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SWANTON CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM



Why Cremation?

- ♦ The reasons for the choice varies. The impact of burial on the environment and the availability of land. Religions are increasingly accepting of cremation.
- ♦ Cremation is more affordable and is easily planned for when doing estate planning. As of 2015 45% of inurnments in the U.S. were cremations. Cremation gives flexibility in planning for family members and they do not have to make immediate decisions during a stressful time. With this in mind you then make a decision to keep your loved one at home, place the cremains in the ground like a traditional burial, cremains garden, or place them into a structure such as a mausoleum, crypt or columbarium. In a Swancreek cemetery your options are burial in a grave or inurnment into a columbarium.

What is a Columbarium?

- ♦ A columbarium is a wall, room, or building used to store urns holding the ashes of people who have died and been cremated.
- ♦ The name “columbarium” comes from *columba*, the Latin word for dove, because columbaria usually have niches to hold the urns that resemble those in dovecotes (dove houses). Columbaria date back at least as far as Roman times; the Columbarium of Pomponius Hylas near Rome, with its lavish and beautiful internal decoration, is one famous example. (Pictured below)



Why a Columbarium?

- ♦ Your loved ones wishes due to religious beliefs or just their preference.
- ♦ It keeps your loved ones remains safe at all times. If kept at home the urn could break or be damaged in a fire.
- ♦ Easy access for all visitors: A columbarium provides a general location that any and all family members and friends can visit at anytime. This makes it much more convenient than, for example, if the urn was in a home where then arrangements would need to be made prior to visiting.
- ♦ Families can be interred together: If a family would like to be interred together, columbarium's provide that opportunity. Families may purchase niches that are grouped together.
- ♦ It's economical. You do not have to purchase a monument for the grave.