

You Won't Believe What Your VA Burial Benefits DON'T Cover

You've served your country honorably. You deserve to be taken care of. And the military is there to support you . . . to a point.

Most veterans believe the myth that the military and the VA take care of everything when they die. Every aspect of the funeral. Every cost.

This is not true.

In fact, VA death and burial benefits will only cover the following:

- Opening and closing of the grave
- Grave liner (if required)
- Perpetual care of the grave
- Headstone or marker
- A burial flag
- A grave plot in one of the approved cemeteries

That's it!

Several major funeral services are not included. For example, the VA will not pay for embalming fees. If you want an open casket with a viewing, your loved ones will have to pay out-of-pocket.

There is also no coverage for caskets. Or transportation to the cemetery. These are just some of the major expenses that will have to be paid by your loved ones.

As of 2019, funeral expenses for noncovered services for vets can range between \$4,000 and \$8,000. These expenses must be paid before the funeral service. Is that a cost your family can bear?

Most likely, your loved ones won't have the cash on hand. That's why it's a good idea to plan ahead for your final expenses. You can take out insurance policies, or set aside money in a trust. Before you do anything, speak with a financial professional. They can go over all the options, so you can figure out the best way to protect your family, even after you're gone.