How to Shroud a Body for Burial

Bamboo Shroud without handles

1. Unfold the shroud onto a clean dressing table. Make sure that the surroundings are clean, as the shroud may drape onto the floor.

2. Flip burial shroud over so that the hemmed edges face upward, then place the body onto the shroud.

3. Fold shroud over feet in order to wrap the feet.

4. Cover the body by starting on one side and diagonally folding the corner from foot to the opposite shoulder, and then from shoulder to the opposite foot.

5. Repeat Step 4 on the opposite side of the body.

6. Fold the end down over the head.

7. Fold the sides in and over the body.

8. Slide ties beneath the shrouded body.

9. Gently yet securely fasten the ties into a bow.

10. Decorate the shroud, if you wish.

11. Because the burial shroud is simply a wrap and does not have handles or support, it should be used inside a casket or willow carrier.

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