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### Honoring Your Loved One After Cremation

Many families choose to place their loved one's cremated remains in a permanent site, such as a cemetery. At Mount Hope we offer many options, including burial in the ground, placement in a columbarium niche or scattering of the cremated remains in one of our designated gardens.

A committal service can accompany the placement of cremated remains in the final resting place.



### Choose Mount Hope Cemetery as Your Cremation Service Provider

Mount Hope Cemetery has been performing cremations since 1913 and today performs over 1,200 annually.

In March 2011, the cemetery opened a brand new crematory on-site. The Crematory at Mount Hope is the most modern facility of its kind in the Greater Rochester area. It adjoins the cemetery's administrative offices and provides a comfortable private viewing room where family members can choose to hold services and be present at the start of the cremation.

All cremations at Mount Hope are carried out in accordance with the highest professional standards. Mount Hope is a member of the Cremation Association of North America and all cremation technicians have been certified by New York State.

Each cremation is done individually and performed with the utmost care to ensure correct

identification. Throughout the process, the remains are handled with dignity and respect.

The Crematory at Mount Hope is one of the few local options for cremation services. Feel comfortable choosing our cemetery for your cremation needs. Our longstanding history, state-of-the-art equipment, and respected reputation enable you to choose Mount Hope with confidence.

### Private Viewing Room

The Crematory at Mount Hope Cemetery offers a private viewing room for families wishing to hold a service for their loved one before or after the cremation process takes place.

Families may also elect to be present when the cremation begins.

A kitchenette equipped with a refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker is available for the family's comfort.



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