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FIRST INDIVIDUAL ECOLOGICAL CEMETERY IN ŁÓDŹ A UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL BURIAL PLACE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE EVANGELICAL-AUGSBURG CEMETERY IN ŁÓDŹ

On October 30, 2024, the first individual ecological burial section for urns and coffins, named "Trees of Remembrance," was opened at the Evangelical-Augsburg cemetery in Łódź, located at 43 Ogrodowa Street. This is also the first ecological section for coffin burials in Poland.

A special area of 328 m² has been designated at the cemetery, which includes a total of 124 graves intended for ecological burials, comprising 107 places for urns and 17 for coffins.

"Trees of Remembrance" is a unique place that combines traditional values associated with modern burial practices and an ecological approach to commemorating the deceased. It has been created for those who wish for their burial or that of their loved ones to take place in harmony with nature, fully ecologically and with respect for the environment.

This is the second ecological cemetery, after the municipal cemetery in Podgórk Tynieckie in Kraków, prepared by Grupa Klepsydra.

"Łódź is a special place for us. First and foremost, it is our hometown, where the Funeral Company 'Klepsydra' has been operating since the 1950s. That is why we have meticulously prepared this ecological burial site in Łódź. It is a unique space as it is the first individual ecological burial site in our city and the first in Poland where coffins can also be buried alongside urns. We have developed the entire ecological burial process in detail, as it is important for full ecology to consider what the deceased is cremated in and how they are buried. As the company managing the cemetery, we are very proud of this project, which we realized in collaboration with Pastor Michał Makula from the Evangelical-Augsburg parish of St. Matthew in Łódź," said Rafał Cichewicz, CEO of the Firma Pogrzebowa "Klepsydra.

THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE ECOLOGICAL SECTION

The section "TREES OF REMEMBRANCE" at the evangelical-Augsburg cemetery in Łódź at 43 Ogrodowa Street is a unique place, characterized by its natural, ecological surroundings. It is bordered by a low yew hedge, creating a green barrier that ensures peace and tranquility. An impressive tree grows within the section, adding to the sense of natural sanctity and providing shelter for local flora and fauna. Arches made of evergreen ivy are placed near the boulders, where temporary plaques made of ecological plywood commemorating the buried individuals will be attached.

UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL ELEMENTS OF THE SECTION

The entire section is covered with a sedum mat, which is also used on green roofs. The mat not only provides a pleasing appearance but also absorbs rainwater, supporting the ecosystem and minimizing the need for additional maintenance of green areas. As a result, the section becomes a place that lives in harmony with nature, and each grave for urns or coffins remains in sync with its surroundings.

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In front of the section are two large boulders inscribed with "TREES OF REMEMBRANCE," serving as a symbolic point referencing the idea of eternal life. These boulders also function as a memorial spot where visitors can lay fresh flowers, solar candles, or light ecological inserts or candles, connecting tradition with a modern, ecological form.

INDIVIDUAL BURIAL PLACE

Each urn or traditional grave is individual. It is not a communal grave—each burial plot owner is entitled to their ecological grave for a period of 20 years, with the option of extension upon payment of an extension fee. The area of the section has been designed so that each grave has its own designated place, allowing for individual care and remembrance of the deceased.

ECOLOGICAL MEMORIAL PLAQUES

The memorial plaques for those buried in the section are made of ecological plywood, engraved with the information of the deceased. These ecological plaques are an excellent symbol of respect for nature and remembrance of the deceased. Additionally, each plaque is placed at the burial site of the urn or coffin, emphasizing the individual character of each grave while maintaining the natural and minimalist style of the section.

SUSTAINABLE MEMORIALIZATION

The "Trees of Remembrance" section is a unique place that combines traditional values associated with burial with a modern, ecological approach to commemorating the deceased. The products offered at the flower shop at the cemetery, such as solar candles, biodegradable candle inserts, and soy candles, are carefully selected to minimize negative environmental impact while providing a beautiful backdrop for remembrance.

In the section, it is possible to bury not only biodegradable urns but also ecological coffins.

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2. **Bongo Funeral Services**, which specialises in cross-border transport of the deceased and their ashes;
3. **Centrum Pogrzebowe "Klepsydra"**, which is running an investment project to build and manage a municipal cemetery in Kraków;
4. **eKlepsydra** - the first online service in Poland that allows you to easily inform others about the death of your loved ones and the date of the funeral ceremony.

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6. **Sotor** from Toruń,
7. **Styks** from Lublin,
8. **Przedsiębiorstwo Usług Komunalnych 'USKOM'** from Szczecin.

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With its extensive range of services, broad in-house infrastructure and many years of experience, Grupa Klepsydra provides services for both individuals and business customers (cemetery management and cremations).

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