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A RECEPTACLE FOR CREMATED REMAINS

The present invention relates to a receptacle for cremated remains.

5 More and more cremations of human or animal remains are taking place now, as cremations are now fully accepted by many of the major religions for funerals and also for social and economic grounds. However a problem exists with securing a final resting place for a loved one's cremated remains.

10 Traditional graveyards are not properly able to deal with cremated remains. Some graveyards offer small plots for burying the remains in the ground and some others provide walls having places for receiving the cremated remains.

However land in graveyards is limited and plots for cremated remains take up a lot more
15 space than is actually needed. Also the wall storage system is very cluttered and offers little privacy to persons visiting the site.

There is therefore a need to provide a system by which local authorities and owners of
20 graveyards can provide a simple, effective, inexpensive but secure means of storing cremated remains.

The present invention provides a receptacle for storing cremated remains, the receptacle
comprising an elongate hollow tower, means for securing the tower in the ground, a
lockable cover or door for getting access to the interior of the elongate hollow tower.
25 Cremated remains are held within the tower. Optionally a plurality of cremated remains holders can be stacked on another within the tower.

Preferably, an identification means is provided on the exterior surface of the tower so that
30 the identity of the interred deceased person is visible.

Advantageously, the tower is cylindrical in shape. Alternatively, the tower may be of cube,
cuboid, hexagonal prism, triangular prism or other shape. Reference to the tower being
cylindrical in shape should not be seen as limiting.

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Conveniently, the identification means is in the form of a sleeve which fits over the tower and the sleeve is positioned against the remains of the particular person.

Alternatively, the identification means is in the form of a placque which is attached to the tower. Preferably the placque is positioned against the remains of the particular person.

Preferably, the receptacle is manufactured from polished stainless steel.

The invention will hereinafter be more particularly described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings which show by way of example only one embodiment of a receptacle for cremated remains according to the invention. In the drawings: -

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of a receptacle in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a series of perspective views of the receptacle and portions thereof; and

Figure 3 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, the receptacle for cremated remains 100 comprises a cylindrical base 102, an elongate cylindrical tube 104, one or more sleeves 106 slidably engaged on the tube 104 and an upper cap member 108. An anchor bolt 110 is provided at the bottom of the cylindrical base 102 so that the receptacle can be securely anchored in a concrete base.

The cremated remains of deceased persons in their individual caskets or containers (not shown) are stacked one on top of each other until the tube 104 is full. A sleeve 106 is marked up as appropriate to identify the deceased person and located adjacent the casket or container containing their remains.

The base of the tube 104 is securely fixed to the cylindrical base 102 and cannot be removed when in situ. The upper cap member 108 is removable to allow access to the inside of the tube 104 but is securely locked in position to prevent unauthorised access.

The receptacles according to the invention take up very little space and can accommodate a number of cremated remains and also function as a dignified memorial. They can be spaced apart from each other giving plenty of space for persons visiting the site.

- 5 It is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific details described herein which are given by way of example only and that various modifications and alterations are possible without departing from the scope of the invention.

Claims

1. A receptacle for storing cremated remains, the receptacle comprising an elongate hollow tower, means for securing the tower in the ground, a lockable cover or door for getting access to the interior of the elongate hollow tower optionally wherein a plurality of cremated remains holders can be stacked on another.
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2. A receptacle according to Claim 1 wherein an identification means is provided on the exterior surface of the tower so that the identity of the interred deceased person is visible.
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3. A receptacle according to any preceding claim wherein the tower is cylindrical in shape.
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4. A receptacle according to any preceding claim wherein the identification means is in the form of a sleeve which fits over the tower and the sleeve is optionally positioned against the remains of the particular person; and/or
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wherein the receptacle is manufactured from polished stainless steel.
5. A receptacle according to any preceding claim wherein the identification means is in the form of a plaque which is attached to the tower and optionally the plaque is positioned against the remains of the particular person.
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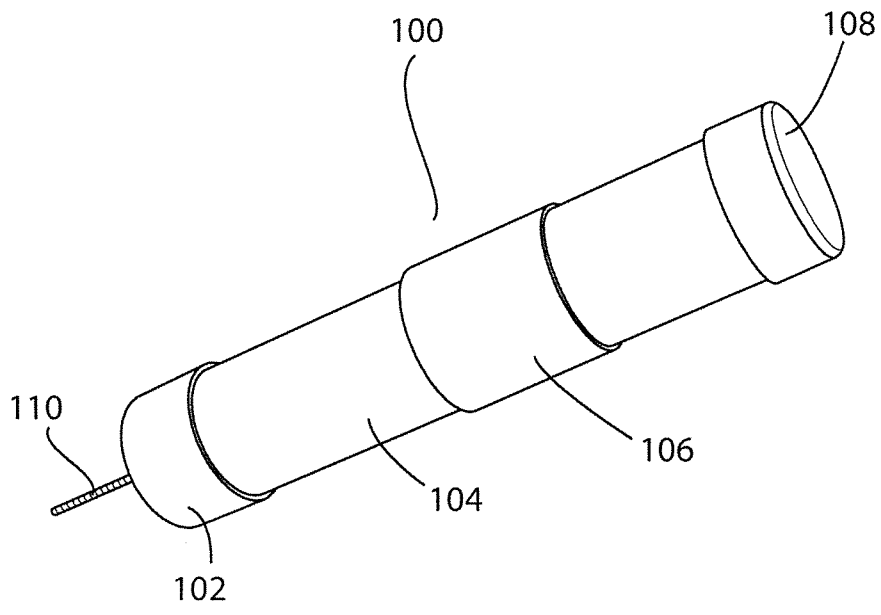


Figure 1

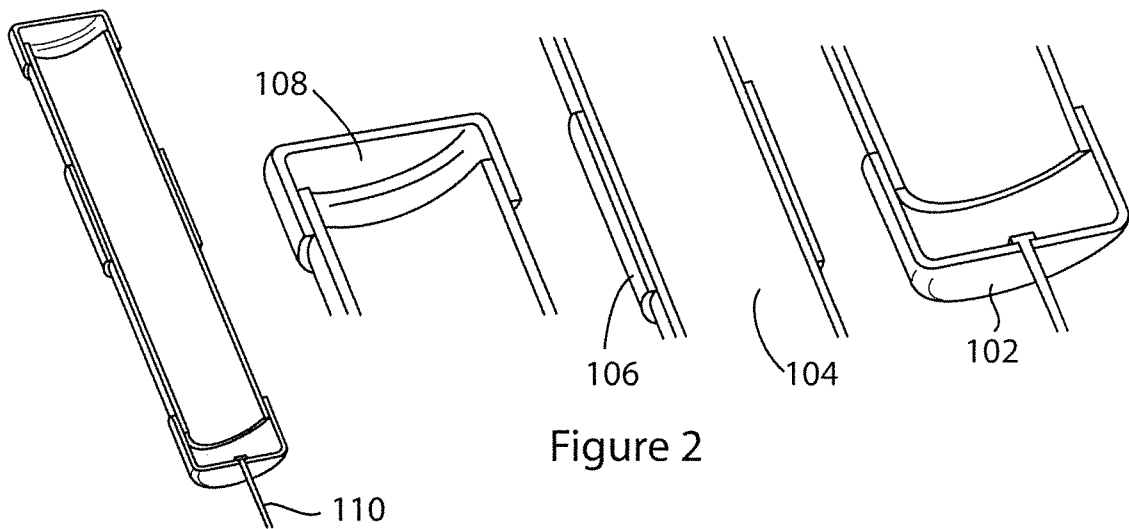
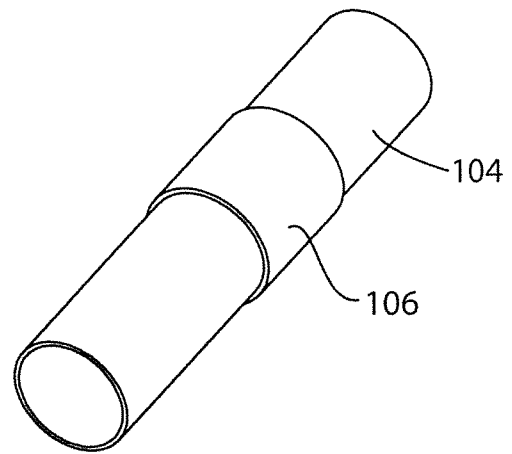
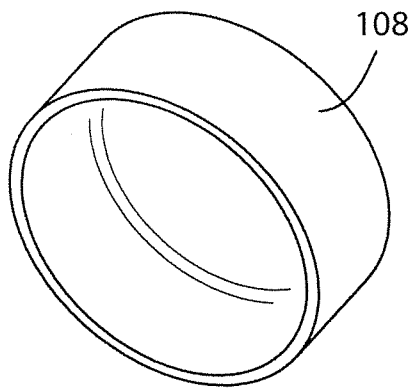
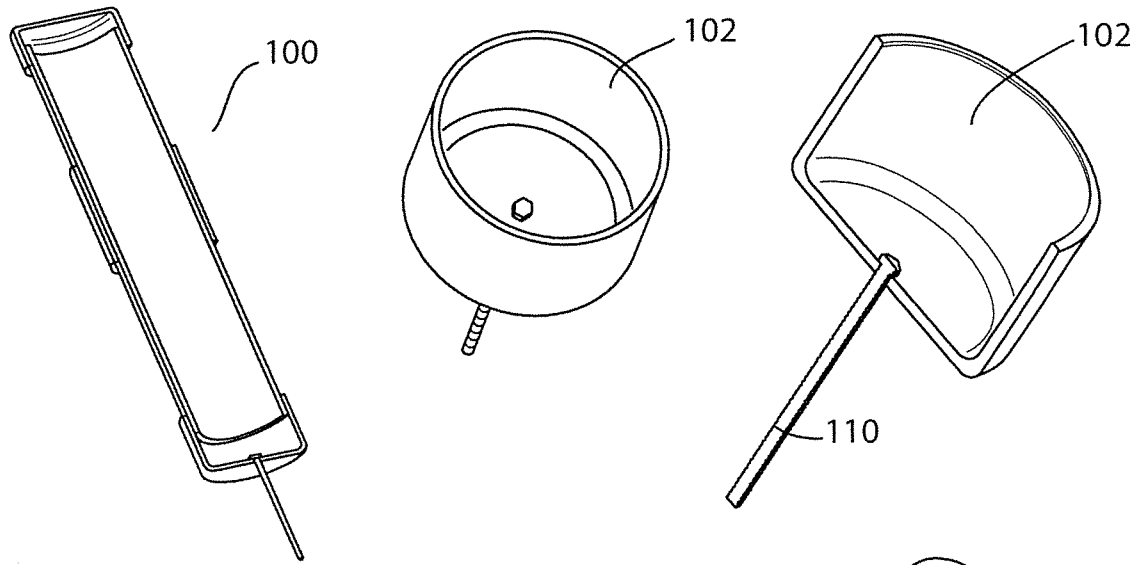


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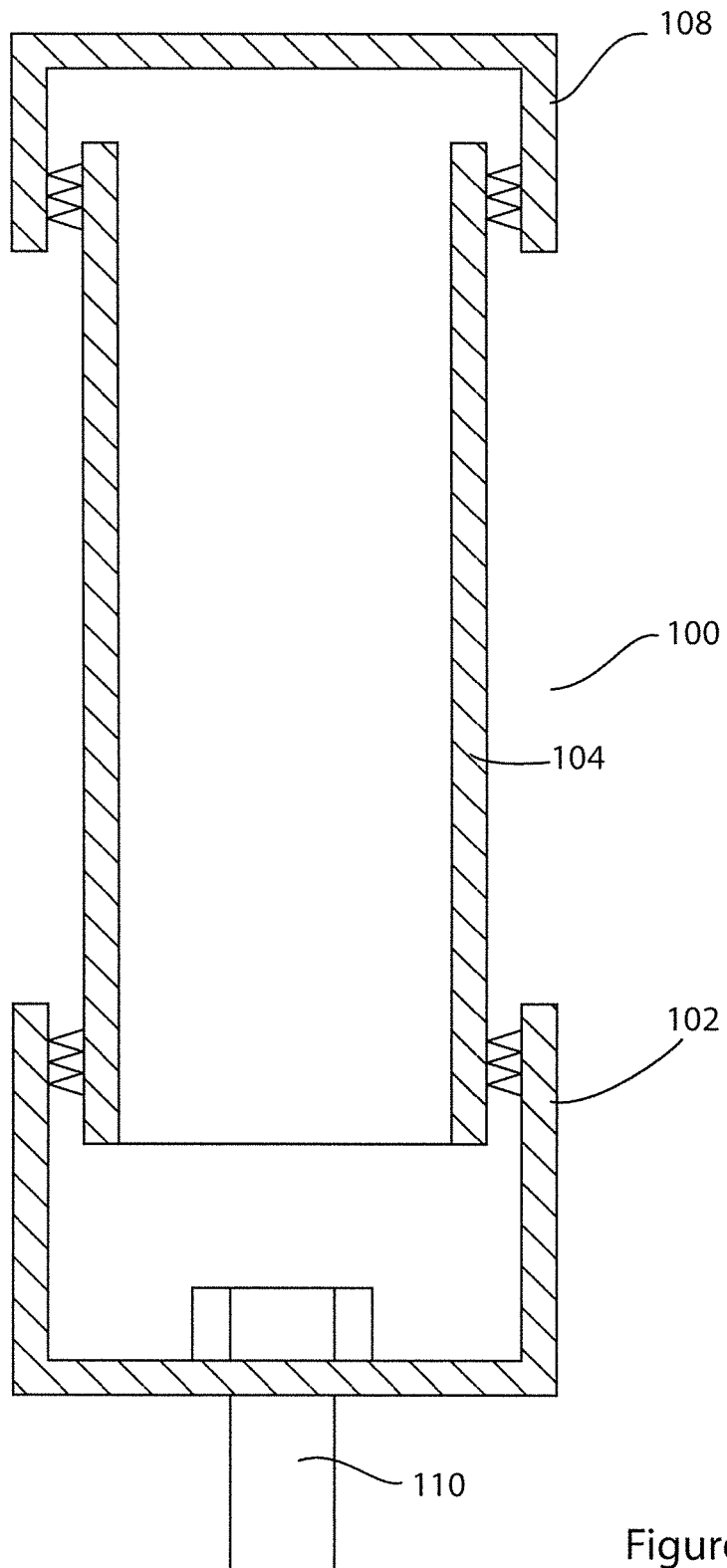


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