Since the beginning of time, the sea’s unending power has drawn many of us seeking enlightenment, tranquility and comfort.

Not surprisingly many of us also choose a burial at sea and the ocean as our final resting place.

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Santa Barbara and Dana Point Harbors
At Sea Burials offers accompanied and unaccompanied full-body sea burials from Santa Barbara and Dana Point, California. We work in concert with select funeral homes to offer your family meaningful alternatives to traditional burial.

While still unfamiliar to many, (non-cremated) full-body burial at sea is allowed under the jurisdiction of the EPA. The requirements for full body (non-cremated) burial at sea must take place in approved Federal Waters (at least 3 miles off shore) at 600 ft. (100 fathoms) depth or more.

A Full-Body burial at sea can be preformed using a casket or the body can be specially wrapped in a natural sail-cloth shroud. With either option, interment is carried out in approved federal waters.

Shrouded Burials: The body is securely wrapped in natural 10oz Cotton Sail Canvas. The exterior is crisscrossed with 1” cotton banding and the body placed in a rental casket used for transportation.

Prices range according to family needs and whether a memorial service is to be included. Accompanied or unaccompanied burials only involve the costs for required permits and the boat. Additional costs vary if a second boat is to chartered or charges may apply to a service or memorial that is desired.

The natural burial shroud is a traditional, dignified and more environmentally friendly way to commit a loved one’s remain to the ocean. It is also an affordable means of conveyance when compared with wooden or steel caskets.

Whether or not the service was attended or unattended, At Sea Burials will provide a certificate listing the GPS coordinates of the site. These coordinates will allow you to return at any time for a memorial and we will accommodate you or a group to hold such an event.