

Burial Preferences

# Heart Land Prairie Cemetery

A project of Heart Land Green Burial, Inc.

**Personal Information** (please print clearly)

Full legal name	
Residence address	
City/State/Zip	
Home telephone	
Mobile telephone	
Email address	
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Place of birth	
I wish to be interred near the following person at HLPC	
Name and contact information of person responsible for final disposition of my body	

By signing this form I indicate my sincere desire to be buried at Heart Land Prairie Cemetery (HLPC). If HLPC is not available at the time of my death, I ask that these preferences be carried out to the fullest extent possible at an alternate site. I have informed myself about natural burial and I understand and agree with HLPC's burial policies as stated at: [heartlandprairiecemetery.org](http://heartlandprairiecemetery.org)

I have discussed, or will discuss, these preferences with my spouse or life partner, my loved ones, my estate executor or power of attorney, and the person responsible for disposition of my body (family member or funeral director). This statement supersedes and replaces any prior statements I have made about the location and manner of disposition of my bodily remains after death. These preferences are for burial only. I will inform my loved ones of my funeral service and/or memorial choices.

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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Witness signature	<input type="text"/>		
Witness name (printed)	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

Please keep copies for yourself and to share with the person responsible for your final disposition.  
This document is a planning tool only.

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Heart Land Prairie Cemetery (HLPC) is a natural burial ground operated by the non-profit, Heart Land Green Burial, Inc. Clear communication between families, funeral directors, and the cemetery are essential for providing a safe and meaningful experience. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when planning a natural burial at HLPC.

At Heart Land Prairie Cemetery we offer natural burial in a beautiful rural setting and we work with funeral service providers as well as with families who choose to have a home funeral.

## Preparation:

- HLPC accepts only un-embalmed bodies or cremated remains in biodegradable containers or shrouds.
- No vaults or grave liners are used.
- Grave sites will be marked with numbered survey markers and GPS coordinates.
- Plots at HLPC are sold at time of need. No pre-paid reservations can be made (with the exception of a person on hospice care) however, we will work closely with families to ensure that proximity to a spouse, partner, or child is available. Payment in full is due at time of purchase.

## Cemetery Access:

- Walking trails will be maintained throughout the site.

## Memorials:

- Engraved memorials of natural stone (with cemetery approval) may be placed along a memorial trail adjacent to the burial area. No engraved monuments are allowed on the gravesite.
- HLPC is a restoration prairie project. Only cemetery-approved native prairie species will be permitted to be planted on the gravesites.
- Non-biodegradable items left on the gravesites will be removed within 5 days and, if possible, returned to the family.

## Grave digging:

- Graves will commonly be dug by back-hoe and provided by a contracted professional.
- Families may participate in hand opening/closing of the grave and the lowering of the body into the grave. Families may not dig a grave with their own back-hoe.
- If a family elects to dig the grave by hand, arrangements must be made with the cemetery 48 hours in advance of the burial, the digging complete 24 hours prior to the scheduled burial. Digging will be supervised by the cemetery director. We provide the necessary tools on site. The grave will be covered with a tarp and/or plywood and clearly marked for safety prior to the burial.

## Burial:

- For lowering the body into the grave, 6 people of adequate strength need to be present. If the family is unable to provide these pall-bearers, arrangements can be made 24 hours in advance with the cemetery. Guided instruction from the cemetery director will take place immediately prior to the graveside ceremony.