



Rules and Regulations of the Congregational Church Cemetery Memorial Garden

Purpose: All plots in the Memorial Garden of the Congregational Church Cemetery on Essex Street in Deep River, CT are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Congregational Church Cemetery/ Memorial Garden Committee of the First Congregational Church of Deep River, hereinafter called The Church, and shall be used solely for the interment of cremated human remains in degradable containers or urns.

Use of Memorial Garden:

Eligibility:

1. The use of the Memorial Garden shall be for church members, families of members and others accepted by the Congregational Church Cemetery/Memorial Garden Committee.
2. The purchaser of a plot shall receive a Certificate For Burial to indicate title to a plot for interment.
3. Holders of a Certificate For Burial shall not allow any interment to be made in their plot unless a written consent is obtained from The Church for all conveyances, transfers or assignments which shall be duly recorded in the records.
4. No interment shall be made without permission being first obtained from The Church, and proper authorities, and no disinterment shall be made without permission being first obtained from The Church and the proper authorities.

Records:

1. All interments shall be duly recorded in the Memorial Gardens records of The Church, as to the name, year of birth and death, date of interment and location (plot number).
2. All gifts to the Memorial Garden shall be recorded in the Memorial Garden Gifts book maintained by The Church.

Markers:

1. The markers shall be placed on the master plaque so designated for each interment garden area.
2. The markers shall contain only the name of the deceased, the year of birth and death, and a representation, i.e. a 5-point star of U.S. military service. No other symbols, titles or words are to be used.

Plot Size:

1. Each interment area shall be divided into a grid pattern with each plot measuring 18 square inches.

Ashes:

1. The preparation for interment shall be under the direct supervision of The Church.

Maintenance:

1. Perpetual care of the Congregational Church Cemetery/Memorial Garden shall consist of cutting the grass, weeding and pruning, and maintaining the grounds as deemed necessary at reasonable intervals.
2. No plot or plots therein shall be enclosed by any wall, fence or rail.
3. No plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, or ground cover shall be placed within any plot of the Memorial Garden area. This prohibition shall also apply to wreaths, flags or other decorations in the Memorial Garden area.
4. Areas in the cemetery may be set aside for the placement of bulbs or plants. In order to maintain an orderly plan, donors shall contact the Memorial Garden Committee for approval.