

Heart Land Prairie Cemetery

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



At Heart Land Prairie Cemetery we are happy to work directly with families choosing a home funeral and with funeral service providers to offer natural burial in a beautiful rural setting.

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. No engraved monuments will be allowed on the gravesite.

Engraved memorials of natural stone (with cemetery approval) may be placed along a memorial trail adjacent to the burial area.

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.

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 returned to the family, if possible.

Walking trails will be maintained throughout the site.

Grave digging will commonly be done 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.



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.