

What Is a Glass Niche?

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Once a loved one has been cremated you may be wondering what to do with the urn. Urns can be displayed in a cemetery. This way, you and your family will have a spot to go to remember and honor your loved one whenever you choose.

A glass front niche is a popular way to display the urn. The urns are housed in a columbarium, which is an indoor setting that has multiple niches for urns.

Glass front niches are typically sold in individual or companion sizes. The individual niches hold one urn and the companion niches can hold two.

Once the niche has been purchased you will be able to design it in the best way possible to memorialize your loved one. One of the best things about a glass front niche is that it gives you the ability to personalize the niche as a tribute to a loved one.

What are some things to consider when planning your niche?

One thing to do is to know the rules of the columbarium. While you will likely have some freedom in the items you want to display along with the urn, some cemeteries restrictions on what can be placed in a glass niche. For example, some cemeteries do not allow artificial flowers. Some cemeteries may also have restrictions on the design of the urn as well.

You will also be limited on what can fit in the niche due to its size. You will want to take the niche size into consideration both when purchasing an urn and when deciding what you want to place in the niche. If the urn is too large you may not have space to display other objects.

What are some things to place in the niche?

Here are some common ideas for memorial items to place in a niche.

- Pictures: These could be pictures of your loved one or pictures of other family members or pets.
- Religious articles: Items such as rosaries, crosses or other objects that honor your loved one's religious beliefs.
- Mementos: Any smaller objects that were important to your loved one could be displayed. Items from travels or hobbies can help personalize the space.
- Jewelry: If there was some special jewelry your loved one wore it could be displayed in the niche. Wedding rings or other sentimental pieces are popular.

If you have any questions about how to find a cemetery that has a columbarium that meets your needs or need any help along the way, just ask your funeral director. They will be able to answer any questions you may have.