Louisiana's first crematorium has been installed in St. John Cemetery, 4841 Canal.

The first cremation took place Monday. The identity of the deceased was not disclosed.

In the past it was necessary to send remains to out of state crematories in Texas and Alabama.

The crematory was installed by Victor Huber and Sons, Inc., builders of Hope Mausoleum who 40 years ago pioneered construction of the state's first community mausoleum.

A columbarian, or group of niches, will be available in Hope Mausoleum for use in the inurnment of cremated remains.