

# **Burial Policies**

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The Old Burial Ground, located on the lower level of the cloistered courtyard of the church, was set aside for the burial of ashes (cremains) in 1928. In 1975, St. Paul's Church consecrated the property bordered by Pilot View, Summit, and Fifth Streets (the site of the former church rectory) to be a new columbarium for the disposition of ashes. The family of Evelyn Owens made a gift to the church to begin the beautification of the area. In 1982, with a gift from the Dalton Family, St. Paul's named this sacred space the Louisa Bitting Dalton Memorial Garden. Within the Dalton Memorial Garden an area for the scattering of ashes is set aside as the Evelyn Owens Memorial Garden.

Both in-ground plots and wall niches are available in the Dalton Memorial Garden for the burial of ashes. No spaces are currently available in the Old Burial Ground.

Spaces may be reserved through payment of fees and signing of a covenant. A deposit of one-half the fee will reserve a space with the balance due within six (6) months of the date of the covenant. If a grave reservation is made just prior to burial, payment must be made in full.

Fees cover the cost of opening and closing the grave site (including opening and closing twice in the case of double interment). Fees also cover the placing of the grave marker and the general upkeep of the burial grounds. Fees do not include cremation, burial containers, in-ground grave markers, or inscriptions. The church administrator, however, will assist the family in contracting for the grave marker and inscription.

## In-Ground Burial

Single interment \$500

Double interment \$700 (for spouses only)

Interment will be in the next available space.

In-ground grave dimensions are one foot by one foot by three feet (depth) (1' x 1' x 3'). A box or urn is required for ashes. It must be of stainless steel, metal marble or plastic. It must not exceed twelve inches (12") in width or length. Vaults cannot be accommodated,

Grave markers are to be marble, of uniform color and size (12" x 12").

Grave marker inscriptions will include only the name of the deceased, date (s) of birth and date (s) of death. For double interment graves, only names and dates for each person will be inscribed on a single marker, (Markers will be removed for the second inscription and then placed back on the grave). The cost of the stone and engraving are not included.

### Wall Columbarium Burial

Single interment \$950

Double interment \$1,200 (for spouses only)

Niches in the wall columbaria may be reserved at the time of purchase according to availability.

For double interment, special consideration must be given to the size of the containers. Niches measure only 1 1' x 1 1" x 10" (depth).

Inscriptions will be engraved on the face plate just prior to burial, Inscriptions will include only the name(s) of the deceased, date (s) of birth and date (s) of death.

### Scattering of Ashes

\$200

Ashes may be scattered in the Evelyn Owens Memorial Garden (or elsewhere on the church property with the approval of the Rector.) A brass plate inscribed with the name, date of birth and date of death of the deceased, will be affixed to the low marble edging that borders the Evelyn Owens Garden, the cost of the brass plate, inscription, and attachment is included in the fee,

### Flower Policy:

The normal appearance of the burial grounds is to be one of serenity and dignity.

Therefore, the following policy has been established:

- A Memorial Garden Fund provides for the perpetual upkeep of the burial grounds. Monies in this fund come from burial fees as well as from gifts and memorials designated for this purpose. Donations may be made to the Memorial Garden Fund for upkeep and improvement of the burial grounds.
- A bouquet, a loose arrangement, or container of fresh cut flowers or small live potted plant is permitted to be placed on the grave markers or at the base of the wall columbaria. These must be reclaimed within two weeks.

- No artificial flowers are permitted, no decorations, stones, trinkets, or other memorabilia will be permitted on or around markers. No permanent containers or pins for holding vases are permitted. No plantings other than turf will be permitted around in-ground plots.
- Floral arrangements that are left more than two weeks or that are wilted or unsightly will be removed. Other decorations and artificial flowers will be removed.
- Small American flags are permitted during the weeks of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Veterans Day.
- St. Paul's does not assume responsibility for the care of arrangements, or the disposition of flowers, containers, or other decorations,
- Landscape plantings in the burial grounds are provided only by St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Other policies:

- There will be no further fees beyond the written covenant price.
- Only the ashes of the cremated human dead will be interred in the burial grounds.
- All baptized members of St Paul's Episcopal Church and their immediate family are eligible for burial. Others may be interred there with the approval of the Rector,
- Names and dates of those buried at St. Paul's are listed in Memorial Books that are kept in the church office.
- Burial Services are as prescribed by the Rector and in keeping with the traditions of the Episcopal Church.
- Any divergence from the above policies must be submitted to the Rector for consideration.
- Revisions to this burial policy and fees may be made by the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.