



Green Burials

A companion guide for our General Price List



More Personal. Less Stressful.

Green burials, or natural burials, have seen increasing popularity in America over the years. The following guide is intended to break down local green burial options we have here in Eastern Iowa, as well as other options that lie outside of our immediate area. This information is in supplement to Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Service's General Price List.

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Why we choose the *Calla Lily*

The longest night of the year occurs around December 21, commonly referred to as the winter solstice. The nights are dark and the air is cool as the earth tilts itself away from the sun. Experiencing the death of a loved one is certainly a dark day in our lives. Our natural response is grief and sadness.

The early Romans used the calla lily as a symbol of hope and rebirth during December's long days. A hardy flower not requiring much light, the blooming calla lily would represent that life can continue and flourish even during what may seem like unending bleakness. In grief, our loss often seems overwhelming, but as the days move forward we feel more warmth from the sun and know our love and memories for those passed will never be forgotten.

We choose the calla lily as part of our identity to let you know we recognize the dark days and will do our part to help you begin the process of realizing the loss. Everyone experiences grief in a different way, but we can all find inspiration in knowing better days are ahead.

Prices effective June 1, 2024. All prices subject to change without notice.

Each package represents a price based on the selections included in the package. There is no deductions for items not used. Merchandise may be upgraded. Your funeral director or preplanning consultant will be able to advise you further on additional ways to personalize the service and customization options.

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Step 1 - Select Services

Green Burial Graveside Service Only

\$5,585
plus merchandise
and cash advances

Our Green Burial with Graveside Service package includes:

- Graveside Committal at time of burial
- All Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- Gentle Transfer of Remains from Place of Death
- Funeral Home Vehicles, as needed
- Obituary Preparation and Placement
- Interactive Tribute Wall
- A Private Family Goodbye (loved one not embalmed) of up to two hours, for up to twenty people is included. A minimum of an identification viewing is required.
- Expert Services of an Estate Specialist
- Access to Online Grief Resources

Graveside services must take place within 72 hours of death.

A minimum of four, preferably six, able-bodied persons must be available to assist with lowering.

The body will not be present for any visitation or funeral service.

A funeral with a visitation or gathering time gives family and friends an opportunity to offer condolences, share stories, and find peace.

With a Funeral Service No Visitation

\$ 6,400

plus merchandise
and cash advances

With a Funeral Service & Visitation 2 Hours Prior

\$ 6,595

plus merchandise
and cash advances

With an Evening Visitation & Next Day Funeral Service

\$ 7,095

plus merchandise
and cash advances



Pictured above is a Graveside Service held at Casper Creek Natural Cemetery in Galena, Illinois.

A Purelight Shroud by Kinkaraco was used.

Step 2 - Select a Container

Promise by Batesville
sustainably sourced hardwood
meadowlark natural cotton interior
\$3,395



Sincerity by Batesville
sustainably sourced hardwood
meadowlark natural cotton interior
\$3,195

Haven by Batesville
sustainably sourced hardwood
meadowlark natural cotton interior
\$2,895



Willow by Passages

unfelled willow wood

unbleached natural cotton interior

\$2,695



Flowers are not included.



Flowers are not included.

Bamboo by Passages

sustainable bamboo

unbleached natural cotton interior

\$1,395



Willow Carrier by Passages

reinforced with paulownia wood and bamboo

shroud included

\$1,225



Purelight Shroud by Kinkaraco

white ivory european linen

cotton and canvas lining

reinforced wooden spine

\$799



A alternative cardboard container may be used by most green burial cemeteries.
These containers cost \$425, please ask your funeral director for more information.

Step 3 - Select a Cemetery

Stewart Baxter will provide contact information for all cemeteries listed.

Families must contact the cemetery directly for any purchases or additional questions.

The following prices are only for your reference, as they are only monitored, not controlled by Stewart Baxter.

All cemeteries have additional fees for burials that take place during weekends, holidays, and winter months. Prices of these fees vary. All price subject to change.

Cedar Rapids

4200 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 2,300
Declination of an Outer Burial Container . .	\$ 1,475
Opening and Closing the Grave	\$ 1,150
Tent.	Included
Lowering Device	Included
Total	\$ 4,925

Our most local option is green burial in a major cemetery in town. This option, while geographically close, is a traditional cemetery. The grass is mowed and fertilized, floral arrangements are permitted, and more traditional cemetery markers are allowed.



Iowa City

1000 Brown St, Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Cemetery Full Body Burial Plot.	\$ 1350
Declination of an Outer Burial Container . .	\$ 280
Opening and Closing the Grave	\$ 1190
Tent.	\$ 110
Lowering Device	\$ 170
Total	\$ 3,100

Still within the state, our options in Iowa City are limited to another traditional cemetery with a small section to meet green burial needs. Again, the grass is mowed and fertilized, floral arrangements are permitted, and more traditional cemetery markers are allowed.



Casper Creek Natural Cemetery

870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena, Illinois 61036

When purchased in advance

Required Donation to the JDCF.....	\$ 2,000
Fully Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 2,260
Transportation Cost.....	\$ 195
Total	\$ 4,455

When purchased at time of burial

Required Donation to the JDCF.....	\$ 2,250
Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 3,010
Transportation Cost.....	\$ 195
Total	\$ 5,455



Casper Creek Natural Cemetery consists of 16 acres adjacent to the 170-acre Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve. Located just outside Galena, Illinois, Casper Bluff provides visitors with beautiful views of the Mississippi, miles of walking trails, restored prairies, and open oak woodlands.

They are in partnership with the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and are certified members of the Green Burial Council and the Conservation Burial Alliance.



Natural Path Sanctuary

2299 Spring Rose Rd, Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Required Donation to the Farley Center. . .	\$ 3,000
Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 1,500
Transportation Cost.....	\$ 375
Casket Usage Fee	\$ 200
Total	\$ 5,075



Natural Path Sanctuary is located on a 25 acre span of woods and meadows near Madison, Wisconsin. They report to be the only green burial grounds in the world helping support a farm incubator and peace and justice initiatives.

They are in partnership with the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice & Sustainability and are certified with the Green Burial Council.





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Cash Advances

The items below are not included in package pricing because they are third party providers' charges that are beyond our control. In order to make things as simple as possible for you during this difficult time, Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services will extend payment to them on your behalf making them "cash advance" items.

Flowers (casket spray or side arrangements)	\$ 350 +
Certified Iowa Death Certificates	\$ 15 per copy
Minister / Priest / Service Leader	\$ 200+
Services of Certified Celebrant	\$ 300
Musicians (each)	\$ 200+
Church Donation	\$ 200+
Catering/Food	variable
Obituaries	
• Gazette	\$25 publishing charge + \$0.50 per word + photo (\$10-\$70 each)
• Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun (up to 500 words)	\$ 65 flat fee with 1 photo
(over 500 words)	\$ 75 flat fee with 1 photo
• Other publications	variable
Military Honor Guard Donation	\$ 100+
Sales Tax	+ 7% of merchandise total

Payment Policy

Payment arrangements must be made *prior* to the services being rendered.

Unless otherwise agreed, payment in full is due before any visitation or service, or publication of obituary.

Acceptable forms of payment:

Cash, Check, Money Order, Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover), prepaid funeral plan with our funeral home or another funeral home, or an assignable and verifiable life insurance policy (with a 5% processing fee).

A Purchase Agreement / Statement of Goods & Services must be signed by a family member(s) or other responsible party at time of arrangements.

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