## November Newsletter





#### Our November Newsletter Is Here!

As we embrace the reflective season of autumn, November offers us a special opportunity to honor loved ones and celebrate the beauty of remembrance at Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve. This month, we are reminded of the unique connections we hold with nature and with each other, and how these bonds carry us through moments of grief, hope, and peace. Here at Morgan Oaks, our commitment to providing an environment that embodies tranquility and respect remains steadfast.

November brings both exciting updates and thoughtful occasions, including our annual Day of Reflection event, where families gather to celebrate the lives of those who have left lasting legacies. During this gathering, we invite visitors to explore the serene landscapes of Morgan Oaks, participate in guided nature walks, and take a moment of silence amidst the trees and hills that many now call a final resting place.

In this issue, you'll find insightful articles on eco-friendly memorial options, stories from families who've chosen Morgan Oaks, and special updates about upcoming events and features at Morgan Oaks. For those considering green burial options or simply seeking ways to support natural conservation efforts, we're excited to share how your choice to honor loved ones here contributes to preserving the land's natural beauty and sustainability for future generations.

Whether you're part of the Morgan Oaks community, considering a green burial, or simply interested in learning more, we hope you'll find comfort and inspiration in the connections we nurture here at the Preserve. Thank you for joining us on this journey to honor life, nature, and legacy, and may this November bring peace and gratitude to you and your family.

Warm wishes from all of us at Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve.

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## **Community News**

#### October Yoga Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our October outdoor yoga session! It was a beautiful day filled with peace, community, and fall colors. We loved seeing everyone come together to relax and connect with nature.

#### **Tree Planting Season is Here!**

If you purchased a tree memorial, tree-planting season is underway! Our team will be reaching out soon to schedule your planting date, and we're excited to share this meaningful experience with you. Thank you for helping us make Morgan Oaks a lasting sanctuary.





## **Spotlight**

#### **California Ground Squirrel**

Keep an eye out for the lively California ground squirrels that call Morgan Oaks home!

These curious creatures can often be spotted darting across the open fields or perched on logs. Known for their distinctive speckled fur and bushy tails, ground squirrels play an important role in our ecosystem, helping to aerate the soil and spread native plant seeds. Next time you visit, see if you can spot one of these energetic residents!



### **Event News**

#### **Honor Your Veteran November 11th!**

We invite you to come to the Morgan Oaks Office to pick up a flower for your veteran on November 11th from 9 a.m. to 2pm.

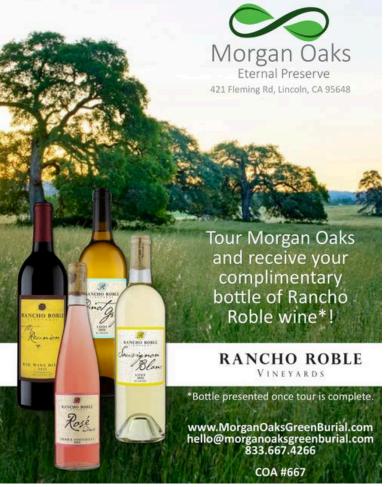
#### **Morning Yoga with Natalie**

Join us for a peaceful Morning Yoga session with Natalie on November 7th, from 10-11am. Enjoy a relaxing practice surrounded by nature. All levels welcome!



Yoga Event
Thursday November 7th
10am - 11am

Tour Morgan Oaks and
Receive a Complimentary Bottle
of Rancho Roble Wine.
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## **Honor Your Loved One With a Heartfelt Obituary**

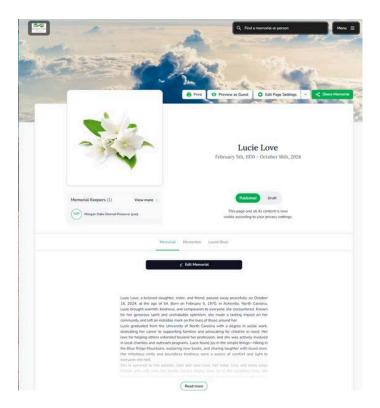
**At Morgan Oaks**, we understand how important it is to honor and celebrate the life of a loved one who has passed. One way to cherish their memory is through a thoughtfully crafted obituary. Writing an obituary allows family and friends to reflect on their loved one's life, accomplishments, and values, sharing their story in a way that will live on in the hearts of those who read it.

- Here are a few helpful steps to guide you in creating a heartfelt obituary:
- Begin with the Basics: Start by sharing your loved one's full name, age, and city of residence. You may also choose to include details like their birth and passing dates.
- Highlight Their Life Story: Capture the essence of your loved one by describing significant moments in their life—personal achievements, career highlights, or notable hobbies and interests. Consider how they impacted those around them, and how their legacy will be remembered.
- Include Family and Friends: Listing close family members provides a sense of connection for readers and is a meaningful way to honor those they held dear. Include the names of immediate family members, and you may also mention cherished friends or colleagues.
- Share Special Memories: Personal stories, sayings, or traditions help paint a full picture of your loved one's character. These memories will provide comfort to others and a deeper insight into who they were.
- Provide Service Information: If there will be a public service, feel free to include the date, time, and location, so those who wish to pay their respects can attend. Morgan Oaks offers support with memorial services and can help coordinate any arrangements you may need.
- Choose a Photo: Including a photo adds a warm, personal touch to the obituary. Pick one that captures their personality, preferably a recent picture that others can connect with.

Our Morgan Oaks staff is here to support you through every step of writing and publishing an obituary, ensuring it reflects the life and love of your cherished one. Please reach out to us for guidance, or if you'd like help with memorial arrangements.

Click here to create your loved one's obituary.

Let's come together this November to honor, remember, and cherish those we love.





## Now is the Time to Consider Green Burial Alternatives

#### What Is Green Burial

- Green burial is a popular alternative to conventional burial that allows your loved one to return to the earth naturally.
- According to a 2020 consumer study conducted by the National Funeral Directors Association, nearly 40%
  of people would be interested in exploring green funeral options because of potential environmental
  benefits.
- Green burial is not new, but there has been a renewed interest in the process because it reduces the use of toxic materials and preservatives that may pollute the earth.
- The practice protects and restores habitats for native plants and animals, reduces less carbon into the atmosphere, prevents toxic chemicals from contaminating the earth and reduces groundwater and soil contamination.
- Green burial does not have the carbon footprint of cremation, which is equivalent of a 500-mile car trip.
- Green burials can be compatible with any type of funeral service At your place of worship, a funeral home, your personal home, or onsite.
- Morgan Oaks accepts cremated remains and has designated interment areas on the property.

#### What is Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve?

- Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve is a 160-acre nature preserve in the foothills of Placer County.
- The property is a serene green burial area to honor a loved one's memory.
- Morgan Oaks is one of the only all green burial grounds certified in California. Different from hybrid cemeteries cemeteries with traditional burial and small sections for green burial.
- Morgan Oaks' green burial services include full-body interment, cremation remains burial, and memorial trees meeting the needs of all those that are environmentally conscious.
- Unlike traditional cemeteries, our company is committed to using products that are environmentally friendly. We do not allow bodies to be buried with embalming fluid (i.e., formaldehyde) and all shrouds, caskets and urns must be biodegradable. We do not put anything in the ground that may be a pollutant to the earth's soil or water.
- Morgan Oaks does not look like a traditional cemetery. Visitors will not see rows of tombstones, but rather burial spaces located in clusters throughout the preserve, along nature trails, or near trees and other plants.
- Our team has more than 30 years of experience in the field of land conservation and has partnered with experts in the green burial movement to deliver guidance and support to customers.
- We use conservation-minded land management techniques aimed at maintaining a natural landscape preserved in perpetuity. Green burial protects these natural areas and creates a meaningful place of remembrance for loved ones.
- 10% of all sales go into a land endowment trust to maintain and protect the property forever.

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#### **How Does Traditional Burial Affect the Environment?**

- According to the Green Burial Council, traditional burials in U.S. put 20 million feet of wood, 4.3 million
  gallons of embalming fluids, 1.6 million tons of concrete, 17,000 tons of copper & bronze, and 64,500 tons of
  steel in the ground.
- Conventional embalming fluid is usually comprised of the chemical formaldehyde, which has been proven to pose health risks, and is recognized as a carcinogen in certain states.
- A study by the Nat'l Cancer Institute revealed that funeral directors have a much higher incidence of myeloid leukemia.
- Embalming is more of a cosmetic procedure than a public health practice. There are other alternatives to preservation, the most effective being keeping the body cold.
- Studies have shown that conventional cemeteries often create high levels of toxic metal (and limited
- chemical) contamination of soils and groundwater, which come primarily from the caskets—wood preserves, paints, and varnishes, as well as actual metal fasteners and adornments.
- If bodies are buried in biodegradable materials in areas of good soil and ecology, the existing soil chemistry, microbes, plants, and critters will quickly decompose the body and use it to foster new life.
- Studies have shown that viruses and bacteria present retained in the immediate soil have limited persistence, if any.

#### Can We Still Have a Funeral for My Loved One?

Morgan Oaks green burials can be compatible with any type of funeral service - At your place of worship, a funeral home, your personal home, or at our preserve.

#### Is Green Burial Expensive?

Green burial eliminates the costs of elaborate hardwood or metal caskets, concrete vaults, and embalming. Still, there are many variables that a family may wish to consider (materials, rituals, etc.). The cost of the plot at Morgan Oaks is for the conservation and restoration of the property. On average, green burial is typically one-third the cost of a conventional burial.

## Stay Connected with Us on Social Media!

**At Morgan Oaks Green Burial,** our mission is to provide compassionate, eco-conscious burial services that honor the lives of your loved ones while protecting the environment. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and continue delivering the best possible service.

We're excited to expand our community beyond our serene grounds and into the digital space! Morgan Oaks Green Burial is now on social media, where we share uplifting stories, updates, events, and insights about green burial and sustainable living.

By following us on our social media channels, you can:

- Stay Informed: Receive the latest updates on events, workshops, and community gatherings.
- Learn and Share: Explore eco-friendly practices, understand the benefits of green burial, and see how we're working together to safeguard our planet.
- Engage and Connect: Join the conversation with others who share your values, ask questions, share your experiences, and be part of our growing community.

We invite you to follow us on <u>TikTiok</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> to be part of our journey toward a greener future. Your support helps us spread awareness and foster a more sustainable and compassionate world, one step at a time.



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## **Explore Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve**

Welcome to Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve! Our serene landscape offers the perfect escape into nature, whether you're looking for a peaceful stroll or a lively trek with your dog by your side. Our trail system is thoughtfully designed, with pathways that weave through breathtaking natural scenery, open fields, and shaded woodlands.

#### Open to the Public

We're excited to welcome you! Our trails are free and open to the public every day, allowing you the flexibility to visit when it's most convenient for you. Whether you're here for a morning walk, an afternoon adventure, or a sunset stroll, our trails provide a safe and refreshing environment for all ages and abilities.

#### **Dog-Friendly**

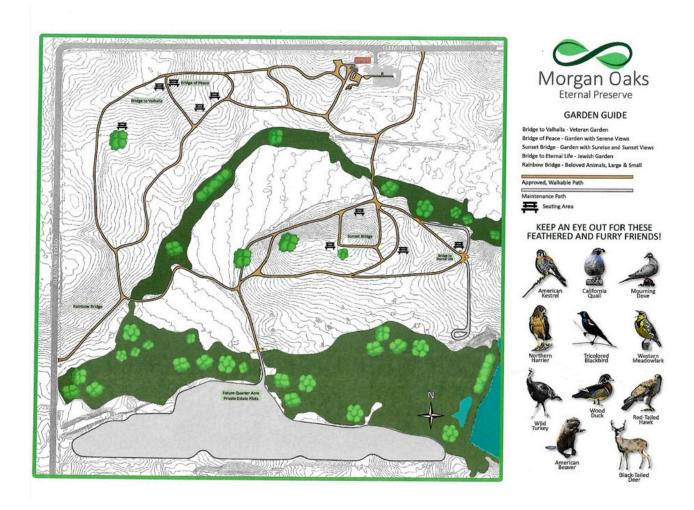
Bring along your four-legged friend! Morgan Oaks is dog-friendly, and we invite you to explore with your canine companion. Just remember to keep pets on a leash and be mindful of others as you enjoy the natural surroundings together.

#### **Trail Highlights**

**Scenic Paths:** Enjoy trails that wind through various landscapes, from sunlit meadows to quiet forests. **Well-Marked Routes:** Our clearly marked paths make it easy to choose a route that fits your pace and preferences.

**Picnic Spots & Rest Areas:** Take a break and soak in the beauty of Morgan Oaks. Designated rest areas along the trail offer spots to relax and refresh.

So grab your walking shoes, leash up your pup, and come explore Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve! We look forward to seeing you on the trails.





## Your Feedback Is Important To Us!

**At Morgan Oaks Green Burial,** our goal is to provide compassionate and eco-friendly burial services that honor the lives of your loved ones. Your feedback is crucial in helping us improve and continue to deliver the highest quality service.

We would be grateful if you could take a moment to share your experience with us. Whether you'd like to comment on our services, our dedicated staff, or the tranquil beauty of our preserve, your feedback is invaluable to us.

#### **How to Share Your Review:**

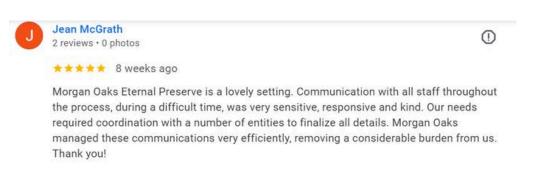
Leaving a review is easy and can be done on the following platforms:

- Google: bit.ly/MOGoogleReview
- Facebook: bit.ly/MOFacebookReview

#### **Why Your Review Matters:**

- 1. Helps Others: Your feedback offers guidance to families seeking a respectful, natural farewell for their loved ones
- 2. **Enhances Our Services:** Your constructive input helps us identify areas for improvement, ensuring we meet the needs of our community.
- 3. **Supports Our Mission:** Positive reviews help us raise awareness about green burials, promoting sustainable practices and encouraging environmentally-friendly end-of-life options.

Thank you for being a part of the Morgan Oaks community and for helping us make a difference through your feedback. Your voice matters!





## Refer a Friend and Earn a \$100 Visa Gift Card!

At **Morgan Oaks Green Burial**, we believe the most powerful way to share our commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly end-of-life options is through the heartfelt recommendations of our families. To show our gratitude, we're excited to introduce our new referral program!

#### **How It Works:**

- 1. **Refer a Friend or Family Member:** Know someone interested in our compassionate, environmentally-friendly services? Refer them to Morgan Oaks Green Burial.
- 2. **They Mention Your Name:** When your referral arranges a green burial service with us, they just need to mention your name during their consultation.
- 3. Receive Your Reward: After the service is completed, you'll receive a \$100 Visa gift card as a thank-you from us!

#### Why Choose Morgan Oaks Green Burial?

- Sustainable Practices: We prioritize eco-friendly burials that conserve natural resources and reduce environmental impact, offering a serene and sustainable resting place.
- Personalized Support: Our team provides caring, individualized guidance to ensure that every family's wishes are honored with dignity and respect.
- Community-Driven: By choosing Morgan Oaks, you're supporting a movement toward more sustainable and responsible burial practices.

#### **Get Started Today!**

If you have friends or family considering green burial options, let them know about Morgan Oaks. They'll receive exceptional care, and you'll be rewarded for spreading the word about our mission.

For more details or to make a referral, visit our website at <u>www.morganoaksgreenburial.com</u> or contact us directly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote sustainable and meaningful end-of-life options. Together, we can make a difference!



## Thank You for Another Wonderful Month!

As we wrap up our November newsletter, we want to extend our gratitude for being such an integral part of our community. With the changing leaves and the first hints of winter approaching, November brings us a special season to pause and appreciate all that we share here at **Morgan Oaks**.

From the memorable times spent here at the beautiful Morgan oaks property to the many events we've participated in, your enthusiasm has made October a success. As we head into the holiday season, we look forward to more moments of joy, gatherings with friends and family, and a continued sense of community that makes Morgan Oaks feel like home.

Warm wishes for a joyful and cozy start to the holiday season!

With gratitude,

The Morgan Oaks Community Team

Thank you for reading!

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