

# Meaningful Funeral And Cremation Service In Chicago, IL For A Lost Loved One

## What Do Funeral Homes Do?

When most people think about funeral homes in South Holland, IL and the rest of the country they probably just think about flowers and caskets, undertakers and black suits. However, funeral homes actually offer a lot more services than what you might imagine.

From organizing the funerals and dealing with the more practical aspects of death to grief counseling and more, funeral homes offer a wide range of services aimed at honoring the deceased and helping the bereaved through the difficult time of loss. Some of the most common services include memorial services. Memorial services are very similar to funerals, except for a few key differences. First, the body does not present or necessarily intact at a memorial service. Since the body is not present, there is no time or scheduling constraints for memorial services, and the body can be cremated beforehand. Memorial services are typically less religious and more informal than funerals and are hosted in a variety of locations.

There are also committal or graveside services. While memorials and funerals oftentimes include a graveside service, graveside services can also be performed independently from other funeral and [Chicago, IL cremation services](#). When a graveside service is not preceded by a funeral or memorial, it's called a committal. Committal services are generally very brief but have some ceremony around lowering the body into the grave and covering it with soil. These services take place at the cemetery, columbarium, mausoleum or wherever the body's final resting place may be.

Of course, they offer funerals. A funeral is a formal event or ceremony about the deceased, typically with religious or cultural leanings. [Funerals](#) are time of remembrance and celebration for the deceased and provide an opportunity for family and friends to grieve together. A funeral usually happens a few days after death in a funeral home, church, or even the deceased's house. For an event to be a true funeral, it requires the body to be present and intact. Viewings and visitations are also generally held in tandem with a funeral or memorial as they allow family and friends to visit with and express sympathy for the bereaved. Viewings and visitations help people grieve together in an intimate, less formal setting than funerals, and are usually held at the funeral home, but can sometimes take place in a church, home or other location. Viewings, specifically, have an open casket for final goodbyes and visits, and occur before or during the visitation.

Most funeral homes also provide long lists of other helpful services including:

- Filing all permits, certificates, and authorizations
- Planning special ceremonies or events including Veteran's services
- Assistance with social security claims
- Transfer of the deceased from the place of death
- Help notifying relatives, friends and coworkers.

It's important to note that not every funeral home offers the same services, so be sure to check with your local funeral home to see if they can provide what you need. [Cage Memorial Chapels and Cremation Services](#) offers a range of funeral home services. Give us a call at [773-721-8900](tel:773-721-8900) today to learn more.

## Funeral Home Personalization

Do you want to learn more about personalized funerals, or get some inspiration to help you plan a service for a lost loved one? You're in luck, because there are tons of ways you can make any funeral or service at a funeral home unique, personalized and meaningful.

Personalized funerals are popular because they allow the bereaved to both grieve their loss and celebrate the unique life of their lost loved one. Want more information or inspiration about personalizing funerals? Here are a few interesting funeral personalization facts:

- **Digital obituaries** – Since most obituaries are now placed on memorial websites rather than printed in traditional newspapers, they are becoming more and more important, thorough, and personalized.
- **Traditional burials are out** – Traditional burials are now thought of as wasteful and bad for the environment. For example, in one year in America, burial puts enough embalming fluid into the ground to fill an Olympic swimming pool.
- **Most families don't want a traditional funeral** – According to a recent study, 71% of families do not want a traditional funeral as they see them as gloomy or dark. Most families want something unique that reflects the special qualities of their lost loved one.
- **Cemeteries are overcrowded** – About 2.7 million Americans die every year. That's the entire population of Chicago. With so many deaths, it's no wonder cemeteries are too crowded. That's why many people are opting for non-traditional ways of putting their lost loved ones to rest.
- **People want a party** – In another recent study, 500 participants were asked to name something they really want at a funeral. The top 5 answers were music, family, people, beer and flowers. When put all together, these 5 things equal a celebration.
- **Funerals are a celebration of life** – Funerals are no longer sad and gloomy events. People want to celebrate their lost loved ones in special ways, remembering them for their unique qualities and happy memories.
- **Memorial videos** – Memorial videos put modern technology to good use. They allow families to make personalized tributes for the deceased for people to enjoy at the funeral and beyond.
- **Religion is on its way out** – According to the [National Funeral Directors Association](#), the percentage of people that think religion is an important part of a funeral has gone down by more than 10%. More people are placing personalization over religion.
- **Webcasting** – The internet is also allowing families to be a part of funeral services even if they can't be there in person. Funeral webcasting is becoming very popular all across the US and is only getting cheaper which makes it more accessible for everyone.



Cage Memorial Chapels and Cremation Services is here for you if you want to learn more about personalized funerals or [Chicago, IL cremation services](#). Stop by and visit us or give us a call today. We are happy to help you in any way that we can in your time of loss and grief.

# Cremation Versus Burial - How To Determine Which Is Best?

## **Cremation Chicago: The Significant Differences**

Let's begin by taking a look at a few of the similarities and differences in between cremation and funeral homes. When a body is cremated, it is incinerated to make sure that all that remains are ashes. With a burial, the body remains unchanged. Both cremation as well as funerals can take place promptly after death, following a traditional funeral service or before a funeral. In the case of a funeral, the body can be interred in the ground or entombed in a mausoleum. Comparative, cremated remains can be kept by the family members, spread, buried in the ground, or entombed in a columbarium. Of the two, cremation is the most economical choice.

## **Respect For The Remains**

When we speak to individuals who are deciding in between interment and cremation, there are common themes to consider. Among one of the most common issues is a desire to be considerate of the deceased's memory and by extension of their body. For some individuals the question that arises is preserving the integrity of the body. For others, the idea of burial and taking up land is completely undesirable.

In several cultures as well as faiths, displaying the body is a vital part of the funeral ritual. Many people mistakenly think picking the cremation option makes this difficult. Actually, it is not unusual for a viewing to occur prior to cremation.

## **Effect on the Environment**

If your desire is to be more eco-friendly, then there are advantages and disadvantages for both burial and cremation. There are argument of fans for both choices as to which has the least negative effect on the environment. Some believe a substantial amount of toxins are released in the cremation process. Others believe the lack of biodegradability of materials used in traditional caskets in addition to the toxicity of embalming liquids make cremation a far better environment-friendly option.

There has actually been a current surge in appeal in what is frequently known as natural or eco-burials. These sorts of interments do not use embalming fluids and coffins used are made of eco-friendly and biodegradable materials like wood.

## **Religions**

The view on cremation varies considerably amongst Christians. The Catholic Church forbade cremation till the 1960s when the ban was lifted. It does call for, however, that the cremated remains be buried as opposed to scattered or taken home by survivors.

Baptist and various other Christian fundamentalist religions along with the Eastern Orthodox Churches do not allow cremation, while the Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist and Lutheran churches do.


Cremation is needed in some eastern religions including Hinduism and also Buddhism. While Sikhs like cremation for social factors, interment is not banned. Cremation is prohibited for all Muslims.



*Credit to <https://www.caringcremations.com/resources/cremation-versus-burial>*

# The Best 10 Cremation Services in Chicago, IL

According to Yelp:



**Caring Cremations** Serving Chicago and the Surrounding Area  
★★★★★ 12  
Cremation Services  
24/7 Availability  
Budget friendly


"society were asking about \$1800. During my research I came across Caring Cremations and another" more

Request a Virtual Consultation Responds in about 10 minutes  
15 locals recently requested information



**Chicagoland Cremation Options** Serving Schiller Park and the Surrounding Area  
★★★★★ 17  
Cremation Services


"a number of potential cremation services we were surprised that only a few in the northern IL had" more



**Cremation Society of Illinois** 736 W Addison St Lakeview  
★★★★★ 6  
Cremation Services

"When my brother passed recently, I didn't know where to turn for cremation services. My neighbor" more

Request Information You can request information from this business  
4 locals recently requested information



**Illinois Cremation Centers** Serving Lombard and the Surrounding Area  
★★★★★ 18  
Cremation Services

"Hi, We live several states away and had to find a cremation service for my brother. Illinois" more


Request Information You can request information from this business



**Cremation Society of Illinois** 1030 E Northwest Hwy  
★★★★★ 1  
Cremation Services

"It had been my parents' express wish to be cremated when they passed away, so in keeping with their wishes, when the time came for both of them, we called the Cremation Society..." more

Request Information You can request information from this business  
5 locals recently requested information




**Caring Cremations** 2521 Gross Point Rd  
★★★★★ 1  
Cremation Services

"Milos made this difficult process as painless as possible. Caring Cremations treats you as their own family and we are so happy we chose their services." more



**Cremation Society of Illinois** 1344 E 55rd St Hyde Park  
Cremation Services

Request Information Responds in about 10 hours  
7 locals recently requested information




**National Cremation Service** 5942 W Touhy Ave  
★★★★★ 8  
Cremation Services

"My Mom passed away on January 3rd. We chose National Cremation Service per her wishes to be" more



**Affordable Cremations** Serving Oak Lawn and the Surrounding Area  
★★★★★ 10  
Cremation Services

"This company is amazing!! They are so professional yet compassionate. They come anytime and treat you with the utmost respect. They treated my dad like he was their own. They hand..." more



**Cremation By Water** 11 W College Dr  
Cremation Services, Pet Cremation Services

Request a Virtual Consultation Responds in about 30 minutes  
9 locals recently requested information

## Customizing Memorials

There are lots of different ways you can help ease the pain of loss after a death and subsequent [cremation service](#) in Chicago, IL. From creating monuments in the deceased's name, making donations on his or her behalf, or remembering them in your own special way, there are lots of ways you can customize a memorial service to honor and remember the deceased.

Here are some ideas to help inspire you to make a custom memorial for your lost loved one or family member, like decorations. It might seem like bad form to decorate a memorial service after a cremation, but decorations can actually make the service more special and unique. You can add decorations in any form you want, from lamps and rugs to artwork, flowers and everything in between. Bring decorations that somehow represent or honor the deceased. For example, if she loved to stitch, you could hang some of her work. Or if he loved a certain artist you could display copies of famous artwork.

Don't forget to make photos and videos available. Many bereaved families make photo collages or montage videos for a memorial service. These items are treasured by the family, but other bereaved like friends and coworkers would appreciate access to them as well. Consider uploading any montages or videos online to share with other people. You can use GoogleDrive, DropBox, or Youtube. Make the files accessible with only a certain link and print the link on the service program so guests can access it if they choose.

You can also put up a memory table. A memory table is an easy way to help make a memorial service custom and personalized. It's a simple and free way to show items that either meant a lot to the deceased, show their personality, or represent the deceased to other people. You can put almost anything on a memory table such as photos, sunglasses, ticket stubs from special events, letters, favorite vases or flowers, beloved clothing, or anything else that was special to or about the deceased. You can also make several memory stations as opposed to just one table. There can be themed tables with each one showing a part of the deceased's life, such as wedding memories, school items, and children and grandchildren.



If you are looking for more inspiration, or none of these speak to you, you're in luck! These are just a few of the many, many ways that you can make a memorial after a cremation service unique and meaningful to help ease the pain of loss and honor the deceased.

If you would like to learn more about your options for making custom memorial services or have questions about your options for [Chicago, IL cremation services](#) in general, Cage Memorial Chapels and Cremation Services is here to help. We are honored to help you in your time of loss in any way that we can. Please stop by or give us a call at [773-721-8900](tel:773-721-8900) for more information on what we can do for you.

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