



# ***Burial Preferences***

## **Warren Prairie Sanctuary, Inc.**

Full legal name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact information of the person responsible for the final disposition of my body (funeral planning designee):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be interred near the following person or location at Warren Prairie Sanctuary cemetery if possible:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information or to schedule a visit to Warren Prairie Sanctuary, Inc., please contact:**

wpsanctuary@warrenprairiesanctuary.org

**This document is a planning tool only.**

Please keep copies for yourself and to share with the person responsible for your final disposition and share a copy of the document with Warren Prairie Sanctuary, Inc. Thank you.

## **Warren Prairie Sanctuary Policies and Procedures**

These are the policies and procedures of Warren Prairie Sanctuary, Inc. (WPS) cemeprairie. The WPS board of directors is dedicated to promoting harmonious interactions with nature in all stages of life. We provide an environmentally sustainable approach to interment where one's body is returned to the earth to decompose naturally and to support the regeneration of new life. We also seek to provide resources, networking, and support to the family and friends to reach a deeper awareness of the roles and responsibilities individuals can play in this natural process.

### **Burials at WPS cemeprairie**

WPS is committed to natural burials similar to the manner in which our ancestors were buried throughout most of human history. WPS will bury persons with pacemakers or artificial organs. Please remove artificial removable limbs. A person is laid to rest in a biodegradable container such as a shroud, blanket, or a woven, wooden or cardboard casket. The deceased is not embalmed which allows the body to decompose in its natural surroundings. The use of burial vaults of any type is prohibited.

### **Cremains**

Burial of cremated remains is allowed. A biodegradable container is required. The scattering of ashes is not permitted.

### **Burial container**

Participants are not required to use a burial container, although they may elect to use a qualifying container. A burial container must be made from materials that are 100% biodegradable and non-toxic, as in finishes, adhesives and hardware. Essential fasteners such as degradable steel nails or screws are permissible. Treated wood and metal handles are not permitted.

### **Grave markers**

All graves at WPS are specifically tailored to minimize impacts on the surrounding land and environment. Modest environmentally degradable grave markers are permitted but are considered optional. Marker standards will be designed in keeping with the nature preserve concept.¶.

### **WPS cemeprairie maintenance**

As a Nature Preserve, the cemeprairie requires less maintenance than a lawn-type cemetery. Naturalistic restoration ecology techniques are used to maintain the cemeprairie and surrounding prairie areas.

### **Floral tributes and decorations**

Floral tributes and decorations are permitted only at the time of interment services. Cut flowers that are fully biodegradable are permitted and are not required to be native species. It is preferred that cut flowers be wrapped in biodegradable materials. WPS requests that family and friends remove any non-biodegradable items immediately following the service.

### **Agreement for burial with WPS**

The responsible party will sign an Agreement for burial before the body is buried. Payment of the burial fee is expected at the time services are rendered.

*Warren Prairie Sanctuary, Inc. is a nonprofit, nondenominational religious organization under the Internal Revenue Service code §501(c)(3). WPS is managed by a board of directors.*