

*Let nothing be  
preferred to the  
work of God.  
The Rule of St. Benedict*



**TRAPPIST CASKETS**

New Melleray Abbey | Est. 1849

888.433.6934





## *A Life of Prayer*

Detached from the hectic affairs of the world, the monks of New Melleray Abbey embrace a hidden life wholly ordered to the contemplation of God. Faithful to the Rule of St. Benedict, these Trappist monks support themselves by the work of their hands.

Casket making provides for their modest living.

The monks view their work as a corporal act of mercy—crafting caskets as if they were cradles—always observing the directive to “pray without ceasing.” Caskets of the purest quality are the result.

Simple and honest, these men of God impart the sanctity of a life of prayer into their manual labor.



## *Reverence for Nature*



In the spirit of the Rule of St. Benedict, responsible stewardship has guided the monks at New Melleray for over 170 years. Trees from their own forest provide some of the lumber for their caskets and urns. A comprehensive forest management plan determines which trees are selectively harvested. The removal of mature trees allows precious sunlight to nurture the growth of younger trees, promoting a healthy ecosystem. With a new tree planted in memory of every casket and urn recipient, the forest continues to grow in a harmonious balance.

Seeking to be in accord with nature, Trappist Caskets make only earth-friendly products. Wood is celebrated here. The monks and the local lay artisans who work alongside them find great satisfaction in working with natural materials. Every board is hand selected for a specific purpose. Once that selection is made, the craft begins; a crisp mortise, a compound miter, a well-fit joint—the wood of the forest takes on a second life as a labor of love. The outcome is a Trappist Casket.





## *A Sacred Blessing*

As an expression of their life of faith and in communion with all God's family, each casket and urn is blessed by a monk of New Melleray Abbey.

This blessing provides peace and comfort to many, knowing their loved one is put to rest in a sacred vessel. Each casket and urn also carries with it a blessed Keepsake Cross, to be kept by the family as a remembrance of their loved one. Additional Keepsake Crosses are available upon request.

Each person buried in a Trappist Casket will be remembered in a memorial mass offered by the monks, and their name will be inscribed in our memorial book kept in our chapel at New Melleray Abbey.





# *Peace of Mind*

The devotion of Trappist monks to their contemplative vocation stands in quiet contrast to the busy pace of modern living. Through their life of prayer and the work of their hands, the monks hope to bring a sense of peace to the families they serve.

Caskets can be purchased on an immediate-need basis or through a guaranteed prearrangement, intended for future delivery when the need arises.

## *Immediate Need*

All casket models are kept in stock, ready for immediate delivery. Most caskets are delivered in one or two days, depending on destination and transit time requested. Caskets are shipped through several means; regionally by Trappist representatives, ground freight, or air throughout the United States.

## *Advance Funeral Planning*

Selecting a Trappist Casket prior to need is a gift you can give your family. A pre-need arrangement ensures your wishes are met and secures your purchase at today's rates, insulating you from any casket price increases. A pre-need agreement is used to guarantee your casket choice. You pay now, and the casket is delivered when it is needed.

Please refer to page 13 for further pre-need information and to fill out a pre-need order form.

## *Casket Availability and Ordering*

Since all models are kept in stock, the casket you order will be shipped immediately—usually arriving in 1–2 business days. To order, simply call us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and personal check. Our toll free number is 888.433.6934, or you may try 563.585.0793.



*Premium Rectangular  
Stained Oak Casket*

## *#1 Premium Rectangular Caskets*



*The Keepsake Cross, which fits inside a recessed cross engraving on the casket lid, is optional at no extra cost. Additional Keepsake Crosses, with or without a personalized engraving, are available on request.*



*Our Custom Handle*

Our premium casket skillfully applies the highest arts of the woodworker's craft: precision joinery, raised panels on mortised stiles and rails, and intricate compound miters. Alone in its class for expert workmanship and use of superior materials, this distinguished casket is the ideal choice for traditional wakes and funerals. Also available in an oversized model, this casket comes with a two-piece, hinged lid. This is our only hinged-lid casket.

*Inside Standard Dimensions:*

*78.5" Long x 23.25" Wide x 16" High*

*Inside Oversized Dimensions:*

*80" Long x 26" Wide x 18" High*



*Premium Rectangular Walnut Casket  
(Also available in Stained Oak and Cherry.  
Two-piece lid only)*





*Premium Rectangular Stained  
Oak Casket (Pictured Above)*



*Premium Rectangular Walnut  
Casket (Pictured Above)*



*Premium Rectangular  
Natural Oak Casket*



*Oversized Premium Rectangular  
Stained Oak Casket  
(Also available in Walnut and Cherry)*



*Premium Shaped Walnut Casket (Pictured Above)*

## #2 Premium Shaped Caskets

*Premium Shaped Stained Oak Casket with lid displayed on an easel.  
(Pictured Below)*



*Premium Shaped Natural Oak Casket*

This is a traditional old-world coffin. While still popular in Europe, we are nearly alone in making this style of coffin for the U.S. market. The classic design reflects age-old elegance without adornment, emphasizing the authentic beauty of natural wood over false ornamentation. **This casket comes with a two-piece, non-hinged, screw-down lid.** The removable Keepsake Cross is optional at no additional cost.

*Inside Dimensions:*  
78.5" Long x 23.25" Wide at the elbow x 14.5" High



## #3 Simple Shaped Caskets



Simple Shaped  
Natural Oak Casket  
Also available in Pine



Simple Shaped  
Rustic Walnut  
Casket

*Traditional two-piece lid*



Simple Shaped Stained Oak Casket

This traditional-style coffin reflects unadorned monastic simplicity. It is an ideal choice for those wishing to express moderation and economy without sacrificing good taste. Dignified in its simplicity, this casket is similar to those we use here at New Melleray when one of our brothers dies. **It comes with a two-piece, non-hinged, screw-down lid.** The removable Keepsake Cross is optional at no additional cost.

*Inside Dimensions: 78.5" Long x 23.25" Wide at the elbow x 14.5" High*

## #4 Simple Rectangular Caskets



Simple Rectangular  
Pine Casket



Simple Rectangular  
Natural Oak Casket

*Traditional two-piece lid*



Simple Rectangular  
Rustic Walnut Casket

This casket started our business. As Trappists, we wanted to offer the public a graceful but inexpensive casket. This design met those goals. Made from flat, edge-glued panels, this model **has a two-piece, non-hinged, screw-down lid.** It is frequently used as a presentation casket as well as a cremation casket. The removable Keepsake Cross is optional at no additional cost.

*Inside Dimensions: 78.5" Long x 23.25" Wide x 14.5" High*



*Toddler Natural Oak Casket*

## *Child Caskets*



*Infant Natural Oak Casket*



*Toddler Natural Oak Casket*



*Child Natural Oak Casket*



*Youth Natural Oak Casket*

Life is full of mystery. One of the greatest and most painful mysteries of all is the death of a child. The monks at New Melleray offer no easy explanation for so grievous a loss. In compassion and faith we accompany families into this mystery. By providing children's caskets, made as if they were cradles, the monks' prayer is that our children will be commended to God's love and care forever.

### *Child Casket Sizes: (Inside Dimensions)*

- Infant Casket (22" L x 11" W x 8.75" H )
- Toddler Casket (28.5" L x 12.25" W x 9.75" H )
- Child Casket (41.5" L x 17.5" W x 12.5" H )
- Youth Casket (63" L x 20.75" W x 15" H )

All of our children's caskets are made from premium red oak. As a living memorial, we will plant a tree in honor of every child who is buried in one of our caskets.

### *Child Casket Fund*

This fund helps offset the cost of our child caskets to those in need. We honor every family's right to provide a special casket for their beloved child, regardless of ability to pay. Contributions to this charitable fund are tax-deductible.



## Premium Urns



*Cherry*



*Walnut*

## Standard Urns



*Cherry*



*Walnut*

## Simple Urns



*Cherry*



*Walnut*

## Cremation Urns

The Catholic Church lifted its ban against cremation in 1963. However, the Church prefers cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy when the full body is present. If the body cannot be present, the Church allows for the Funeral Mass to take place with the cremated remains.

Since all Trappist Caskets are made of wood, they are suitable to be used in the cremation process.

Our Cremation Urns meet industry standards for size, and are designed to accomodate personalized engravings.

# All Models

All caskets include a fully upholstered interior, including a pillow, a mattress, and an adjustable bed. Premium Caskets come with upgraded upholstery. Two-piece lids, comfortable handles, and a clear, moisture resistant finish are also standard features. Each Trappist Casket meets or exceeds industry standards for strength and size, and all models will fit into a standard-size vault.



## The Keepsake Cross

Each Premium Casket comes with a removable Keepsake Cross fitted within a recessed cross on the lid and is intended to be kept by the family of the deceased prior to burial. Additional Keepsake Crosses are available on request and may be personalized with an engraving of the deceased's name and dates of birth and death on the cross.



## Custom Engraving

We are unique in our ability to offer custom engraving on all caskets and wooden urns on an immediate basis. Whether the product is ordered for an immediate delivery or on a planned pre-need basis, we engrave just prior to shipping. Custom engraving celebrates the life of the deceased by adding a touch of warmth and character to the product.

Suggested engravings include, but are not limited to, the name of the deceased, dates of birth and death, symbols, quotations, or even a prayer or blessing. Call for specific details and pricing.



## Personalization Package

Since every life is a unique work of God, we offer the Personalization Package—enabling families to celebrate the individuality of the deceased. The package includes:

- ✦ Engraving on the casket lid with the deceased's name and dates of birth and death.
- ✦ A matching wooden Guest Register book with the deceased's name and dates of birth and death.
- ✦ Four matching Keepsake Crosses engraved with the deceased's name and dates of birth and death.

## Guest Register Books

Our wooden Guest Register books are for families who have traditional services and wish to have visitors sign their names. Available in Cherry, Walnut and Oak, these books are an appropriate match to a Trappist Casket or Urn. The Guest Register can be engraved with the deceased's name and dates of birth and death on the cover.





# Advance Funeral Planning

## Trappist Caskets Pre-Need Order Form

Please tear along the perforated line and return to Trappist Caskets in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Purchasing a Trappist Casket prior to need has several advantages:

- ✦ Closing your life's story on your own terms
- ✦ Relief to loved ones making this often difficult decision
- ✦ Assurance that you receive the casket you want, expressing your wishes and unique personality
- ✦ Guarantee of no future casket price increases
- ✦ Supporting the monks in their prayerful way of life

**A Pre-Need Contract works like this:** The casket and its estimated shipping costs are paid in advance, freezing today's casket price regardless of when the casket is needed. The casket is promptly shipped upon future notification for on-time delivery. To move forward, submit the completed form below (front and back) and we will send you a contract for your review and approval. Should you have any questions, please contact us at 888.433.6934.

*Purchaser Information:* Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

*Casket Beneficiary Information:*

*(The casket beneficiary is the person who will use the casket. This may or may not be the same as the purchaser.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

If Different from Purchaser

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Likely Delivery Destination:*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Casket Selection

Indicate your choice for steps 1-3. Steps 4-6 are optional.



## 1. Casket Model:

### #1 Premium Rectangular

- ☐ Walnut
- ☐ Oversized Walnut
- ☐ Stained Oak
- ☐ Oversized Stained Oak
- ☐ Natural Oak
- ☐ Cherry

### #2 Premium Shaped

- ☐ Walnut
- ☐ Stained Oak
- ☐ Natural Oak

### #3 Simple Shaped

- ☐ Walnut
- ☐ Natural Oak
- ☐ Pine
- ☐ Stained Oak

### #4 Simple Rectangular

- ☐ Walnut
- ☐ Natural Oak
- ☐ Pine

## 2. Cross Preference:

- ☐ Cross on Lid
- ☐ No cross on Lid

## 3. Shipping:

- ☐ Include estimated shipping charge.  
*(Please note: additional charges may apply at time of delivery if costs increase beyond estimate)*
- ☐ Exclude shipping charges - to be paid at time of delivery.

## 4. Extra Keepsake Crosses:

*(Total crosses needed including casket cross)*

- ☐ Plain Qty. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Personalized Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Personalization Package:

- ☐ Includes engraving of casket, guest book and four crosses with name and dates.

## 6. Custom Engraving:

- ☐ Name and Dates on Casket Lid
- ☐ Guest Registration Book
- Personalized: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Engraving Font Choices

Monotype Corsiva

*Elizabeth A. McGinnis*

*April 2, 1922 ~ July 6, 2008*

Palatino Linotype

Elizabeth A. McGinnis

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Engravers Roman

ELIZABETH A. MCGINNIS

APRIL 2, 1922 ~ JULY 6, 2008

Renaissance

*Elizabeth A. McGinnis*

*April 2, 1922 ~ July 6, 2008*

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## Your Rights in Buying a Casket

As a consumer, you have the right to provide your own casket, regardless of where it's purchased. All funeral homes are obligated to accept any casket selected and /or provided by the consumer. In 1994, the Federal Trade Commission ruled that funeral homes may not impose a surcharge or handling fee to those who wish to supply their own casket for funeral arrangements. Since that time, funeral homes have become accustomed to such arrangements. The FTC Funeral Rule requires funeral homes to comply to the consumer's wishes regarding their preferences in funeral merchandise.

## Trappist Caskets and Burial Vaults

All Trappist Caskets will fit inside a standard burial vault. Standard burial vaults have an interior width of 30 inches. All models of caskets made by Trappist Caskets are less than 30 inches in width.



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