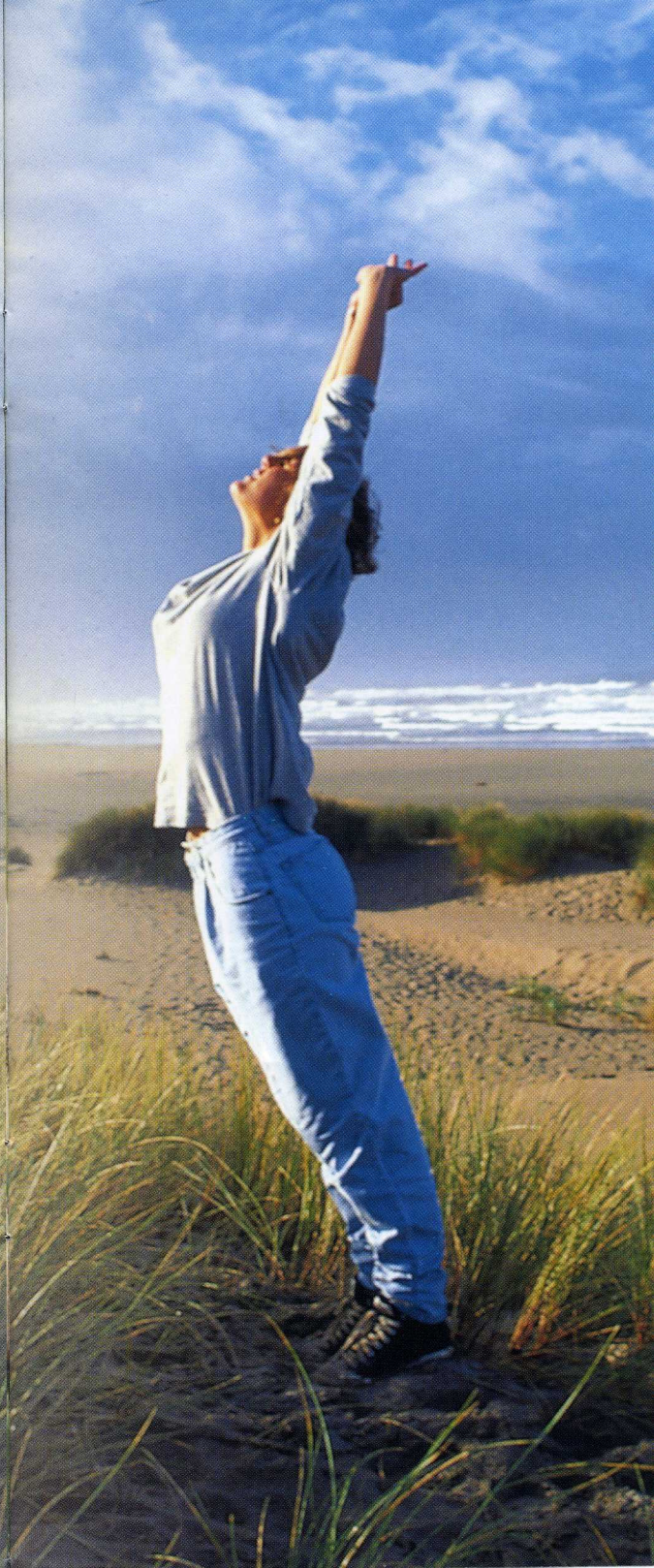
Green funeral plans have been prepared specifically for people who care about the environment. These plans not only seek to minimize the environmental impact of the funeral, but offer the opportunity to enhance wildlife habitats, protect landscapes and sustain the future. Simple arrangements, natural materials, a sustainable future - what better legacy could you leave?

## Leave the World a Better Place

We share your concerns about the environment. We are devoted to offering a selection of environmentally-sensitive product and service options to those preferring eco-friendly funeral services.

Together, we can plan a service that matches your environmental preferences.

Please ask us for more details.



# Leave Your Mark, Not Your Carbon Footprint.

Funeral services should reflect the life that was lived. Many individuals make an effort everyday to reduce their carbon footprint. We have information on environmentally-sensitive alternatives to traditional funerals and ground burial that allow families to follow their traditions while creating new ways to memorialize.