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An Elephant Head couple have built a funeral pyre on their property so that families can bid farewell to loved ones during an outdoor cremation in a scenic rural setting.

But Tina and Billy Hurley's pyre, which resembles a block fireplace, faces an uphill battle before the first ceremony ever takes place.

The pyre on their five-acre property at the end of a road is surrounded by benches in a rustic amphitheater facing the Santa Rita Mountains. Tina Hurley said she recently hosted an open house for about 50 neighbors, an event that included a test-burning of an effigy in the pyre.

Some at the open house weren't sure what to think, she said, while others wept and said they found the event "so beautiful, so moving."

Read the full article in the [Green Valley News and Sun](#)

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