

Resources for Family-Directed Funerals & Natural Burial

Local resources:

- Funeral homes that will provide assistance with paperwork, electronic filing for death certificate(s), etc.:
 - **Affordable Burial & Cremation Service**, Robert Falcon, 512-354-2509
 - **Austin Natural Funerals**, Mitzi Chafetz, 512-851-1236
- **Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Texas:** www.fcactx.org; medical and final disposition directives at www.fcactx.org/advance-directive-forms.html

Natural / Green Burial options near Austin:

- Eloise Woods Community Natural Burial Park, Cedar Creek, www.eloisewoods.com, 512-796-5240
- Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery, Georgetown, www.olotr.com, 512-863-8411
- Countryside Memorial Park, LaVerna, <https://countrysidememorialpark.com/>, 512-203-9739

Note: Some older and/or rural cemeteries do not require grave liners or vaults.

Websites with home funeral and green burial information / resources:

- <https://www.homefuneralalliance.org/> National Home Funeral Alliance
- www.cindea.ca/ Major resource (including videos) for do-it-yourself deathcare. Canadian Integrative Network for Death Education and Alternatives
- www.funerals.org/ Funeral Consumers Alliance, a national organization for funeral consumer protection
- www.greenburialcouncil.org/ Resource for natural burial options nationwide

A sampling of books related to home funerals and end-of-life care:

- **Final Rights: Reclaiming the American Way of Death** by Joshua Slocum and Lisa Carlson
- **Grave Matters: a Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial** (2008) by Mark Harris
- **Living into Dying: a Journey of Spiritual and Practical Deathcare for Family and Community** by Nancy Jewel Poer
- **My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing “Slow Medicine” – compassionate approach to caring for your aging loved ones** by Dennis McCullough, M.D.