

PRODUCTS

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Photo: A glass keepsake from Memory Glass with cremated remains suspended inside.

Products On The Horizon

Memory Glass, located in Santa Barbara, Calif., has announced a product offering that gives funeral homes a new add-on for traditional funeral packages. Memory Glass's hand-blown glass keepsakes can now be infused with soil from a burial plot or sand, which no longer limits sales to accompanying cremations only.

A Memory Glass is a unique solid-glass keepsake that eternally preserves cremated remains, soil from a burial site or sand, which are suspended within the glass. Four customizable products are available, each hand-blown using high-quality crystal glass and colored glass from a selection of 16 shades. An extremely small amount of cremated remains, soil or sand is required, giving families the opportunity to create multiple Memory Glass products. When used with cremated remains, the family can still bury or scatter the remainder of the remains.

Established in 2002, Memory Glass began as a family business inspired by the loss of a close friend. Its mission is to provide a creative, affordable, alternative form of memorialization for those grieving the loss of family, friends or pets who are no longer with us. Memory Glass products are available in funeral homes and crematoriums in all 50 states.

Visit www.memoryglass.com for more information.



Cremation Safeguard, located in Tulsa, Okla., is a system that helps identify and track a deceased individual. It is composed of a Web-based system that helps collect, transfer and store identification information of the deceased for cremation.

This product does something that has never been done before, according to the company. Cremation Safeguard creates a chain of custody for the deceased for the entire cremation process; from the moment the body is taken into custody until the family receives the cremated remains. Cremation Safeguard forces the funeral home to properly identify the deceased. Unfortunately, not all funeral homes ID the deceased prior to cremation. Cremation Safeguard requires the family to witness the fingerprinting of the deceased, which ensures that the deceased is properly identified. Cremation Safeguard also creates accountability between the funeral and crematory and ties the two together, ensuring that the deceased is tracked through the entire process.

Cremation Safeguard has also developed an identifiable locking urn. Until now, urns were either labeled with

a sticker or ID tag from the crematory. The Cremation Safeguard locking urn, including its temporary urn, has a unique cable lock. The cable lock is imprinted with the unique Cremation Safeguard ID number of the deceased. This enables the urn to be identified at any time. Also, the Cremation Safeguard lock can only be removed by cutting it. This prevents any tampering of the contents by the crematory, the funeral home or the family.

For more information, visit www.cremationsafeguard.com or call 877-447-8040.



Live Forever Monuments, located in Sarasota, Fla., is a new company in the death-care industry that is providing a cremation product unlike any other.

John Ward's father, who was cremated in 2001, wanted nothing more than a simple memorial.

"My mother and I did our best to accommodate his wishes by picking a full-sized urn along with some keepsakes for friends and family," Ward said. "I asked a very simple question to the funeral director at the time we were finalizing his arrangements: 'Do you have anything to display my father's urn in?'"

Puzzled, the funeral director replied that he did not. "He went on to tell us

