

STEWART BAXTER

FUNERAL & MEMORIAL SERVICES



Green Burials

Complete service and merchandise selections
for families choosing green burial.

Prices effective **July 1, 2026**, and are subject to change without notice.

CEDAR RAPIDS

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More Personal. Less Stressful.

Green burials, or natural burials, have seen increasing popularity in America over the years. The following guide is intended to break down local green burial options offered in Eastern Iowa, as well as other options that lie outside of our immediate area.

This information is in supplement to Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Service's General Price List. Please speak with your funeral director if you have any questions about your options. We are committed to personalizing our service to every family we assist.

PAYMENT POLICY

Payment arrangements must be made *prior* to the services being rendered.

Unless otherwise agreed, payment in full is due before any visitation or service, or publication of obituary.

Acceptable forms of payment:

Cash, Check, Money Order, Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover), prepaid funeral plan with our funeral home or another funeral home, or an assignable and verifiable life insurance policy (with a 5% processing fee).

A Purchase Agreement / Statement of Goods & Services must be signed by a family member(s) or other responsible party at time of arrangements.

Each package represents a price based on the selections included in the package. There is no deductions for items not used. Merchandise may be upgraded. Your funeral director or preplanning consultant will be able to advise you further on additional ways to personalize the service and customization options.

Note regarding Photography, Manufacturing & Availability

Due to photographs and reproduction of the photographs, there may be slight variations in the color and appearance of the items in this brochure. Also, please note, manufacturers occasionally make slight changes to designs and colors. The availability of all products is dependent on the manufacturer.

Disclaimer of Warranties

Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services make no warranties or representations concerning the products sold herein. The only warranties, expressed or implied, granted in connection with, the products sold with funeral services are the expressed written warranties, if any, extended by the manufacturers thereof. Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services hereby expressly disclaim all warranties, expressed or implied, relating to all such products, including, but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

All packages within this guide include the following services for all veteran and active military individuals.

FLAGS

A flag of the United States of America, complete with gold fringe, tassels, and topped with a gold eagle, is posted next to the casket as a proud reminder of the Veteran's service to our country. We also secure a United States flag for displaying during services. This flag is then presented to the spouse or children of the veteran for their keeping.

A free flag case is provided to all Veterans with the purchase of any casketed burial package. This includes a certificate for a free name plate engraving.



VETERANS' BENEFITS

We will provide all necessary assistance regarding Veterans' Benefits. These benefits are provided at no cost to the family in recognition of the sacrifice and contributions of our nation's Veterans.

CEMETERY SERVICES

Whether choosing a national cemetery, the Iowa Veterans' Cemetery, or a private cemetery, we will assist the Veteran's family in arranging for the cemetery services they select. This includes ensuring that all of the appropriate paperwork and information is submitted and that benefits are provided for interment. If the burial is not in a national cemetery, we will further assist families in securing the marker provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for its placement in a private cemetery.

MILITARY HONORS

We are honored to make arrangements for the final demonstration that a grateful nation can provide to a Veteran and their family, the rendering of Military Funeral Honors. If desired, we can also arrange that a bugler be available for the playing of Taps. Many times, the local Veterans' organizations are also called upon to help with this special tribute.

MILITARY TRIBUTES

Custom Military Tribute Panels are available for the caps of most caskets, providing a way to highlight the Veteran's service to our country. Many caskets, and some urns, also offer LifeSymbols® corners or LifeStories® medallions customization which can be added to provide additional recognition. These tribute items are included in the price of the caskets and urns for which they are available.

CASKET BEARER RECOGNITION

United States flag lapel pins will be presented to each of the casket or urn bearers in civilian attire as our gift in recognition of their service in escorting the Veteran to their place of rest.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

Certificates that bear the signature of the current President of the United States of America are presented in recognition and commemoration of each Veteran's service to our country. We can procure a certificate for the surviving spouse and children of the Veteran. These are treasured family keepsakes honoring their service.

PATRIOT TRIBUTE

When we transfer a Veteran to their final resting place, the funeral coach displays the emblem of the Veteran's branch of service, unabashedly proclaiming to our community that a Veteran is being honored.



At Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services, we are committed to Veterans and their families.

Military funeral services require the family to provide a copy of VA Form DD-214 (Discharge Papers) showing the veteran's honorable discharge.

STEP 1 - SELECT SERVICES

All Green Burial services include:

- **Graveside Committal** (at time of burial)
- Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- Gentle Transfer of Remains from Place of Death
- Preparation and Placement of Online Obituary and Online Guestbook
- A Private Family Goodbye (loved one not embalmed)
Up to twenty family members may spend up to one hour to say farewell.
(A minimum of an identification viewing is required.)
- Expert Services of an Estate Specialist
- Access to Online Grief Resources
- Funeral Hearse and Service Vehicle
- Sales Tax

GREEN BURIAL WITH GRAVESIDE SERVICE ONLY

includes Graveside Committal
\$ 6,005
plus merchandise, cemetery costs,
and cash advances

Graveside services must take place within 72 hours of death.

A minimum of four, preferably six, able-bodied persons must be available to assist with lowering into the grave.

The body will not be present for any visitation or funeral service.

GREEN BURIAL WITH FUNERAL SERVICE (NO VISITATION)

includes Graveside Committal
\$ 6,800
plus merchandise, cemetery costs,
and cash advances

GREEN BURIAL WITH FUNERAL SERVICE & VISITATION (HELD 2 HOURS PRIOR)

includes Graveside Committal
\$ 7,095
plus merchandise, cemetery costs,
and cash advances

GREEN BURIAL WITH VISITATION & FUNERAL SERVICE (HELD THE FOLLOWING DAY)

includes Graveside Committal
\$ 7,595
plus merchandise, cemetery costs,
and cash advances



Pictured above is a Graveside Service held at Casper Creek Natural Cemetery in Galena, Illinois.
A Purelight Shroud by Kinkaraco was used.

STEP 2 - SELECT CONTAINER

WILLOW by Passages*

unfelled willow wood
unbleached natural cotton interior
\$2,695



BAMBOO by Passages*

sustainable bamboo
unbleached natural cotton interior
\$1,395

WILLOW CARRIER by Passages

reinforced with paulownia wood and bamboo
shroud included
\$1,225



PURELIGHT SHROUD by Kinkaraco

white ivory european linen
cotton and canvas lining
reinforced wooden spine
\$799



All items shown are certified by the Green Burial Council.

An alternative cardboard container may be used by most green burial cemeteries. These containers cost \$425, please ask your funeral director for more information.

*Flowers shown are not included in pricing.

STEP 3 - SELECT CEMETERY

Stewart Baxter will provide contact information for all cemeteries listed.

Families must contact the cemetery directly for any purchases or additional questions.

The following prices are only for your reference, as they are only monitored, not controlled by Stewart Baxter.

All cemeteries have additional fees for burials that take place during weekends, holidays, and winter months. Prices of these fees vary. All price subject to change.

CEDAR RAPIDS

4200 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Our most local option is green burial in a major cemetery in town. This option, while geographically close, is a traditional cemetery. The grass is mowed and fertilized, floral arrangements are permitted, and more traditional cemetery markers are allowed.

Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 2,400
Declination of an Outer Burial Container ..	\$ 1,550
Opening and Closing the Grave	\$ 1,250
Tent.	Included
Lowering Device	Included
Total	\$ 5,200



IOWA CITY

1000 Brown St, Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Still within the state, our options in Iowa City are limited to another traditional cemetery with a small section to meet green burial needs. Again, the grass is mowed and fertilized, floral arrangements are permitted, and more traditional cemetery markers are allowed.

Cemetery Full Body Burial Plot.	\$ 1350
Declination of an Outer Burial Container ..	\$ 280
Opening and Closing the Grave	\$ 1190
Tent.	\$ 110
Lowering Device	\$ 170
Total	\$ 3,100



CASPER CREEK NATURAL CEMETERY

870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena, Illinois 61036

Casper Creek Natural Cemetery consists of 16 acres adjacent to the 170-acre Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve. Located just outside Galena, Illinois, Casper Bluff provides visitors with beautiful views of the Mississippi, miles of walking trails, restored prairies, and open oak woodlands.

They are in partnership with the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and are certified members of the Green Burial Council and the Conservation Burial Alliance.

When purchased in advance

Required Donation to the JDCF	\$ 2,000
Fully Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 2,260
Transportation Cost	\$ 195
Total	\$ 4,455

When purchased at time of burial

Required Donation to the JDCF	\$ 2,250
Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 3,010
Transportation Cost	\$ 195
Total	\$ 5,455



NATURAL PATH SANCTUARY

2299 Spring Rose Rd, Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Required Donation to the Farley Center.	\$ 3,000
Full Body Burial Right (Burial Plot)	\$ 1,500
Transportation Cost	\$ 375
Casket Usage Fee	\$ 200
Total	\$ 5,075

Natural Path Sanctuary is located on a 25 acre span of woods and meadows near Madison, Wisconsin. They report to be the only green burial grounds in the world helping support a farm incubator and peace and justice initiatives.

They are in partnership with the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice & Sustainability and are certified with the Green Burial Council.



Details make the difference. . .

There's no rulebook for what a funeral can or can't be. A funeral serves to offer family and friends an opportunity for healing, support, and celebration of a well-lived life. We help you design a one-of-a-kind farewell for your loved one that reflects their individuality and spirit.

When it comes to the little things at a remembrance event, Stewart Baxter has them covered. Here are a few of the many items that are provided in our service when you select options that include our professional staff in coordinating the event.

ESTATE HELP & GRIEF SUPPORT

At Stewart Baxter, we understand that the loss of a loved one is a long and difficult journey, one that is unique for every family. We are committed to helping you through the whole process, long after services have been held, and we have teams of professionals who will reach out to you to offer support in a variety of ways.

We will follow up to offer our support and grief resources, and to help with any questions or concerns you may have. Our estate specialists also help families wrap up the non-legal estate issues. We help notify companies and organizations, make sure you receive benefits, and even protect you by stopping junk mail, blocking solicitors, and setting fraud protection. We take care of necessary tasks for you, so you can mourn with your family and friends without having to worry about things being overlooked.

LIVESTREAM SERVICES

Livestream services are available for funerals, memorials, and events that Stewart Baxter directs at any location that Wi-fi is available. We capture the stories and memories shared from events at the funeral home or at other locations of the services. This is especially important for family and friends who are unable to attend. Family members and friends anywhere in the world are able to be there with you. The livestream link is posted on your loved one's obituary page on the funeral home website or for more privacy, you can share the link privately.

VIDEO TRIBUTE

There is no better way to remember your loved one than with a personalized video tribute. Our video program incorporates your family's pictures with music into a presentation that can be played at the visitation, during the service or at the conclusion of the service. We text you a link and you upload the photos. It's that simple. You can post the video online for family and friends around the world to see and share with generations to come.

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER

The items below are not included in the package pricing because they are third party providers' charges that are beyond our control. In order to make things as simple as possible for you during this difficult time, some items are considered "cash advances," in which Stewart Baxter will extend payment to these third parties on your behalf, allowing your payments to be made more easily to a single party. As our payment policy states, the family or responsible party must pay for these items prior to services and publication of obituary.

Flowers (casket spray)	\$ 375 +
Additional Certified Iowa Death Certificates	\$ 20 per copy
Minister / Priest / Service Leader	\$ 200+
Services of Certified Celebrant	\$ 300
Musicians (each)	\$ 200+
Church Donation	\$ 200+
Cemetery Grave Opening & Closing	\$ 700 - \$1,200+
Cemetery Property (each space)	\$ 800 - \$1,500+
Marker Final Date Engraving (granite)	\$ 225
Catering/Food	variable
Obituaries	
• Gazette	\$25 publishing charge
.	+ 50¢ per word
.	+ photo (\$10-\$70 each)
• Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun (up to 300 words)	\$ 65 flat fee with 1 photo
(over 300 words)	+15¢ per additional word
• Other publications	variable
Military Honor Guard Donation	\$ 100+
Additional Sales Taxes	+ 7% of merchandise total