



## Natural Burial Program

### Testimonials

#### Meet Johnette



The property Johnette Orpinela shares with her son and daughter-in-law features an ecoroof that made news as one of the first adopted for residential use. So it's no surprise that she recently chose to update her funeral arrangements.

"I am among those who have changed my final instructions from cremation to natural burial, primarily because it uses less energy," she told a crowd gathered for the annual meeting of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Oregon (FCAO). A retired school librarian and longtime FCAO board member, Johnette has long felt strongly about pre-planning for end-of-life arrangements, having experienced the comfort and confidence that "one phone call was

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all that was necessary" when both her mother and husband had died. But at that time they weren't aware of natural burial, and so both had opted for cremation.

But when Johnette learned about River View's Natural Burial program, she says with a smile, "It just felt very natural to go natural. We have always felt strongly about our responsibility to care for the environment."

As a consumer advocate Johnette also says, "I'm delighted that River View has found a way both to develop a separate natural area, and to make provisions for green burial in the more tailored part of the cemetery for those who want to be with a loved one who's already buried in those sections. It may mean more effort in the grounds keeping, so it's generous of them to meet families' needs in this way."

[Learn more](#) about River View Cemetery's Natural Burial Program.