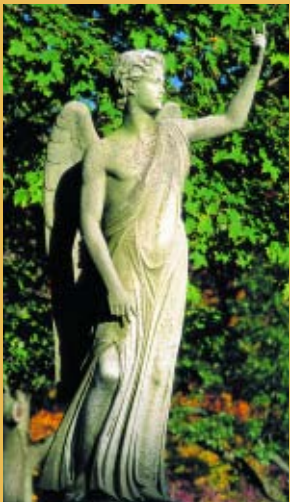




Planning Ahead -

THE BEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR FAMILY

In 1831 Mount Auburn Cemetery was founded with the vision of burying and commemorating the dead in a landscape of exceptional beauty and tranquility that would provide comfort and inspiration to the bereaved. Today, over 175 years later, it remains dedicated to that mission. Meticulously maintained, the Cemetery offers a long history of exemplary stewardship of its natural and cultural resources and financial assets. It is a place to mourn those we have loved, a place to seek inspiration and solace, and a place to celebrate life.





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From long years of experience we at Mount Auburn know that planning ahead for your own death gives you a great sense of satisfaction and relieves stress for your survivors later. Decisions such as – do I want to be buried in a casket or cremated, where should I be cremated and buried, what kind of service do I want, and how do I want my grave to be marked – are all very important and should be made ahead of time when there is no urgency. But making these decisions is not easy, and this guide is designed to help you with that process. Planning ahead and making those plans known to those you care about is one of the best gifts you can give your family.

Planning ahead ensures that your wishes will be followed and brings comfort and peace of mind long before your death to both you and those who will survive you. We hear over and over again how relieved people are when they have made these important decisions. People feel unburdened knowing that they have taken care of a future need and not left any unfinished business. They get on with living, knowing exactly what will happen when they die and that their family will not have to make difficult choices at a very stressful time when there may also be constraints of both time and money.

At Mount Auburn we understand your concerns about the challenges of purchasing interment space – whether a grave, niche, or crypt – and planning for things related to your own or a loved one's death. These are difficult topics and we have become well-versed in how to help people have these conversations. Our staff recognizes the individual needs of the people we serve and, with the care and compassion of experienced professionals, we assist you in making these decisions whether you are planning for the future or have experienced a sudden death and need to make immediate arrangements.

The selection of interment space is an important decision, one we encourage you to think through very carefully. You will want to discuss your ideas with family members or friends. Often couples will come to Mount Auburn seeking interment space for themselves and then decide to purchase additional space to accommodate children and grandchildren. We also suggest you visit the Cemetery on your own or with family or friends both before and after you have been shown available options by our staff. It is important to us that you select a space that feels just right to you and that process often takes time and several visits.