WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

	Conventional Burial	Natural Burial
Embalming	Embalming may be used to preserve the body.	Embalming is not used.
Casket or Shroud	Often uses a traditional casket, which may include metal, synthetic materials, or treated wood.	Uses a biodegradable casket or natural-fiber shroud.
Burial Vault	Often uses a concrete or other outer burial container, depending on cemetery requirements.	Avoids conventional concrete burial vaults.
Grave Markers	Often features a headstone or other permanent monument.	Uses simple native stone markers that blend into the orchard landscape.
Landscape	May feature manicured lawns, ornamental plantings, and regularly maintained grounds.	Preserves a living orchard with mature nut trees, natural beauty, and an evolving landscape.
Environmental Impact	Materials, maintenance, and burial practices can require additional resources.	Emphasizes simplicity, biodegradable materials, and a closer connection to natural cycles.
Lasting Legacy	Provides a dedicated place for remembrance and reflection.	Offers a place for remembrance while helping preserve a living landscape for future generations.