

Post Death Care Resources

North Coast, Oregon

Funeral Homes

- ⇒ Clatsop County
 - [Hughes-Ransom Funeral Home and Cremation Services](#)
Phone: 503-325-2535
 - [Caldwell's Mortuary and North Coast Crematory](#) (Acquired by [Buck-Murphy](#))
Phone: 503-325-1811
- ⇒ Tillamook County
 - [Waud's Funeral Home](#)
Phone: 503-842-7557

Body and Organ Donor

- ⇒ [OHSU Body Donation Program](#)
 - [Zoom Presentation](#)
- ⇒ [Donate Life Northwest](#)
 - [Zoom Presentation](#)
- ⇒ [Cascade Life Alliance](#)

Helpful Resources

- ⇒ [Oregon Memorial Association](#)
- ⇒ [Oregon Funeral Resources and Education](#)
- ⇒ [Green Burial Council](#)
- ⇒ [Conservation Burial Alliance](#)
- ⇒ [Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board](#)

Conservation burial

- ⇒ [Great River Natural Burial](#), Columbia River Gorge
 - [Zoom Presentation](#)
- ⇒ [The Forest Conservation Burial Ground](#), Ashland

Green Burial

- ⇒ [River View Cemetery Natural Burial Area](#), Portland
- ⇒ [Greenwood Cemetery](#), Astoria
- ⇒ Bay City IOOF Cemetery
 - Jon Cummings: 503-812-2695
 - Waud's Funeral Home

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Human Composting

- ⇒ [Earth Funeral](#)
- ⇒ [Return Home](#)
- ⇒ [Recompose](#)

Aquamation

- ⇒ [Riverview Cemetery Funeral Home](#), Portland
- ⇒ [Sunset Hills Funeral Home & Crematorium](#), Eugene
- ⇒ [Pearson's Funeral Home](#), Southern Oregon

Planning Considerations

- ⇒ Clearly document your preferred method of body disposition (burial, cremation, aquamation, or natural/green burial) and ensure it is legally recognized in your state.
- ⇒ Communicate your wishes to at least one trusted person and provide them with written documentation to avoid confusion or conflict.
- ⇒ Understand the full cost structure (including transportation, permits, and ancillary services), not just the base price.
- ⇒ Confirm that your chosen option is available locally and identify which funeral homes or providers can carry it out.
- ⇒ Align your plan with how it will be funded (prepaid, trust, insurance, or family-paid) to ensure your wishes are realistically supported.

Funeral Trust	
Benefits	Risks
⇒ Cost certainty: May lock in today's funeral prices ⇒ Asset protection: Irrevocable trusts can support Medicaid eligibility ⇒ Funds safeguarded: Legally restricted for funeral use ⇒ Reduces burden: Clear plan for family; fewer decisions at time of death	⇒ Limited flexibility: Difficult to change or transfer if you move or preferences shift ⇒ Provider dependency: Tied to a specific funeral home or contract terms ⇒ Access restrictions: Funds typically cannot be withdrawn (especially irrevocable) ⇒ Growth limitations: Modest or no investment return

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Funeral Insurance	
Benefits	Risks
⇒ Flexibility: Funds can be used for funeral, medical bills, travel, or family needs ⇒ Portability: Not tied to a location or provider ⇒ Lower upfront cost: Paid over time rather than in a lump sum ⇒ Quick liquidity: Cash payout directly to beneficiary	⇒ Total cost can exceed benefit: Especially with long-term premium payments ⇒ No price protection: Funeral costs may rise beyond coverage ⇒ Underwriting barriers: Health status may affect eligibility or pricing ⇒ Misuse risk: Funds are not restricted—may not be used for funeral as intended

Prearranged versus Prefunded

- ⇒ **Prearranged = planned**
 - You've made your wishes known
 - No money has been set aside
- ⇒ **Prefunded = paid**
 - Money has been set aside or prepaid
 - May or may not include detailed planning
- ⇒ **Prearranged = decisions**
- ⇒ **Prefunded = dollars**

Podcasts

[Death, et seq.](#) (Tanya D. Marsh) Literally means "Death and what follows." This podcast addresses all aspects of death care in the United States -- options for funerals and disposition, the ways in which "traditions" are being disrupted, and where death care is headed. A broad range of experts within the funeral industry and various reform communities are invited to share their views. Listeners are invited to actively participate by submitting questions and topics of interest.

Website: [Death, et seq.](#)

[End-of-Life University.](#) Dr. Karen Wyatt hosts End-of-Life University, an online interview series that features conversations with experts who work in all aspects of end-of-life care. She is widely regarded as a thought-leader in the effort to transform the way we care for our dying in the U.S. In addition, she is valued for her application of spiritual principles to illness and healthcare and teaches that in order to live life fully we must each overcome our fear of death and embrace the difficulties that life brings us. **Website:** [End of Life University](#)