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## “GREEN BURIAL ~ OUR BEST FINAL ACT”

January 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Please join us for “Green Burial ~ Our Best Final Act” presented by Dr. Michael Bentley.

Typical American burials place an embalmed body in a metal or hardwood casket inside a concrete grave liner or vault in a turf-covered commercial cemetery. That process has a very high carbon footprint and so does flame cremation. We'll see why. We'll also consider alternatives that don't. The world is now in a climate emergency because of human greenhouse gas emissions. Natural burials, causing few emissions are environmentally sustainable. Think of a simple pioneer burial, before the Civil War – “This is what our great-grandparents did,” writes Lisa Carlson in *Caring for the Dead: Your Final Act of Love* (Upper Access, 1997). Natural burial is a statement of personal values for those who seek to minimize their impact on the planet. It is a spiritually fulfilling alternative to conventional funeral practices.

Michael Bentley's 38-year career in teaching spanned schools and universities, including Virginia Tech, but he retired from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Educated as a biologist, he taught and published in several sciences. He served on the national expert panel for the sciences for Education.com and for 7 years directed Hollins University's Science Institute for Teachers. His latest book is *Connecting Children to Nature* (2014). In 2013, Dr. Bentley was awarded the Peace Keeper of the Year Award by Plowshare Peace Center and, in 2021, the Award for Outstanding Science Teaching and Contributions to Science Education by the Virginia Association of Science Teachers.



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Please join us for a great program and fellowship. Invite a friend!

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(To register, please complete this form and return it to the Center by Friday, January 5th.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

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

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: I have special dining requirements and will email PNCenter@gmail.com to make arrangements. Yes No

Unless otherwise informed, Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. will consider your registration as permission to use your photograph if it appears in video or still photos including our web site unless otherwise requested.

### Registration & Cost

To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the first page, call the office at (540)483-1518, or email [PNCenter@gmail.com](mailto:PNCenter@gmail.com). Please make your reservations no later than the Friday before the event. You are welcome to arrive at McCauley Community Center for a coffee social at 9:30 a.m. prior to the event. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. Lunch starts at approximately 12:00 p.m. The cost of the program plus lunch is \$12.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. You MUST pre-register to ensure we prepare enough lunch. If you have a food allergy or other special dining need such as vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, low-salt or other requirements, please notify us as the time of your registration. We will try to provide a meal that meets your needs; however, we may not be able to honor all requests. Special requests may be emailed to [PNCenter@gmail.com](mailto:PNCenter@gmail.com).



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