

WALTON CREMATORY UPDATE

There is now a nearby, less costly alternative to a traditional burial – cremation at the Walton Cemetery. The onsite crematorium is now operating, as of December 29, 2016, and will serve the local region, not just Walton.

Association members were inspired to make cremation services available after conversations with area funeral homes. The crematorium is the first in Delaware County. The facility houses a cremation unit where human remains will be reduced to ash through incineration.. The crematory operator is Joe Bolduc, he has been certified by the State of New York.

Though only 20% of cremains are buried within a cemetery, (ashes are often kept by family members for disposal) the Walton Cemetery will allow cremains to be buried on site. We have a Memorial Garden area that is specific for cremation burials only. Of course, if you have an opening in a family plot, you can bury them there also.

According to NYS law, a casket is not required for burial or for cremation. A casket is also often the single greatest expense incurred after a death, with prices ranging from \$500 to \$20,000. However, cemeteries may have rules requiring certain types of containers. The funeral director is aware of these requirement when you are making your plans.

There is no law that requires a casket for cremation, but federal law mandates that a funeral home or crematory must inform an individual that an alternative container can be used and make an alternate container available for the cremains.

There are no New York laws that govern the disposal of cremains in public waters, with the exception of inland waters. Cremation renders ashes harmless, so there is no public health hazards involved in scattering them.

CREMATORIUM CONSTRUCTION BEGAN MAY 16

Construction on the crematorium at the Walton Cemetery has begun. The concrete foundation was poured by Ben Reynolds Construction on Monday, May 16. The foundation needs to set for at least 30 days, then construction on the building will begin.



The project was completed on December 29, 2016.