

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Loudon, TN

Memorial Garden

Regulations and Rules of Administration

1. The Church of the Resurrection Memorial Garden provides and appropriate, consecrated and maintained place primarily for the interment of ashes of the Church of the Resurrection's clergy (past and present), members and their families and also as a memorial for the Resurrection members and families interred elsewhere. The Garden is administered by a committee composed of a minimum of the Rector (Sr. Warden in absence of the Rector), a Vestry member, and a parishioner appointed by Vestry.
2. The ashes are to be buried in a biodegradable container, directly in the ground or scattered in the garden. The service of interment is under the authority of the priest of this parish.
3. Plots will be assigned by the Committee, and the location of occupied or reserved plots will be shown on a plan which will be kept in the church offices. To the extent possible, plots will be numbered and will be assigned in numerical sequence by date of death. However, to the extent practicable, the Committee will attempt to accommodate the wishes of persons who have paid the applicable interment fee to arrange for interment of the ashes of family members in same or contiguous plots.
4. It is anticipated that the Garden will be available for interment of the ashes of individuals in perpetuity. In the event that all plots are used, remains may be reverently interred in previously used plots. As there are about 200 plots available, it is highly unlikely that plots will have to be re-used for a great number of years. It is intended, to the extent practicable that interment of ashes in previously used plots be accomplished in the order in which the plots were initially used.
5. The names of each person, their full date of birth and death will be listed on an individual bronze name plaque for those whose ashes are interred in the garden. Those being memorialized will have "In Loving Memory of" with name and year of birth and death on a bronze name plaque. The only other markers or memorials will be for garden identification or Christian declarations.
6. The basic design, planning and arrangement of the Garden will be at all times under the supervision of the Committee, subject to final approval of the Vestry. There will be no individual floral arrangements or other personal decoration within the Garden. Landscaping, including trees, shrubs, ground cover and flowers will be determined by the committee.
7. Receipts from interment fees and direct gifts will be held in a separate account to be administered by the Memorial Garden Committee, with annual reporting of the fund to the Vestry. Fees, gifts and general church funds will be used for costs incident to the Garden, including costs for initial development, capital expenditures required in connection with the Garden, and perpetual maintenance and care. Perpetual care funds can only be used for the Garden.
8. The fee for interment, including a bronze name plaque is payable at the time of application. **Check with the church office or the garden committee for current rates.** Fees will be payable at the time of application. The Vestry and the Memorial Garden Committee may raise this fee at any time; however, the fee applicable at the time of the contract will remain unchanged. Memorial gifts made at the time of death may be applied to the fees.
9. Upon approval of the application by the Memorial Garden Committee, an acceptance document will be issued. The application and the acceptance documents, together with these Memorial Garden Regulations and Rule, will constitute a legal contract.
10. The Vestry of the Church of the Resurrection specifically reserves the right to promulgate regulations and rules in the future which differ from these regulations, including fees. Any future regulations would in no way affect the rights of the parties to this contract.

Application Procedure

1. Pre-arrangement for the interment of ashes, either for oneself or a member of one's family, may be made by completing and signing in duplication an application available from the church office. An interment fee covers interment, the bronze name plaque, development costs and perpetual care of the Garden. A memorial plaque fee covers a memorial bronze plaque only. A check in the amount of the fee, payable to The Church of the Resurrection Memorial Garden Fund should accompany the application.
2. The acceptance documents will be issued by the Committee upon approval of the application. The application and the acceptance documents, together with these rules for administration and regulations of the Garden, will constitute a contract between the applicant and The Church of the Resurrection.
3. The original contract will be kept in a permanent file in the office of The Church of the Resurrection. A copy of the contract will be given to the applicant.