

MEMORIAL REEFS INTERNATIONAL

Your Guidebook to Our Undersea Memorial Gardens



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Introduction

The goal of Memorial Reefs International is to support families, the community, and the environment by building artificial reefs. Together we enhance coral generation, increase marine biomass, and provide an eco-friendly alternative to traditional burial.

By offering to dedicate your loved one's cremated remains as a memorial reef building process, their memory becomes a living treasure.

Who We Are

As avid divers, the founders of Memorial Reefs International witnessed firsthand the devastating loss of coral habitat to human destruction and environmental stressors over time. Recent mass coral bleaching events prompted them to find a way to save one of Earth's greatest natural resources. Artificial reefs were found to be an effective albeit expensive way to offset coral loss. The search for ways to fund building reefs led them to the Reef Ball Foundation and their Memorial Reef Balls. Right away it was clear that offering eco-conscious clients the opportunity to create living memorials that also helped replace lost reefs was a perfect model for helping the oceans.



Why choose an Undersea Memorial?

People across the globe call the ocean "Home". Upon passing, many ocean lovers wish to spend their eternity under the sea. Current options consist primarily of ash scatterings and full-body sea burial. For many, these practices lack a physical memorial place, which can be emotionally invaluable to those experiencing loss. This type of memorial is perfect for those who are environmentally conscious, love the ocean, or simply don't want a traditional funeral. Reef Ball Memorial clients are provided GPS coordinates to their memorial so they may visit whenever they please.

What is a Reef Ball?

Reef Balls are patented structures engineered to withstand current and wave action, facilitate new coral growth, and house an array of marine life.

The concrete used in their construction is specially formulated to the same PH as sea water and is texturized to ensure coral polyps have an ideal landing pad for propagation. Reef Balls are constructed without metal rebar so they do not collapse as the metal disintegrates over time.

The hollow inverted dome shape and holes serve several purposes. First, this design allows currents to pass through and around the ball, keeping it from tumbling around the ocean floor. Depending on ocean conditions, different types of anchors can be used. Second, the hollow and open nature of the ball allows marine life to take shelter, essential for maintaining fish populations in coral colonies. For us, these holes additionally serve as a vault for cremains to be encased for eternity.

This intuitive design allows for the natural growth of new corals supplemented by polyps harvested from coral nurseries. We are working along side marine biologists and local scientists to study the progression of coral growth on our Reef Balls.

We aim to provide not just a memorial, but a living specimen for marine biologists to use in their quest to remedy our global climate crisis.

To learn more about the Reef Ball Foundation and Reef Ball technology, visit ReefBall.Org



Why Reef Balls?

Our World's coral reefs are dying.

Rising ocean temperatures have caused the most catastrophic mass bleaching event in recorded history, with the most severe as recent as 2016.

This threatens biodiversity that lives in and thrives off of world reefs.

If no action is taken, fish stocks will be lost and coastal protection from tidal events will be reduced dramatically. Countless small and large communities rely on these reefs to provide food for subsistence and economic growth.

Memorial Reefs International is dedicated to providing a service that works to mitigate this tremendous loss.

An Alternative to Traditional Burial

More and more people choose cremation every year, resulting in nearly 50% of all deaths ending in cremation today. This is owed to the decreased stigma surrounding cremation, the global movement towards more eco-friendly practices, and the ever-rising costs of making funeral arrangements. While traditional funerals provide an undeniable source of comfort and peace of mind to the many experiencing loss, we believe that even greater peace of mind can be attained through allowing our physical bodies to participate in the cyclical nature of death and ultimately new life.



Dedication Ceremony and Celebration of Life

Your Destination Funeral begins with the incorporation of your loved ones remains into their Reef Ball Memorial. We allow one day for the concrete to cure before it is secured into the Reef Ball Memorial by our staff.



We arrive next at the ceremonial dedication of your Reef Ball Memorial in our Undersea Memorial Garden. You may choose to view the placement of your memorial from a charter boat where flowers can be placed near the dedication site.



Following the Dedication Ceremony, we invite you to the Celebration of Life where we honor the departed and the gift they are giving to the world. This beachside gathering is an opportunity for loved ones to come together and pay tribute to those who have passed while enjoying regional cuisine and breathtaking seaside views.

Though the celebration day will come to an end, your connection with the reef and the memorial will not. With GPS coordinates you will be able to visit the Memorial Reef any time you want. A marine-grade bronze plaque will be on your loved one's monument, ensuring it is easily found in future visits.

Additionally, you and your family will receive regular updates on the rejuvenation of your Reef Ball Memorial via social media.

Locations

We aim to provide the most breathtakingly beautiful locations across the globe for our Undersea Memorial Gardens. Our locations have been chosen to create natural breakwater for tidal events that our Reef Balls provide. Additionally, many are subsistence areas where fish stocks have been dramatically shrunken in recent years due to commercial overfishing and the effects of climate change.

All artificial reef structures are required to be placed in properly permitted locations with prior approval by the Federal, State, and local governments. Our partnership with the Reef Ball Foundation grants us access to over 3000 permitted locations across 70 countries. If you desire a location where we have not yet established an Undersea Memorial Garden, contact one of our representatives to discuss your needs.

To view our currently scheduled deployments and locations, visit our website or call one of our representatives.

Please note that locations are subject to change without prior notice.



Reef Ball Memorials

When deciding on the right memorial for you or your loved one, many factors come into play. Family wishes, finances, and personal desires often influence this choice, and our product specialists are happy to assist you in choosing a memorial that is tailored to manifest your ideal ocean legacy.

Personal Memorial Starting at \$5,950

- Capable of holding up to one set of remains.
- This Reef Ball measures 3 feet across and 2 feet tall.

Couples Memorial Starting at \$7,950

- Capable of holding up to two sets of remains.
- This Reef Ball measures 4 feet across and 2.9 feet tall.

Family Memorial Starting at \$9,950

- Capable of holding up to four sets of remains.
- This Reef Ball measures 6 feet across and 3.8 feet tall.

Community Memorial Plaque - \$995

Memorial Reefs International recognizes the financial constraints that often surround fulfilling the parting wishes of loved ones, so we provide a more economical option to our beloved Reef Ball offerings. We cast specific Reef Balls designed to hold multiple memorial plaques. Your personalized plaque can be placed on the ball, and the cremains of your loved one reverently spread over it during the Dedication Ceremony. We encourage those interested in this service to place your plaque today and plan for a future spreading of your or a family member's ashes when the time comes.

Custom Memorial (price varies)

We pride ourselves on being able to provide our clients with a memorial experience that respects the individual wishes of the deceased and their loved ones. For some, this will mean designing a custom memorial that tells a more complete story about the life and legacy of those involved. Talk to one of our sales representatives to learn how we can tailor the designs of our memorials to your particular needs.

As a company committed to making positive environmental and sociological impacts, our goals go beyond providing an alternative to traditional burial. Creation of artificial reefs in areas most effected by the global climate crisis is a priority that we seek to share with the general public, not just those who are experiencing loss. It is up to us as global citizens to take initiative today and shape a world that future generations will thrive in tomorrow.

In addition to our Memorial offerings, we give you the opportunity to purchase a Reef Ball or custom plaque simply to honor your dedication and love for the worlds oceans.



Included in Purchase of Reef Ball Memorial

- Standard 6-inch marine grade bronze plaque with custom inscription
- Placement and dedication of Reef Memorial at Undersea Memorial Garden
- Attendance at the communal Dedication Ceremony and Celebration of Life for 4 guests
- Handling of cremated remains while in our possession if sent to us by mail
- Incorporation of single set of cremains into Reef Memorial
- GPS Coordinates of the Reef Memorial
- Certificate

NOT Included

- Travel and Lodging expenses
- Transportation to and from airport/lodging/ceremony location
- Cremation and transport of cremated remains

Add-Ons

- Additional attendance on boat for Dedication Ceremony
- Additional attendance at Celebration of Life
- 4-inch Keepsake Bronze Plaque
- Certificates
- Upgraded plaque — Additional text/ Larger size
- Private Ceremony
- Customization of events to meet your specific needs

Financing

Reef Ball Memorials are less expensive than traditional burial.

Today's average funeral costs around \$11,000.

Our Reef Ball Memorials cost about half the price of the average funeral. Even still, most people have financial constraints when they're fulfilling the parting wishes of loved ones.

In order to accommodate those without sufficient funds on hand, we offer Post-dedication Financing:

Personal Memorial: \$5,950.00

Couples Memorial: \$7,950.00

Family Memorial: \$9,950.00

Estimated Monthly Payment: \$125.62*

Estimated Monthly Payment: \$169.20*

Estimated Monthly Payment: \$211.78*

*Note: The Estimated Monthly Payments are for illustration purposes only. Monthly payments above are calculated for an 'average' credit score of 680-699 @ 10.08% APR for 60 months.

You may proceed with the Dedication Ceremony at the earliest possible time and finance through our lending partners. Contact us to arrange a financing plan that will work for you.

Financing covers the other expenses too.

Cash advances for expenses, such as:

- Crematory charges
- Clergy honoraria
- Flowers and musicians
- Obituary notices
- Gratuities
- Death certificate
- Medical examiner fees
- Any cash advance item that appears on the estimate

Pre-need or at-need services, such as:

- Staff, overhead and facility charges
- Transportation and motor equipment
- Any item provided by Memorial Reefs International

Other expenses, such as:

- Gatherings after services
- Transportation to and from services
- Monument purchase and installation
- Any item or expense reasonably related to the funeral or memorial service

Contact us and we'll walk you through it. Let us help you take the stress out of planning and paying for the perfect Memorial.

How do I get started?

In the event of a recent passing, make arrangements for cremation and local memorial services with your chosen funeral director.

1. Contact Memorial Reefs
2. Select a location
3. Select a deployment date
4. Select a Memorial
5. Fill out the following forms:
 - Order Form
 - Terms and Conditions
 - Authorization for Final Disposition
6. Obtain Death Certificate and Cremation Certificate
7. Scan forms and email them to info@memorialreefs.international or mail them to PO Box 700567
Kapolei, HI 96709
8. Choose text for bronze plaque
9. Decide who will be attending the Dedication Ceremony
10. Make travel and lodging arrangements with the assistance of our Dedication Event coordinator.

FAQ

What is a Reef Ball Memorial?

Reef Ball Memorials are created by mixing a loved one's cremated remains into liquid concrete to form an artificial reef structure. We secure a marine-grade bronze plaque on the Reef Ball Memorial and place it in the ocean to create new marine habitats for fish, corals, and other forms of sea life.

Can I attend the casting of a Reef Ball Memorial?

Yes, family members are encouraged to participate in the casting as much or as little as they want.

Can I attend the dedication of the Reef Ball Memorial?

Yes, attendance for four at the Casting, Dedication Ceremony, and Celebration of Life is included in the price of a Reef Ball Memorial.

Can I have a private ceremony?

Yes. Please call us to discuss options.

Where will the Undersea Memorial Garden be located?

All artificial reef structures are required to be placed in properly permitted locations with prior approval by the Federal, State, and local governments. The status of the permits can vary. Our partnership with the Reef Ball Foundation grants us access to over 3000 permitted locations across 70 countries. If you desire a location where we have not yet established an Undersea Memorial Garden, contact one of our representatives to discuss your needs.

How long will a Reef Ball Memorial last?

Reef Ball Memorials are designed to last over 500 years! The concrete used in their construction is specially formulated to have the same PH as sea water and is texturized to ensure coral polyps have an ideal landing pad for propagation. Reef Balls are constructed without metal rebar so they do not collapse as the metal disintegrates. Over time, the growth of marine life on the surface of the Reef Ball Memorial becomes a protective layer that works to reinforce the integrity of the structure,

Will a Reef Ball Memorial move?

The hollow dome shape and port holes allow currents to pass through and around the ball, keeping it from tumbling around the ocean floor. Depending on local ocean conditions, we will also use special anchors to keep them in place. Over 1,000,000 Reef Balls have been placed in the ocean all over the world and have withstood major weather events including hurricanes and tsunamis.

What kinds of plaques are available?

Reef Ball Memorials come with a standard 6" bronze plaque on which an inscription can be placed. Our Marine-grade bronze plaques withstand corrosion from seawater. Larger plaques and other designs are available upon request. Additionally, we offer a 4-inch keepsake replica of the plaque that adorns your Reef Ball Memorial.

How will I know where my Reef Ball Memorial is located?

We record the GPS coordinates of each Reef Ball Memorial when it is in place on the ocean's bottom. The authorized family representative will receive two certificates that list the coordinates of the Reef Ball Memorial.

Can I visit the location of the Reef Ball Memorial?

Yes, you may visit our Undersea Memorial Gardens. You are welcome to visit by boat and fish or dive around the Reef Ball Memorials.

Can I put my Reef Ball Memorial next to my loved one's Reef Ball Memorial?

We will make every effort to accommodate these requests but we cannot guarantee a specific placement.

Can I put more than one set of cremated remains in a Reef Ball Memorial?

Yes, you can have multiple sets of cremated remains mixed into a Reef Ball Memorial. There are some limitations based on the amount of cremated remains and the size of the Reef Ball Memorial. Please call for more details.



MEMORIAL REEFS INTERNATIONAL ORDER FORM

Date: _____ Name of Deceased: _____

Authorized Family Agent Information

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:	
Memorial Information					
Street Address:			Email:		
City:		State:		ZIP:	Phone
Signature of Authorized Family Agent:					Date:
Relationship to Deceased:		Dedication Location:		Date:	Number Attending:

Memorial Information

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
PERSONAL MEMORIAL REEF		\$5,995	
COUPLES MEMORIAL REEF		\$7,995	
FAMILY MEMORIAL REEF		\$9,995	
MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON COMMUNITY REEF		\$995	
ADDITIONAL DEDICATION CERTIFICATES		\$25	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE AT DEDICATION EVENT		\$75	
KEEPSAKE BRONZE PLAQUE		\$200	
PET INCLUSION FEE		\$0	
TOTAL			

Circle One: Check / Credit Card (MC or Visa)

Name on Card: _____ Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Memorial Reefs International Terms and Conditions

Memorial Reefs International will endeavor to treat your loved one's remains with the utmost care and reverence during all phases of the casting and dedication process. The following terms and conditions details our commitment and obligation:

PRODUCTION AND DEDICATION TIMELINES

Memorial Reefs International will work hard to produce and deploy your Reef Memorial in a timely manner. Unfortunately, sometimes weather and other matters beyond our control can delay our efforts. If your order is delayed for any reason, we will work with you to reschedule the dedication of your Reef Memorial as quickly as possible.

LOCATIONS

We will only accept orders for locations that are currently permitted for our artificial reefs. However, government and legal issues may arise that make a chosen location unavailable after your order has been placed. If that occurs, and the cremains have not yet been added to the Reef Memorial, we will offer you your choice of another of our global locations, or a full refund of your purchase. If the cremains are already part of your Reef Memorial, we will offer to place it at another location of your choice at no additional fee, even if the new location is a higher priced one.

THE REEF ENVIRONMENT

We design and site our artificial reefs so that they will not be affected by normal and inclement weather, nor the impacts of boating and other maritime activity. The Reef Ball system employed by Memorial Reefs International has a long history of stability in the most severe weather. However you must be aware that weather and/or accidents may impact your Reef Memorial. Under no circumstances will Memorial Reefs International be liable for any damage or movement of Reef Memorials after placement.

POSSESSION OF YOUR MEMORIAL

Once it is dedicated, your Reef Memorial becomes an integral part of the reef ecosystem. The regulatory conditions of our government permits require us to not disturb the Reef Memorials once they are placed on the bottom. As such, once your Reef Memorial is dedicated, it legally becomes part of the ocean environment and is considered a permanent part of the reef. You may not claim ownership, remove, or modify your Reef Memorial once it is added to the reef.

PETS

Memorial Reefs International will be happy to include your pet's remains in your Reef Memorial for an additional charge. Pet remains may only be included in Personal and Family Reef Memorials. Memorial Reefs International will not allow the inclusion of pet remains in our Global Memorial Balls or any other Reef Memorial that contains cremains from multiple customers.

All policies of Memorial Reefs International are subject to change or amendment without notice.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ (Authorized Family Representative)

Authorization for Final Disposition

MEMORIAL REEFS INTERNATIONAL, LLC. FINAL DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS. PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

NAME OF DECEASED INDIVIDUAL _____

NAME OF LEGAL CUSTODIAN _____

As Legal Custodian I certify that these are the remains of the named deceased Initial: _____

I am the Legal Custodian of the cremated remains of the deceased, and have legal authority to mandate the final disposition of these remains. Initial: _____

As Legal Custodian, I authorize Memorial Reefs International, LLC. to take possession of these remains and use the remains for the creation and deployment of a Memorial Reef. Initial: _____

As Legal Custodian of these remains, I agree to release and hold Memorial Reefs International, LLC., its affiliates and their agents, employees and assignees harmless from any liability or causes of action, including attorney fees and the expense of litigation in connection with the disposition of the cremated remains.

As Legal Custodian of these cremated remains, I will not hold Memorial Reefs International liable for any errors or omissions on my part in the identification, handling, and/or shipping of the cremated remains to Memorial Reefs International. Initial: _____

As Legal Custodian, I understand that Memorial Reefs International's guaranty is limited to providing the service that Memorial Reefs International has agreed to provide in accordance with the terms of the agreement and in a manner that complies with industry standards. There are no other warranties expressed or implied and any damages shall be limited to the refund of the disposition fee paid. Initial: _____

Signature of Legal Custodian: _____

Date: _____ Name (Printed) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Witness Name Printed _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date: _____