

# *CALVARY CEMETERY POLICIES*

## ***Grave space purchases / Right of sepultures***

- The Dioceses of Nashville retains ownership of all lands. Purchases only include the right to be buried in grave space(s) identified on Right of Sepulture.
- Purchases of grave spaces are limited to adults 18 years of age or older.
- Single graves can be used for single person burial or two cremains.
- Grave spaces can be purchased either paid in full at time of purchase or installment plan payments.
- Installment plan payments will be limited to one year (12 Months from time of purchase).
- If the installment plan is not paid in full by the end of the one year period, the grave space(s) will be forfeited and all monies retained by Calvary cemetery.
- If grave space(s) are paid in installments there will be a service charge determined at the time of purchase but will not exceed \$500.00 - currently \$100.00 per space.
- Grave spaces paid in installments will require a down payment of one third of the current purchase price.
- If graves are purchased with installments no one will be allowed to be buried in the space until the space is paid in full.
- No markers and or Monuments can be placed when grave space(s) until space(s) are paid in full.
- No preplanned open and closing payments will be accepted. Open and closing will be paid at time of need.
- All grave space sales include perpetual care.
- Sales taxes are excluded from purchases.
- The Diocese of Nashville retains the right to change or modify these policies at any time, for the improvement and control of Calvary Cemetery.
- All changes supersede prior policies.

## ***Monuments and Markers***

- **Single grave spaces will be limited to foot markers (Grave markers that are placed at the foot of the grave), not to exceed 28”L x 18”W x 12”H. These must be flat or beveled. Stones must be made of granite or marble. Bronze face markers will also be allowed as long as they have either a granite or marble base.**
- **Single grave spaces may also have Ledger Stones with a minimum size requirement of 60”L x 24” W but may not exceed 96”L x 30” W. Stones must be made of granite, marble. Bronze face plaques will also be allowed as long as they have either a granite or marble base.**
- **Markers/Monuments must be created by a professional monument company.**
- **Two side by side grave spaces can have either single foot markers as described above or Companion markers. Companion markers size is limited to a maximum of 48”L x 18”W x 12”H. These must be flat or beveled. Stones must be made of granite, or marble, bronze face markers will also be allowed as long as they have either a granite or marble base.**
- **Before any type of marker can be placed on a grave, the grave must be paid in full and all opening and closing fees must be paid if grave is occupied.**
- **Monuments may be erected on family lots; however they must be approved by the cemetery.**
- **Family lots may have both a Monument, and either foot markers and companion foot markers.**
- **Monuments must be placed at the head of the lot.**
- **Family lots are 6 or more graves in a single lot.**
- **Coping and fencing around single graves or family lots are prohibited.**
- **All carving and verses on Markers and/or Monuments must be approved by cemetery.**
- **Benches will be allowed on family lots but, location will be determined by cemetery. The usual placement is next to the monument.**
- **If benches are placed on a grave space it is the responsibility of the owners to have it moved if a grave needs to be dug.**
- **Cemetery is not responsible for damage to benches.**
- **Only per-approved monument companies will be allowed to install markers/monuments and these companies must provide a copy of their liability insurance policy.**

## ***Mausoleum/Columbarium / Right of sepultures***

- The Dioceses of Nashville retains ownership of all Mausoleums and Columbarium's. Purchases only include the right to be buried in space(s) identified on Right of Sepulture.
- Purchases of Crypts and Niches are limited to adults 18 years of age or older.
- Crypts spaces can be purchased either paid in full at time of purchase or installment plan payments.
- Niche spaces must be paid in full at time of purchase.
- Installment plan payments will be limited to one year (12 Months from time of purchase).
- If the installment plan for Crypt(s) are not paid in full by the end of the one year period, the Crypt space(s) will be forfeited and all monies retained by Calvary cemetery.
- If Crypt space(s) are paid in installments there will be a service charge determined at the time of purchase but will not exceed \$500.00 - currently 100.00 per space.
- Crypt spaces paid in installments will require a down payment of one third of the current purchase price.
- If Crypt is purchased with installments no one will be allowed to be buried in the space until the space is paid in full.
- Crypt spaces are limited to regular size caskets.
- Crypt spaces cannot accommodate oversized caskets.
- Maximum Urn size not to exceed 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" x 10 1/2.
- No paper products can be used as Urn material.
- Plaques must be purchased from Cemetery office
- No flowers will be allowed other than those placed in appropriate vases provided on crypt plaques.
- No items may be placed in or around Mausoleum or Columbarium without the approval of cemetery office.
- No live flowers will be allowed inside the Chapel area, except during the committal service. These flowers must be removed after service.
- Keys will only be provided for families with inside Chapel Crypts or Niches.
- Keys will be limited to immediate family and will not exceed five keys.
- All interior and exterior maintenance will be provided by Cemetery.

## ***General Rules***

- **No plants or trees may be planted on single graves or family lots without the approval of the cemetery.**
- **Cemetery reserves the right to remove or trim plants or trees that are placed on Cemetery property.**
- **Artificial flowers are allowed but if they become unsightly the cemetery reserves the right to remove them.**
- **Christmas flowers must be removed by March 1 of any given year or cemetery staff disposes of them on March 2.**
- **Small statues will be permitted on grave spaces; however statues must be approved by Cemetery before placement.**
- **Cemetery is not responsible for breakage or damage to statues.**
- **Cemetery reserves the right to remove deteriorating statues.**
- **No Landscaping of any kind will be allowed without permission of cemetery.**
- **Items placed on graves that the cemetery deems as hazardous will be removed.**
- **The speed limit in cemetery will not exceed 15 mph.**
- **Cemetery is not responsible for any lost items on Cemetery property.**
- **Cemetery is not responsible for damage of grave stones or monuments other than damage directly caused by Cemetery employees.**
- **Dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the owner.**
- **All dog dropping must be picked up and disposed of by owner.**
- **Don't allow dogs to defecate on graves or Makers/Monuments.**