

Cemetery Regulations

You have selected Saint Joseph Cemetery for the burial of one you love, or you have bought a plot for future use. With your cooperation, we will be able to keep Saint Joseph Cemetery as a beautiful, peaceful place which recognizes the love we have for those who have died, in the dignity which is proper to the burial place of Christians. Therefore, we ask that you observe the regulations which have been set up by our cemetery trustees, which are customary in cemeteries in our area.

1. All grave lots must be promptly paid for, to enable us to care for the cemetery and keep it beautiful.
2. No stones or markers (all monuments) are to be placed on lots which have not been paid for.
3. Foundations and stones are arranged through the Parish Center at 508-533-7771, often by the monument company you select.
4. Corner markers are not allowed in order to facilitate the work at the cemetery.
5. Anything placed at your monument must be placed only in front, within the base of the stone, and is not to protrude out more than 18 inches, allowing for the ease of maintenance.
6. No planting of shrubbery/flowers are allowed on any lot. Removable plants in baskets and decorations are allowed during the year at special times (ie Christmas, Easter, Memorial Day, and the like). All such plants, baskets and decorations are to be removed within two weeks after the holiday, and when any other plants and baskets have passed their useful purpose.
7. Please do not remove aluminum number markers. They are necessary to maintain the proper order.
8. No benches, unless they serve as the upright stone/monument on at least a 2-grave lot, are allowed.
9. Each grave will accommodate three burials: 3 cremations OR a full burial followed by 2 cremations.

Monuments

1. The maximum height of any stone on any lot is 3 feet, 6 inches from ground level.
2. The maximum width of any foundation is 1 foot; the maximum width of the base is 14 inches.
3. The maximum length of a stone including the base is:
 - On 2 grave lot - 3 feet
 - On 3 grave lot - 4 feet
 - On 4 or more grave lot – 5 feet
4. On one grave lots, only flat markers are allowed.
5. Only one monument is allowed on any lot.
6. No lot, of any number of graves, may be divided for the purpose of placing multiple monuments.
7. Flat markers are allowed on each grave of every lot.
8. No flat markers are allowed without permission from the cemetery management.

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