

St. Michael's Memorial Garden Interment Regulations and Guidelines

The primary purpose of St. Michael's Memorial Gardens will be the interment of ashes. All burials shall abide by the following.

Those whose ashes are buried in the garden must be registered members of St. Michael's for a period of their lives or have been children or parents of registered members.

Burial services are under the jurisdiction of the Rector and in accordance with the Rites of the Episcopal Church.

The place of interment in the garden shall follow a plan adopted by the Memorial Garden Committee. No particular place may be chosen or designed by the applicant.

Burial spaces measure one foot by one foot. Ashes/remains must be buried in a biodegradable container to be covered by soil.

After all spaces in St. Michael's Memorial Garden have been filled, or after a period of seven years from prior interment, such spaces will be considered open for future interment.

No more than one container with ashes/remains may be buried in each space. Burial spaces will not be identifiable except on a master plot kept in the church office.

No physical identification or additions of a decorative nature, either temporary or permanent, as marking the burial site of the ashes shall be made. Landscaping shall be provided by the Parish. All contributions for additions or improvements received are subject to the supervision of the Memorial Garden Committee.

The actual burial shall be done by the servicing funeral home under the supervision of the Rector. Charges by the funeral home for this service are not included in parish fees for gardens interment.

The names, birth and death dates of those interred in St. Michael's Memorial Garden will be engraved on a memorial plaque.

Fees for burials in the garden are determined by the Vestry. The fee is for burial privileges in the garden. It is not for the sale of any portion of the site. In addition to the burial privileges, the fee provides for the inscription on the memorial plaque.

The current fee is \$200 for each burial. The fee must be paid prior to burial in the garden. The Rector has discretion to adjust the fee when needed. All fee payments are non-refundable.