

Saint Mary's Cemetery Policy
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▪ **Cemetery Policy**

The committee of Saint Mary's Cemetery handles all inquiries, maintains cemetery records and conducts general business matters for the cemetery.

• **Reserved Graves**

Graves may be reserved only when there is a reasonable cause to believe they will be actually used. At the time of reservation, a grave number will be given and recorded. **All reserved graves must be paid for at the time of reservation or within six months,** otherwise, reservation will not be accorded. **Two Urns per grave site is allowed and will be considered as two burials.** The number of graves one person may reserve will be limited, depending upon circumstances and availability, as well as the demands of Cemetery maintenance and upkeep.

• **Cemetery Upkeep**

Upkeep of the Cemetery grounds is the responsibility of Saint Mary's Cemetery Committee. The committee looks after leveling of headstones, adding new foundations (to the headstones most in need) maintaining the grounds etc. As this is very costly, any donations to this annual project are appreciated and a tax receipt will be issued. If a family member wants a stone leveled not deemed most in need they can advise a committee member, pay for the leveling and it will be fixed at the same time as those deemed most in need. The committee relies on volunteers once a year for spring clean up, filling in sunken graves and re-seeding.

Your suggestions for beautifying the grounds and for maintaining them well are always welcome. To facilitate good maintenance, to protect headstones and machinery necessary for this task, the saint Mary's Cemetery Committee has adopted the following gravesite maintenance guidelines:

- If flowers are planted on the grave, they must be close to and in front of the headstone and well maintained by family.
- As of January 1st 2023, shrubs and trees may not be planted.
- Fences around the graves are not permitted, nor are corner markers of any type, this includes solar lights, small ornaments, small obstacles, tractors, cars, and milk cans, Angels etc.
- Artificial flowers are not permitted as they blow away and interfere with maintenance.
- Any plants or shrubs that encroach on another resting site will be cut back or removed.
- Planted flowers (no artificial) may be planted in a saddle and placed on top of a headstone.
- Flowers must be well maintained by family members.
- Any flowers or other objects not maintained or deemed unsightly by committee members will be removed.

Headstones/Monuments

The committee highly recommends a suitable headstone for all graves, and has the following policy with regard to them:

- The Committee Chair or a committee member must be contacted before placing of any headstone or monument.
 - There shall be only one stone or marker per burial plot.
 - All headstones must have a foundation and should be installed by a reputable dealer.
 - Homemade markers or crosses must be made in a respectable fashion. Their placement should be checked with the committee before installation. Markers that have fallen into poor condition will be removed by committee when neglect is evident and serious. Responsibility for homemade markers is that of the owner or family.
 - All other articles which may impede the general maintenance of the graveyard, detract from the aesthetic atmosphere, or invite vandalism, i.e. lights, statues; unattached monuments are prohibited without prior consent and will be removed.
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\$400.00 per burial: Tax receipt will be issued for gravesites reserved directly from the Committee. *PLEASE NOTE* Price includes perpetual care. Opening and closing of grave responsibility is that of the family. Price subject for review the first of January each year.