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In Scottish funerary customs, after the funeral, bread and water were placed in the house where the dead person was held for the wake. Our Viking ancestors were very worried about the dead coming back to revenge their murder.

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They help us appreciate and reflect on human perspective. The Irish certainly have many, many funeral customs and superstitions about death and certainly they turned the idea of the wake into an artform— Irish wakes sometimes became so rowdy that the corpse was taken out of the box and dragged around the dance floor, or a bottle or glass placed in his or her hand, or a hat on the head. Special and additional mourning rituals take place within the first days and months after a death.

Wake vs. Viewing vs. Funeral

Sioux Native Americans may choose an earth burial. After all, nostalgic story-telling, errant remembering, and shared reminiscence don't produce anything. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1994.

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In fact if you go to an old victorian graveyard that still has its original fence you may find the hole. It is bad luck to meet a funeral procession head on.

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The spirits of the dead were said to travel up the hollow stems of broad bean, eventually maturing to a full bean. Mourning Social support is critical in mourning. The deceased can return as an animal, person, or ghost.

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