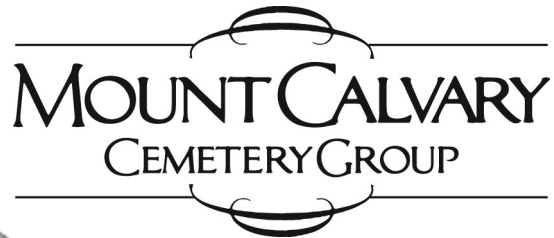


# RULES & REGULATIONS OF



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NOTE: "Cemetery" refers to and includes all cemeteries within the Mount Calvary Cemetery Group.

## **I GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Cemetery office hours are: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am to noon  
Sundays and Holidays Closed

All Cemetery gates are opened and closed as posted at the main gate at Pine Ridge Heritage Boulevard, Cheektowaga, NY.

2. Cemetery employees are not permitted to perform any work for a lot owner, visitor, person or company, except at management direction. Employees are not permitted to accept any tips, fees, gratuities, commissions, or any forms of barter from any person, supplier, vendor, company or corporation.
3. The Cemetery reserves the right to ingress and egress over plots for maintenance and burial rites.
4. All fees for products and services are payable at the Cemetery office.
5. Only signs, notices or advertisements posted by the Cemetery are permitted.
6. The only "pets" permitted on Cemetery grounds are certified service animals.
7. The Cemetery speed limit is 15 MPH.
8. Mid-road turns are not permitted.
9. Vehicles must remain on roadways. Parking on lawn is prohibited.
10. Vehicles may not pass a funeral procession or a graveside service in progress, unless authorized by the Management. When meeting a funeral procession vehicles must stop until the procession passes. Vehicles may not pass a funeral going in the same direction.
11. The Cemetery is not responsible for moveable items placed on a lot or Cemetery property.
12. Littering is prohibited.
13. Children under fifteen years of age must be accompanied by an adult in any Cemetery or Cemetery building.
14. The Cemetery reserves the right to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications to any of these Rules and Regulations. All such temporary or final exceptions, suspensions or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of rules.
15. All outside contractors must carry liability, auto and workers compensa-

tion insurance policies, protecting the Cemetery against any accident or damage caused by such contractors or his/her employees while performing work in the Cemetery. Work will only be allowed after compliance of this rule and a Certificate of Insurance is submitted to the cemetery office.

## **II GRAVE/CRYPT/NICHE PURCHASES**

1. A purchase from Mount Calvary Cemetery, Inc. is a purchase of burial rights in a niche, crypt, grave, lot, or part thereof. It is not a purchase of the land, crypt or niche.
2. Purchaser should give careful consideration as to the location, number of graves/crypts/niches that will be needed, as well as the style of memorial desired.
3. The grave/crypt/niche must be paid in full before a burial may take place.
4. The interment fee is a regulated fee under the guidelines of the NYS Cemetery Division and is a separate payable fee. The interment fee is not included in the purchase price of a grave/crypt or niche. The fee must be paid in full prior to the interment/entombment/inurnment taking place. The prepayment of such fee prior to a death (Pre-Need) will be accepted on a Non-Guaranteed basis. (Meaning the difference between what was paid versus fee at the time of death would be due at time of interment/entombment/inurnment).
5. A copy of burial right (otherwise referred to as a "Deed") will be issued after full payment has been received for the grave/crypt/niche purchase.
6. No burial rights owner may release, transfer or assign any burial right or any interest or right of burial therein for a valuable consideration, except as may otherwise be provided under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. (A release, transfer or assignment must receive written Management consent and adhere to other regulations which are available upon request.)
7. All burial rights are sold and bound by the original owners' intent at time of purchase. Unless otherwise stated on copy of interment right or contract under the original purchasers' signatures, it is understood that the intent was to be one full burial for each burial space purchased.
8. In the case of cremated remains, the policy is two sets of cremated remains only allowed in one full grave.
9. All burial rights shall be held pursuant to the General and Special Law of the State of New York applicable to Mount Calvary Cemetery, Inc. All burial

rights are entitled to proper maintenance covered by Mount Calvary Cemetery, Inc., Permanent Maintenance Trust. This is a trust controlled and administered by the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

10. All burial rights may be used for burial remains of deceased human beings only.
11. Returns: If, at the Cemetery's discretion, a grave/crypt/niche can be utilized by the Cemetery, it may be repurchased by the Cemetery under the following conditions:
  - A written request is presented to the Cemetery Board.
  - The grave/crypt/niche to be returned is not marked with an individual or family memorial.
  - Proper notarized statements showing proof of ownership are submitted to the Cemetery office.
  - Procedural guidelines are followed as defined under the New York Cemetery Law Section 1513 (c).
  - Cemetery funds are available.

### **III BURIAL GUIDELINES**

#### **Interments**

1. All funerals will be under the sole direction of a designated Cemetery representative upon entering the Cemetery.
2. New York State Law requires that a permit from the Registrar of Vital Statistics having jurisdiction in the matter is required for disposition of remains to be made in any cemetery or crematory. Permits must be presented to a designated cemetery or crematory representative before burial or cremation is undertaken.
3. Interments/entombments/inurnments, cremations, vault delivery or delivery of memorials are only permitted during Cemetery business hours.
4. Persons may only be buried in any grave/crypt/niche with the written consent of the owner or his/her heirs.
5. When instructions regarding the precise site of an interment space cannot be obtained, are indefinite, or for any reason the appropriate gravesite cannot be opened at the time of interment, the Cemetery may, in its discretion, defer burial until issues relating to the burial are resolved.
6. The Cemetery is not responsible for (and may not be held liable for) er-

rors arising from any verbal order. In all cases, a family representative must approve the location prior to burial, whether in the Cemetery office or direction given to their Funeral Director.

7. In the event of inclement weather, Cemetery representatives reserve the right to determine whether a burial may take place as scheduled and may require re-scheduling the burial date and time.
8. One full burial of a casket and one set of cremated remains in a grave is allowed only when prior approval has been arranged for appropriate depth.
9. An additional right of burial on existing graves is allowed providing the following conditions are met:
  - Appropriate depth is available.
  - All fees involved are paid.
  - Consents are received from the grave owner and immediate heirs of the buried.
  - Relationship between the full burial and the cremated remains is limited to, spouse, child or grandchild of original lot owner.
10. All ground burials are required to be made in a concrete burial receptacle or other receptacle acceptable to the Cemetery for all graves sold after January 1, 1985 (19NYSCRR Section 201.6). This does not include cremated remains. Cremated remains must be buried in a sturdy container which is not biodegradable. Containers of wood, glass, ceramic or tin must be placed within an acceptable outer container made of a non-biodegradable material.
11. The Cemetery reserves the right to furnish tents, matting, casket placers, artificial grass, canopies, lowering devices, and any and all other equipment that may be required in fulfilling the burial right. Such articles or equipment may not be provided by a lot owner, funeral director, vault dealer or any other provider.
12. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of floral pieces, funeral flowers, wreaths, baskets and any and all funeral decorations left at the graveside following a funeral as soon as is practical thereafter (generally within forty-eight (48) hours).
13. In making any type of burial or removal, the Cemetery will exercise all reasonable care in handling of containers, but it shall not be liable for any damage sustained to same in effecting the burial or removal.

## **Disinterments**

The following is required for any disinterment:

1. Disinterment application must be made at the Cemetery office.
  - “A body interred in a lot in a cemetery owned or operated by a corporation incorporated by or under a general or special law may be removed therefrom, with the consent of the corporation, and the written consent of the owners of the lot and of the surviving wife, husband, children, if of full age and parents of the deceased. If the consent of any such person or of the corporation can not be obtained, permission by the county court of the county or by the supreme court in the district, where the cemetery is situated, shall be sufficient. Notice of application for such permission must be given, at least eight days prior thereto, personally, or at least sixteen days prior thereto, by mail, to the corporation or to the persons not consenting and to every other person or corporation on whom service of notice may be required by the court.” [New York Cemetery Law Section 1510 (e)].
2. Completed application form must be accepted by the Cemetery.
3. Lot owner must engage the services of a funeral home business and make arrangements for a funeral director or their representative to be present.
4. The lot owner and funeral director will be informed of the following:
  - The Cemetery discourages the presence of the family at the disinterment. Family should rely on and be represented by their funeral director.
  - Disinterments will be performed between April 1st and October 31st. The cemetery requires a minimum of seventy two (72) hours' notice. The disinterment procedure is weather dependent. This service will be performed during regular business hours. Disinterments will not be performed on Saturdays or Holidays.
  - Cemetery employees will open the grave/crypt to permit the funeral director or the vault company (at the funeral director's designation) to examine the condition of the vault/casket.
  - The funeral director is responsible to ensure that the vault/casket is in good physical condition.
  - A special protective casket for entombment is required. A special fabricated outer case, obtained from the Cemetery, must be use-

where the remains are being transferred from the ground to a mausoleum.

- If a problem is encountered with the vault/casket, the funeral director will transfer the remains to a suitable container. If the remains are being transferred to another cemetery, the funeral director will be responsible for transporting the remains to the new location, outside Mount Calvary Cemetery properties.
- Cemetery management, in consultation with the attending funeral director, may direct that the disinterment procedure be terminated if it appears the remains have decomposed to such an extent that the disinterment cannot be completed.
- If the disinterment and reburial is within a Mount Calvary Cemetery, and the existing memorial meets the regulations of the new location, the family must make the necessary arrangements for the resetting of the memorial when the disinterment arrangements are made. If the disinterment is transferred to another cemetery, any and all memorialization must be removed if the title to the burial rights in the lot is to be returned to the cemetery. This is at the family's expense.
- A New York State disinterment and transfer permit is required for removal out of a Mount Calvary Cemetery. (N.Y.S. Public Health Law Article 225 Section 13.1 and 13.3)
- All arrangements with the funeral director and/or vault company and any charges involved with either or both are separate from any Cemetery charges and are the responsibility of the party applying for the transfer.

## **IV RECEIVING VAULTS**

1. Receiving vaults are for the temporary storage of human remains in a casket and are available on a scheduled fee basis. Under no circumstances shall a body in a receiving vault be considered as buried.
2. Human remains presented for storage in receiving vaults must be embalmed.
3. Prior to placing human remains in a receiving vault all required permits and fees must be paid at the Cemetery office.
4. Human remains may only be placed in a vault with a protective casket or placed in a Cemetery purchased protective outer liner.
5. Human remains will only be held in storage for up to one year.

6. Rights to remove: The Cemetery may remove human remains held in storage and bury them in an indigent grave at any time after the expiration of the time for which payment has been made or at any time should the condition of the human remains render their burial necessary.

## **V MAUSOLEUMS**

### **Community Mausoleum**

1. Human remains placed in a mausoleum must be embalmed and enclosed in a protective metal casket acceptable to the cemetery. Wood caskets are not permitted.
2. Inscriptions
  - Inscriptions on a crypt or niche front are limited to the following: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Year of Birth, and Year of Death.
  - No maiden name or any other name will be allowed to be inscribed as a substitute for middle initial.
  - The size and type of lettering is consistent and uniform throughout all the Cemetery chapels and mausoleum complexes.
  - The Cemetery performs all inscription work at owner's expense.
  - At the time of purchase, the purchaser will indicate on the sales agreement the correct name and spelling to be inscribed on the crypt front; last name, first name, middle initial, birth year, and year of death, if available.
  - Inscriptions are completed once full crypt and inscription charge payment has been made.
3. Mausoleum crypts are designated and built for casket entombment. Niches are designed and built for the inurnment of urns containing cremated remains. Each serve a specific and separate purpose. However, for those who desire to use a crypt space as a niche, the following applies:
  - Regular single crypts accommodate two cremation urns only. All charges and fees due must be paid in full and in advance of an entombment. The crypt front will be inscribed with family name, first names, middle initial, birth and death years. The layout will follow the pattern established throughout the complex.
4. Crypts designated by the Cemetery as "special single crypts" can accommodate one casket and one cremation urn. (The right of inurnment must be designated/purchased at the time of initial purchase. Right of inurnment cannot be designated/purchased after the fact.) All charges

and fees due must be paid in full prior to entombment. Crypt fronts will be inscribed with family name, first name, middle initial, birth and death years. The layout will follow the pattern that has been established throughout the complex.

5. A tandem crypt may accommodate two caskets only or one casket and one cremation urn only. All charges and fees must be paid in full prior to entombment. The crypt front will be inscribed with the family name, first names, middle initials, birth and death years. The layout will follow the pattern established throughout the complex.
6. Westminster crypts (tandem and single) (below ground level) follow the same rule and order as set in regulations as stated above.
7. There are no exceptions to the rules and regulations. All complexes are designed and laid out uniformly to create an orderly and auspicious memorial.
8. The removal and transfer of bodies or cremated remains into or out of the mausoleum or columbarium shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1510 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The Cemetery will make all removals or transfers at the lot owner's expense.

### **Private Family Mausoleum**

1. Private mausoleums may only be constructed on lots designated as private family estate lots. Plans, materials and location are subject to Cemetery approval.
2. Patios or other structures are prohibited on the grounds surrounding a mausoleum. Walkways/sidewalks can be placed at the discretion/approval of the cemetery. No additions or changes are allowed after mausoleum specifications and foundation plans have been submitted and approved by the Cemetery.
3. Lot size minimum:
  - 1,000 sq. ft for a family mausoleum
  - 500 sq. ft for a family sarcophagus (two crypt structure above ground).
4. Cemetery will select planting layout and material as provided for in contract.
5. A trust fund of ten percent (10%) of the structure's total cost must be established with the Cemetery prior to the structure's foundation construction.
6. No burials are permitted in any part of a lot on which a private mausoleum or sarcophagus has been or will be erected.

7. Lots designated by the cemetery as "Special Private Family Lots" can accommodate additional burials and /or cremated remains when the required additional space is purchased at the time the lot is purchased. Otherwise no additional interments/inurnments will be allowed.

## **VI MEMORIALIZATION**

### **General**

1. All memorials are the property of the lot owner(s). The Cemetery is not responsible for memorial upkeep. All expenses incurred to keep memorials from becoming unsightly through weather, foundation movement, vandalism, general deterioration or any other cause is the lot owner's full responsibility. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any memorial, after due notice, that is deemed by management to be a public safety hazard. The parties that have possession, care and control of a lot provide the memorial.
2. All memorials must reflect the burial of remains in said graves only.
3. The Cemetery may remove memorials purchased by anyone other than the lot owner(s) upon the lot owner's written request.
4. Lot must be paid in full before placing any memorial.
5. Lot owners who contemplate any monument or marker installation should first check with the Cemetery office to be sure this is allowed before entering into a contract for the purchase and installation of either.
6. Lot owners who purchase memorials (monument or flat markers) on the internet or out of area must check with the Cemetery office to make sure the memorial conforms to cemetery requirements. The lot owner or memorial dealer must submit a drawing of the proposed memorial for approval and is responsible for the foundation cost as well. The Cemetery has the right to refuse placing of memorial if proper steps are not followed and or memorial does not meet specifications required.
7. All additions or alterations to monuments and markers already in place must be submitted for Cemetery approval.
8. Monument privileges vary from cemetery to cemetery, section to section and lot to lot. It is very important to check the applicable regulations to avoid mistakes and possible disappointments.
9. The Cemetery reserves the right to approve or disapprove selection in regard to size, design, symbolism, inscription, color additive, craftsmanship, quality, and material of memorials to be placed in the cemetery.
10. The Cemetery realizes that there will always be questions or situations regarding specific monuments, markers or memorials that are not covered in these rules and regulations. Due to consolidation and merger of cemeteries the Cemetery has tried to limit and make equal as many of the existing rules and regulations as possible. Requests for special considerations that have not been addressed herein will be decided by management and that decision will be binding on all parties thereto.
11. All monuments or memorials of any type must be constructed of granite or bronze. Memorials of concrete, marble, artificial stone, wood, or metal are not permitted. Bronze statuary, embellishments, decorative bronze features or lettering are permitted only with Cemetery approval. All approved urns, vases, or statuary used as part of a monument must be permanently affixed and must be of granite or bronze. Kosmolux™ may be used as long as the warranty for item is presented to the Cemetery office to be kept in file. No other material of any nature is allowed.
12. Inserts such as pictures, government bronze niche plates, government bronze medallions or bronze emblems are subject to management approval and must be recessed into the granite.
13. Prayers and epitaphs of a positive nature may be permitted, but are subject to management approval.
14. Only legal names, or a derivative thereof, are permitted in inscriptions. Nicknames are not allowed.
15. Etchings or carvings of nature scenes may not exceed 50% of the monument face. Etchings of any other kind are limited to 6" X 6" or 36 square inches (e.g. fraternal or occupational symbols). Portraits are allowed provided that they are made of non-breakable material or diamond etched directly into the granite.
16. No monument, marker, pot, urn, niche front, crypt front, or embellishment may have coloring material applied to it. Lithochrome color is not allowed. Paint of any kind is not allowed. Color etchings or scenes are not permitted. A lithochrome transparent highlight and/or lithochrome shadow only may be used to highlight lettering.
17. The Cemetery reserves the right to prohibit the erection of any monument or marker considered by the management as inappropriate, either in material, workmanship or location of which might interfere with the general operation or obstruct any principal cemetery view.

## **Memorial Requirements**

### **Flat markers**

1. Individual adult grave markers, sometimes called flat, flush or lawn markers, grave stones, headstones or foot stones shall be of a thickness of 4" and shall be set on a conglomerate foundation constructed by the cemetery, permitting their placement flush with the surface of the ground. Only one such marker shall be placed on any one adult grave space (approximately 30 sq. ft.) surface area. The size of such markers shall be 24" in length 12" in width and a thickness of 4". All granite markers inscriptions must be sunken. Raised letters are not allowed.
2. All single flat markers will be set by the cemetery only.
3. Single bronze flat markers must be 24" long, 12" wide and minimum of ¾" thick and must be set on a granite base which must be 28" long, 16" wide and 4" thick and purchased from the Cemetery.
4. Only one flat marker may be placed on any baby grave. The size of such markers shall be 18" long by 10" wide and 4" thick.
5. Two names on one marker are allowed only when two cremated remains or one full body and one cremated remains are buried in a single grave.

### **Double Flat Markers**

1. Where allowed markers must be a minimum of 36" and maximum 48" long, 12" wide and 4" thick. It must be set on a Cemetery constructed conglomerate foundation permitting marker placement flush with the ground .
2. Double flat markers will be set by the monument dealer only after Cemetery approval and scheduling.

### **Slant Markers**

1. Slant markers or grave markers extending above the lawn surface are only permitted on such lots or graves as have been sold with that specific privilege. Grave markers on family lots may conform in size, shape and material to the first marker permitted on such lot.
2. A single slant marker shall be 24" long with a maximum 12" wide and 18" high.
3. A double slant marker shall be 36" long with a maximum of 12" wide and 18" high
4. All slant markers must be made of granite, and must have sawed cut bottoms, that are true and level. They may be placed on foundation without a base with Cemetery approval.

5. All Slant markers must be placed on a concrete foundation.

### **Upright Memorials (Monuments)**

1. Only one monument is permitted on any designated lot. It must be in the lot center (of the space designated for the monument).
2. Monuments inscriptions will be on one side only, unless the particular lot encompasses graves on both sides of the monument.
3. In Garden areas inscription or government bronze niche plate are allowed on back side of monument only where monument's back is at the planting area.
4. Government lawn level bronze markers (24" x 12") may not be attached to any monument.
5. Government bronze niche plates (8.5" x 5.5") or medallions issued for veterans may be attached to a monument by a monument dealer, pursuant to the most current regulation of The United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
6. All monument bases must have a smooth or polished top.
7. The bottom joists are to be sawed and level.
8. All upright memorials must be placed on a concrete foundation.
9. In non-garden areas only, flat markers may be used in addition to monuments in the following situations:
  - Placed at the foot of graves on a six or eight-grave lot where the monument is placed in the center of lot with burials on both sides.
  - Placed at grave 1 and 4 of a four-grave lot, in line with centered monument.
  - Placed at grave 1, 2, 5 and 6 of a six-grave lot in line with centered monument.

### **Specifications**

1. Cemetery foundations must be poured one foot over the base size (where not already pre-poured.)
2. All granite memorials may have the lot number designated in the lower right hand corner in three quarter inch (¾") numbers.
3. Thickness of die stone must be between 8" and 10".
4. Base stone height must be a minimum of 8".

5. Base sizes of monuments are as follows and/or according to the size of the pre-poured foundation:

Lot Size # of graves	AREA		Base Width		Depth of Base		Maximum Total Monument Height	
	Garden	Non Garden	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Garden	Non Garden	
1	x	x	2 ft	12 in	12 in	32 in	32 in	
2	x	x	3 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	4 ft	
3	x	x	4 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	4 ft	
4	x	x	5 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	6 ft	
4 (2F x 2B)	x	x	3 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	6 ft	
4 (2 x 2) two	x		3 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft		
5	x	x	6 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	6 ft	
6	x	x	7 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft	6 ft	
6 (3F x 3B)	x		4 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft		
6 (3F x 3B)		x	5 ft	12 in	30 in		6 ft	
8 (4 x 4) two rows	x		5 ft	12 in	14 in	4 ft		
8 (4F x 4B)		x	8 ft	12 in	30 in		6 ft	

**Urns (Flower Pots)**

One urn allowed per lot:

- Round Urn – maximum inside diameter of 10" maximum height of 16"
- Square Urn – maximum inside diameter of 11" maximum height of 16"
- Two urns allowed only when affixed with compound to monument or placed on a continuous foundation.

**Exceptions:**

*St. Agnes – Section T*

Flat marker privilege lots:

- Markers are restricted to 24" x 14" bronze markers with vase, set on a granite base only.
- Flower pots or concrete urns are not allowed.

Monument privilege lots:

- Same as Garden Area regulations. (See chart)

*Pine Lawn Cemetery*

- Same as Garden Area regulations. (See chart)

*Ridge Lawn Cemetery- Section G*

- Same as Garden Area regulations. (See chart)

**Memorial Dealers**

1. Applications for foundation purchase and installation must be submitted on official Cemetery order forms (available from Cemetery office.)
2. The monument dealer will be sent a copy of the accepted order form after management approval. Memorial dealers assume full responsibility when they complete any type of memorial before the order has been approved by the Cemetery. No exceptions will be made.
3. A memorial may be installed only after management approval of design, plans and specifications relative to the material, construction, and proposed location.
4. Monuments will only be accepted after notification that the foundation is ready for placement has been sent by the Cemetery to the supplier.
5. Flat marker placement will be completed once the marker is delivered to the Cemetery with a corresponding list presented and according to weather conditions and scheduling.
6. All foundations will be installed by the Cemetery at lot owner's expense.



7. All memorials brought into the Cemetery must be inspected and approved by an authorized employee at the service building Monday through Friday – 9 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All work must be completed and monument workers out of cemetery grounds by 3:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday and by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Work and deliveries are only permitted during cemetery office hours.
8. All memorials will be inspected again after installation.
9. Monument placement and position are subject to management permission and supervision.
10. Memorials must meet foundations conforming to specifications.
11. The actions, conduct, behavior and attire of all outside contractors are the responsibility of the lot owner(s) and shall be subject to Cemetery direction. All work of any kind will cease while a funeral or interment is being conducted nearby. Vehicles, equipment and workers should withdraw to a reasonable distance from the funeral service location.
12. Monument contractors must carry liability, auto and workers compensation insurance policies, protecting the Cemetery against any accident or damage caused by such contractors or his/her employees while performing work in the Cemetery. Foundation application will only be approved after compliance of this rule and a Certificate of Insurance is submitted to the cemetery office by April 15th annually.
13. Contractors, salesmen and others are prohibited from approaching Cemetery visitors to solicit business.
14. All workers employed by outside firms are subject to the rules and regulations of Mount Calvary Cemetery, Inc. while within the Cemetery.
15. Upon work completion, memorial dealers will ensure that the lot and surrounding area is restored to the same condition as before the work commenced. The restoration is at memorial dealer's expense.
16. Dealers' advertisements will not be cut into or placed upon any memorial. Certain quarry's logos will be permitted for warranty purposes only.
17. The Cemetery reserves the right to deny entrance to the Cemeteries to any dealer or agent in memorials who does not observe Cemetery rules and regulations.
18. Contractors, erectors, repair persons, cleaners, engravers, cutters of any monument marker, niche front or crypt front, must check with the Cemetery office before commencing work. All drawings must be reviewed and approved in the cemetery office prior to beginning work.

## **VII CEMETERY DECORATIONS**

Decoration guidelines are intended to unify the Cemetery and mausoleum's appearance and maintain the grounds and buildings in a manner befitting the memory of a loved one interred there. Lot owners must take responsibility for decorations to avoid removal and loss. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of decorations that have deteriorated, along with decorations that do not meet these guidelines, in order to maintain the Cemetery's beauty, dignity and safety.

### **In Ground Burial Decorations**

Planting trees, shrubs, flowers or herbage of any kind is only permitted on a lot or grave in a section designated appropriate for in ground planting. Some areas permit annuals. (Check with Cemetery office for specific section designations.)

The Cemetery reserves the right to regulate and control all grading, landscape work, trees, shrubs, vines and plants of any nature within the cemeteries. Also, upon due notice, the rights to trim, cut, or remove any of the previously stated, whether planted by the lot owner or otherwise.

1. The Cemetery is not responsible for any decorations, plants, wreaths or other items left on the grounds. It is recommended that any valuable irreplaceable items not be placed in the Cemetery.
2. The Cemetery is not responsible for damage of any kind to any portable or removable vase, pot, flower urn, concrete flower box or any other floral container. Although concrete urns are not removed during fall clean-up by Cemetery personnel, it is highly recommended that they are removed by owner for the winter. If they are left on lots they are susceptible to damage due to change in weather conditions and may get in the way of winter burials.
3. Fresh-cut, artificial flowers or potted plants are welcome from April 15 through October 1, if placed in an appropriate easily removed container.
4. All decorations must be removed by October 1, when fall clean-up begins.
5. Containers used for planting are limited to 10 " diameter or 11" square and 16" in height and must be made of granite, concrete, clay or resin.
6. If/when flowers, plants or winter wreaths become unsightly the Cemetery will remove and dispose of them along with their container.
7. No flower arrangements may be stuck in the ground.

8. Decorations should be placed close to the side of the memorials so that visitors and employees can easily walk around them and to allow grass cutting in front of memorials.
9. American flags may be placed on a veteran's grave, 24 hours prior to and removed within 48 hours after the designated holiday. Flags to be placed for the whole summer season may be placed by family in an approved container, as long as it is properly maintained.
10. The following are not permitted and will be removed and disposed of by Cemetery personnel after due notice to the lot owner. Some of these articles constitute potential safety hazards to Cemetery visitors and employees.
  - Metal containers of any type or style
  - Glass containers
  - Decorative stones
  - Wire and/or metal pins
  - Holes in the sod to hold containers, potted plants or vases
  - Votive lights
  - Windmills
  - Balloons
  - Plastic signs
  - Statues
  - Wind Chimes
  - Benches or fences
11. Any item stuck in the ground (except wreath on tripod for winter) will be removed and disposed of by Cemetery personnel after due notice to the lot owner.
12. All reusable containers must be removed from the Cemetery for the winter season for safety and to avoid damage. Disposable containers left after October 1 will be removed and disposed of by Cemetery personnel.
13. Winter decorations (wreaths) that are placed on tripods are permitted November 1 through March 15. Decorations are not permitted after March 15 when spring clean-up begins. Spring/summer decorations are permitted beginning April 15.

## **ADDITIONAL SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS**

### **Mount Calvary Cemetery Garden of St. Agnes Section I**

1. Flower pots or concrete urns are not allowed.
2. Fresh cut or artificial flowers are allowed only if placed in the vases attached to the bronze marker. These must be removed by October 1st and the bronze receptacle placed in ground.
3. Regulations governing all garden sections apply equally to all monument privilege lots.

### **Mount Calvary Cemetery Garden of Our Savior**

1. Inground planting is not allowed
2. Flower arrangements or decorations of any kind are not allowed.

## **MAUSOLEUM DECORATIONS**

### **All Mausoleum Buildings**

1. Cameo portraits to be placed on crypt fronts are available for purchase from the Cemetery. The Cemetery will install these. Outside vendors are not permitted. One portrait per crypt.
2. Veteran Affairs issued bronze medallions measuring 3 inches may be placed on crypt front. The 1 ½ inch medallions may be placed on a niche front or in a glass niche. Placement will be done by cemetery personnel only.
3. The following are not permitted:
  - anything attached to crypt/niche fronts with metal wires
  - adhesives or tape to attach anything to a crypt/niche front. (Remaining residue causes permanent damage to granite or marble surfaces.)
  - floral arrangements, real or artificial, vases or pots, placed in front of any crypt/niche inside or outside.
4. Garden areas are provided within some mausoleum complexes to accommodate placing flowers or wreaths. No concrete flower pots are allowed in these areas. Only one clay flower pot that measure 8 inches in diameter is permitted per crypt. Pots must be labeled with permanent marker.

5. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of decorations that have deteriorated in order to maintain the beauty, dignity and safety of the community mausoleum.
6. Any unauthorized items that are left in a mausoleum/columbarium will be removed and discarded immediately, after due notice to the owner.

**Chapels ( Ascension, Benediction, Crucifixion, and Devotion)**

1. One artificial arrangement per crypt/niche is allowed. This should be placed on stand provided. Cards are provided adjacent to stands and must be placed in item with name and date.
2. Any items remaining beyond the season it represents, or three months time, will be removed by Cemetery personnel.

**Crucifixion Mausoleum Buildings A and B Only**

1. Cemetery permits placing one bronze emblem on the inside crypts of these buildings. A variety of distinctive emblems are available for purchase and installation from the Cemetery. No exceptions will be made.
2. Artificial floral arrangements must be purchased from and placed by the Cemetery only for display in the electrical vesper lights.
3. The vesper lights are lit after first entombment.

**Ridge Lawn and Pine Lawn Columbariums**

1. The Ridge Lawn and Pine Lawn Columbariums are secured/locked at all times. Family and friends who wish to visit are asked to call the main office during regular hours to arrange entrance to the building during regular office hours.
2. Due to limited space and the Cemetery's commitment to maintaining an aesthetically pleasing environment placing any floral tributes in the building is prohibited. Any flowers, plants or other items left in the building during regular office hours.

**CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

The Cemetery has the right to correct any errors made in making interments, disinterments, removals or transfers and conveyance of any rights, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting other interment rights or lots of equal value and similar location. In the event any such error involves the interment of the remains of any person in any lot, management has the right to remove and reinter the remains in a lot of equal value and similar location as directed under the provisions as set forth under New York State Cemetery Law.

LOT OWNER OR OWNER OF A LOT - Any person having a lawful title to the use of a niche, crypt, lot, plot or part thereof, in a cemetery.

MANAGEMENT - The person or persons duly appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of operating and administering a cemetery.

MARKER – A memorial with a flat and level surface upon which an inscription may be made and set flush with the ground.

MAUSOLEUM – A structure containing one or more crypts and may include niches for the above ground entombment of human remains.

MEMORIAL - An upright monument, a lawn level marker or an inscription on a crypt or niche front to commemorate the life of the deceased.

MONUMENT – A memorial structure projecting above the surface of the ground, also known as a tombstone.

NICHE - A space recessed in a wall or a free standing unit used for cremated remains.

OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER: A container which is designed for placement in the grave space around the casket or the urn including, but not limited to, containers commonly known as burial vaults, grave boxes and grave liners.

PERMANENT MAINTENANCE TRUST – A portion of the purchase price of all burial rights is contributed into an irrevocable fund. Income from the Permanent Maintenance Trust is used to provide regular cemetery care and maintenance.

SARCOPHAGUS – A private non entry family mausoleum consisting of t crypts above ground.

URN (Cremation) - a sealed container in which the cremated remains (ashes) of somebody who has died and has been cremated are placed.

URN (Flower)- a container made out of concrete or granite used to plant annual flowers.

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Type Grave(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Location Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Grave(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Monumentation Allowed \_\_\_\_\_

Type Crypt/  
Niche \_\_\_\_\_

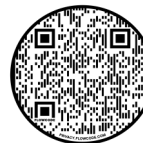
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Mausoleum \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Niche \_\_\_\_\_ Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Memorialization Options \_\_\_\_\_

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