

Funeral Director Ted Haaz of Warren, OH, Addresses Misconceptions About Cremation for HelloNation

What do most people misunderstand about cremation?

WARREN, OH, UNITED STATES, December 29, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What do most people misunderstand about cremation? [A HelloNation article](#) featuring Ted Haaz of Staton-Borowski Funeral Home in Warren provides clarity. The feature explains that cremation does not rule out a funeral service, memorial service, or celebration of life. Instead, it creates flexibility for families to honor loved ones in deeply personal and meaningful ways while supporting the grieving process.

The article begins by addressing one of the most common misconceptions: that cremation means no ceremony. In truth, families can still hold a traditional funeral service with visitation, a religious ceremony, or a celebration of life before or after the process. Services may take place immediately or weeks later, depending on what works best for family and friends. This flexibility allows more time to gather and choose a setting that reflects the life of the person being remembered, whether in a funeral home, a place of worship, or even outdoors.

Haaz emphasizes that this option does not prevent families from including traditional elements. Music, readings, cultural rituals, and eulogies can all be part of the ceremony. Families may choose to display photographs, keepsakes, or an urn, just as others display a casket during burial. These details create connection and help ensure the service reflects the loved one's values and personality.

The HelloNation article also explains that cremation offers many choices for a final resting place. Ashes may be placed in an urn at home, buried in a cemetery, or stored in a columbarium.



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Families also have the option to scatter remains in meaningful locations, such as a favorite hiking trail, body of water, or family garden, provided local regulations allow it. These choices provide flexibility while giving families meaningful ways to create a lasting tribute.

Some families even combine cremation with burial. Many cemeteries have dedicated areas for cremated remains, complete with markers or headstones. This provides a permanent site for visits while still offering the flexibility and cost benefits that cremation provides.

Another misconception is that people choose cremation only because of financial reasons. While it can be less expensive than burial, many families select it for cultural, environmental, or personal reasons. Often, the most important factor is respecting the wishes of the person who has passed. For many families, honoring those wishes plays a central role in the grieving process.

The feature notes that funeral planning with cremation is similar to planning for burial. Families still decide whether to hold a funeral service, a memorial service, or a celebration of life. They may also write an obituary, select music, or include meaningful readings. Funeral homes provide guidance throughout this process, helping families design a service that feels respectful and personal.

Keepsakes are another option that this choice makes possible. Some families divide ashes among several urns so that multiple relatives can keep a part of their loved one close. Others may choose to create jewelry or memorial art using a portion of the remains. These keepsakes provide comfort and a lasting reminder of connection during grieving.

Haaz advises that communication is key when considering cremation. Discussing wishes early helps prevent confusion or disagreement. Whether someone prefers a traditional funeral service before cremation or a memorial service afterward, sharing those wishes ensures the arrangements reflect their values and intentions.

Rather than limiting choices, cremation often expands them. It gives families flexibility to design ceremonies that incorporate tradition, personalization, and meaningful touches. Whether through a funeral service, a memorial service, or a celebration of life, the goal remains the same: helping family and friends grieve, remember, and celebrate together.

The HelloNation article concludes that what people get wrong about cremation is assuming it eliminates rituals and traditions. The truth is that families can still include every aspect of a funeral while gaining the freedom to personalize the service. By understanding this, families make decisions that not only honor a life but also support the grieving process in a deeply personal way.

The full article, titled [What Most People Get Wrong About Cremation](#), can be read on HelloNation. It features Ted Haaz of Staton-Borowski Funeral Home in Warren, whose expertise

helps families see cremation as an option that preserves tradition while offering more flexibility in funeral planning.

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