



FUNERAL HOMES AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

FUNERAL HOMES

You are responsible to make your own arrangements with a funeral home which will prepare and preserve the body as well as provide transportation.

We have worked with the following funeral homes but we are also happy to coordinate with the funeral home of your choice to ensure they understand their role in accommodating your desire for a natural burial.

Highlands Funeral Home

Louisville, Kentucky
Phone: 502-451-4420
Website: highlandsfuneralhome.com

Mattingly Funeral Home

Loretto, Kentucky
Green Burial Council Certified
Phone: 270-865-220
Website: mattinglyfuneralhome.com

Ratterman's Funeral Home

Louisville, Kentucky
Phone: 502-893-3644
Website: rattermanbrothers.com

All funeral home fees and arrangements are separate from the purchase of the right to be buried in Loretto Woods.

DEATH DOULAS

Death doulas typically provide emotional and spiritual support, assist with advance planning, and help guide families through the dying process, including at-home care. They can also play a valuable role in at-home funerals by guiding families through body care, helping facilitate vigils or prayer services, and offering both emotional and logistical support throughout the process (although they don't replace licensed professionals when legal paperwork or transport is required.)

Below are a few reputable organizations with directories of trained practitioners (many offer both local and virtual support) as well as some local death doulas.

- **Death Doula Kentucky** – [this list](#) includes multiple reputable death doulas in the state of Kentucky. Adriena Z. Dame is one example, as she offers support with at-home funeral planning and green burial consultations.
 - **Lauren Hunter-Smith** – a death doula based in Central Kentucky who offers end-of-life planning, home funeral guidance, and natural burial education through her practice, [Bluegrass Death Doula](#).
 - **Becky Robison** – specializes in helping people with post-death logistics through writing, speaking and workshops. [Website](#)
- **National End-of-Life Doula Alliance** – The [National End-of-Life Doula Alliance](#) (NEDA) is a non-profit organization that establishes professional standards, ethics, and core competencies for non-medical end-of-life doulas. They also provide a directory of trained doulas across the U.S., including those serving Kentucky.
- **International End of Life Doula Association** – The International End of Life Doula Association (INELDA) offers [this list](#) of INELDA certified doulas.

AT-HOME FUNERAL OPTIONS

In many states (including Kentucky), families can care for their loved one at home after death, though specific requirements vary. Options generally include:

- Fully family-directed home funerals (legal in the state of Kentucky if paperwork such as death certificates and proper burial planning are completed)
- A hybrid approach (family care with limited funeral home support where the funeral home assists with paperwork and transport).
- Death doulas can also help families navigate this process as stated above.

A helpful resource for navigating this process is the [National Home Funeral Alliance](#), which offers state-specific guidance.