

held feelings and sentiments. We suggest you choose a memorial that will speak out to generations yet to come – one that tells a story etched in time, one that others can admire, one that perhaps will even inspire.

Preparing in advance for the eventuality of death is not only proper forethought, but a sensitive act of love towards yourself and every member of your family. Summum's Eternal Memorialization offers you exceptional quality and care for this very significant and personal decision.

Because Summum is the only organization in the world that can perform and oversee these rites of Permanent Body Preservation, we have been featured on television programs such as ABC's Good Morning America, National Geographic Explorer, The Learning Channel's The Quest, and productions for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

If you are interested in further information regarding the rites of Mummification for yourself or a loved one, please contact your local funeral home today.

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## Eternal Memorialization through Mummification



In recent years there has been a trend toward more personalized and individualized funeral services and rituals. Personal expression plays an important role in the healing process following a loss, and can become a bridge between the past and the future. The arrangements you make now concerning the final preservation of yourself or your loved ones are some of the most important and enduring decisions of your life.

Eternal Memorialization through Modern Mummification reflects values that represent decades of research, drawing on the most revolutionary science and medical technology, along with the awe-inspiring customs of ancient cultures.

Modern Mummification is not the dehydration method practiced by the ancient Egyptians. It is a very thorough and gentle process that allows you to leave this life in as beautiful a manner as possible. Modern Mummification is the only form of Permanent Body Preservation. Summum is the only organization in the world that can perform and oversee this extraordinary rite.

Because of its nature, the rites of mummification require more time than traditional embalming procedures. A minimum of 120 days is needed to complete the thorough and detailed transformation. The investment is worthwhile, as the results represent the ultimate personal preservation and a truly enduring memorial.

Naturally, the vessel you are placed in is a very important aspect of your eternal disposition. Because your body will be preserved permanently, the container you use must also be permanent, and it can act as a lasting reflection of your personal aesthetic.

The Mummiform is an integral part of the mummification rites. Not only does it act as the final protective layer for your enshrined body, it is also a sculptural casket that represents the life you have lived.

### An Overview of Your Care

Following the funeral services and in association with the funeral home, Summum carefully conducts your Mummification. This includes intricate and detailed rites in which you are bathed and carefully prepared before being immersed in a Mummification font filled with specialized fluid. Afterwards, you are covered with lanolin and wrapped with gauze. Then come multiple layers of a sealing membrane that dry into an impermeable protective cocoon, followed by fiberglass wrappings.

Upon completion of the rites of mummification, your body is sealed inside a bronze Mummiform and enshrined in a sanctuary or mausoleum, or buried in the cemetery of your choice.



Mummification is a never ending story. Its mystery and intrigue will always captivate us.

The Mummiform is an art piece cast in 1/4-inch bronze or stainless steel. Its surface may be left polished or it can be intricately inscribed with the text of your choice.

In place of the art form Mummiform, you may choose a capsule Mummiform in conjunction with a traditional burial casket. If this is your choice, you will need to select a full couch, 48-ounce bronze or stainless steel casket. Summum will hermetically seal your mummified remains within the cap-

sule Mummiform, and then enclose the capsule inside the casket before enshrinement.

Your final resting place is also significant. As a thoughtful person, consider making arrangements now for your final accommodation. Some important points should be taken into account when deciding where to place you Mummiform following the mummification process.

Summum recommends that you be enshrined in a climate-controlled mausoleum for protection from extreme heat or cold. Such a mausoleum can be found in existing memorial parks and cemeteries all over the world.

You may also choose to have your Mummiform sealed within a triple-reinforced protective vault, such as The Wilbert Bronze®, and buried in a cemetery of your choice. If the cemetery you choose is located in an area that experiences cold weather, the vault must be buried deep enough that it will resist freezing.

## The Wilbert Bronze®



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A suitable sanctuary/mausoleum should not allow the inside temperature to drop below freezing or rise above 60° F (16° C), i.e. an underground sanctuary/mausoleum or a heated/cooled mausoleum.

The memorial you select should be looked upon with the same personal pride with which you look upon your family. Your most personal ideals should be your guide in choosing your memorial. Just as ceremonies offer value to the living, so does establishing a permanent memorial. It will serve as a focal point for remembrance and can help your survivors overcome grief.

We understand that everyone has different financial considerations. Mummification costs can be integrated into pre-need or at time of need arrangements. The overall cost of your funeral services and mummification rites can vary greatly according to the selections you make now. (Cost may increase for special circumstances. Summum reserves the right to refuse Mummification rites under certain conditions.



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When practical or possible, making final arrangements in advance of need can provide the peace of mind that comes when all details and financial provisions have been taken care of in a way that satisfies you and those who will survive you. A family discussion combined with the counsel of a funeral service professional will ensure that everyone involved feels comfortable with your personal choices and with their eventual implementation.

Modern Mummification is easily integrated in to the services available at funeral homes worldwide. Summum is committed to accommodating your needs at every stage of the process. The creation of a lasting memory of your life for your posterity, Mummification is compatible with any personal philosophy or religious convictions that you may have. These rites do not break with current funeral traditions. Rather, they complement and enhance them.

A memorial is more than a means of identifying the resting place of an individual or a family. It expresses closely