

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Family MEMORIAL GARDEN POLICY

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Holy Family's Memorial Garden is to provide a beautiful, consecrated and perpetually maintained place for the interment of ash cremains of church members and/or their families.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Memorial Garden is administered by the Memorial Garden Subcommittee under the direction of the Vestry. The Parish Administrator coordinates applications and reservations. A member of the Grounds Committee serves on the Memorial Garden Subcommittee and facilitates the preparation and burial protocol.

Records of the Memorial Garden are maintained in the church office, including maps depicting the current layout of the Memorial Garden and showing reserved and available burial spaces. Genealogical information may be placed on file by the family.

**BURIAL SPACES:** The Memorial Garden is laid out in grids. Each grid contains nine burial spaces in a 3 x 3 pattern. There are currently eight grids, each identified by a number and by a name, i.e., *FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, JOY, RESURRECTION, PRAISE, GRACE and TRINITY* (schematic available the church office). Application and information packets may be obtained through the church office; burial spaces can be reserved at any time prior to interment.  
**A maximum of two burials is allowed in each space.**

**BURIAL MARKERS:** A single bronze marker will be placed in each space containing cremains. Markers are mounted on granite pads placed flush with the ground so that the area can be mowed and cleared. Both civilian and military markers are permitted. In order to maintain uniform appearance, all markers must be arranged through the Holy Family Parish Administrator.

Markers display the names and years of birth and death of each of the individuals whose cremains are (or are to be) interred in the space, but do not display titles or other inscriptions. When markers are purchased in advance, the year of death is added later.

A bronze marker for eligible veterans may be provided by the Veterans Administration. The markers will display name, year of birth and death but will not display titles or other inscriptions with the exception of the branch of service. *Due to the size of the Veteran's markers two contiguous spaces are required.*

**Memorial Wall:** The Memorial Wall is located in the lower end of the Garden. A bronze plaque may be placed on the Memorial Wall for those persons whose cremains are scattered here or in other locations.

**INTERMENT:** Cremains will be interred in wood, cardboard or other biodegradable containers or placed directly in the earth beneath the marker. Vaults, plastic bags or other non-biodegradable containers are not permitted. Cremains may also be scattered in an area determined by the Vestry.

**FLOWERS:** Flowers may be placed on the markers for periods of not longer than two weeks. No artificial flowers are allowed.

**APPLICATION AND FEES:** The Vestry establishes all fees. The present cost of a space is \$ 300. due upon reservation of the space. A bronze marker and granite pad may be purchased at any time prior to interment. The current cost of a civilian bronze marker and granite pad is approximately \$ 600. The bronze plaques for the Memorial Wall cost approximately \$175. Application should be made through the Parish Administrator.

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