



Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Burial/Cemetery Policy

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The Rincon Cemetery Committee is committed to making sure that all Rincon Tribal Members are respected, recognized and provided with undivided attention at the time of death of a loved one.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure each enrolled Rincon Tribal Member receives assistance at the time of death of a loved one.

Burial Procedure

All Tribal Members that are enrolled in Rincon will be able to have a place of rest at the Rincon Cemetery.

Non-Tribal Members, spouses, family members and/or relatives will be directed to consult with the Cemetery Committee regarding their policy and procedure.

Burial Costs

For all Tribal Members there is an allowance that will be provided by the Tribe for burial services.

- a. A \$7,500 Burial Service Fund for Tribal Members only; and/or
- b. A \$500 emergency fund will be available for Tribal Family members for emergency expenses for the Tribal Member's needs.

It is the responsibility of the family member of the deceased to make funeral arrangements and pay for costs. The family member must be a Rincon Tribal Member in order to take part in items a. & b.

Cemetery Plots

All Rincon Tribal Members will have their choice to bury their loved one in the desired plot at the Rincon Cemetery. A Tribal Member will be placed in the section of their family members, unless another plot is available and agreed upon.

Family burial plots and sites are not available, please be advised the Rincon Tribal Cemetery is not a Public Cemetery.

Custom and Traditions

It is at the discretion of the Tribal Member how they choose to bury their loved one; i.e. cremation, natural burial or traditional.

Standard Procedures

1. Must be a Rincon Tribal Member to be buried at the Rincon Cemetery or a spouse of a Rincon Tribal Member.
2. Must contact the Rincon Cemetery Committee/Tribal Council regarding the death of the family member.
3. Arrangements are to be made by the Rincon Tribal Member for their loved one.
4. Each member will be able to use the Rincon Tribal Hall for the rosary, wake and to feed after funeral arrangements.
5. Provide a Certified Death Certificate to the Human Resources Department, a copy will be forwarded to the Finance Department and the Enrollment Committee.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Cemetery Liaison, Mahoss Sass at 760-801-5173.