

**Research local options.** Even if you feel like you know which provider you would like to contract with, it's good to compare services, prices and offerings.

- Make a list of local funeral service providers. Choose at least **3 providers** to research.
- **Download General Pricelists** from their websites. Not online? Call and request a General Price List. The person who answers the phone will likely be able to email it to you. The Federal Trade Commission requires funeral homes to supply price lists.
- **Compare prices** between providers, noting; basic service fee, transportation, embalming, preparation of the deceased, burial and cremation.
- Familiarize yourself with some of the **additional services and fees** offered by the providers.
- Are **green burials** available?

**Search your local cemeteries.** Be an informed shopper. Cemetery prices vary greatly.

- You may find this information online or you may need to call your local cemeteries. Gather pricing on plots, burial vaults, opening and closing of the grave, mausoleum interment, columbarium inurnment.

**Search for Body Donation Programs** available within your state of residence. If you are interested in body donation, it's important that you plan ahead. Have conversations with your loved, clearly explaining your choice. Do your research to find a reputable donation program. Contact the program and complete the registration program. There are a variety of reasons why you may not be a candidate for body donation. You need to know that ahead of time so that when the time comes, there will be no confusion.