

MEMORIAL GARDEN CUSTOMARY

Christ The King Episcopal Church

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Christians have historically laid their family members to rest in a churchyard where the whole community could come to pray for their loved ones and to reflect on the lives they lived.

WHAT IS THE MEMORIAL GARDEN ?

The Memorial Garden is consecrated ground intended for the interment of cremains of deceased members of the parish and their immediate family, and others in the community as needed.

Because the Memorial Garden is outside, it is always open to the public for visitation, prayer, and reflection.

WHERE IS THE MEMORIAL GARDEN ?

The Memorial Garden is located on church property (6400 North Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland, FL 33809) on the south side of the main building.

WHO CAN BE BURIED IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN?

The Memorial Garden is primarily intended for the burial of current and former members and clergy of Christ The King, and their immediate family. It is also made available (by permission of the vestry) to community members who have nowhere else to be laid to rest.

HOW ARE THE CREMAINS BURIED?

The burial of cremains can take place:

1. by pouring them directly into the burial site (no container or bag); or,
2. by placing them in a biodegradable container or cardboard box (6'x6'x10' maximum size).

Permanent urns, containers, or any non-biodegradable plastic are not permitted.

WHEN & WHO CAN INTER CREMAINS?

The time and manner of interment will be determined by the clergy in consultation with the family. The usual time would be immediately following the funeral service. However, committal in the Memorial Garden can take place even if the funeral service took place elsewhere or on a different day. If the committal is separate from the funeral service, Sunday following the service of Holy Eucharist would be most appropriate.

Only the ecclesiastical authority can make final approval for a burial. Burials are appropriately conducted by the parish priest or other designated clergy.

RECORD OF INTERMENT

A record of interment will become part of the official records of the Church and include:

- Name and vital statistics of the deceased (filed when application for burial is made);
- General location of the burial plot (n.b. the location of the burial plot is approximate since above-ground plot markers are not allowed);
- Date of interment and the ecclesiastical authority.

MEMORIALS

A bronze plaque showing the given name of the deceased, with dates of birth and death, will be installed near the Memorial Garden or in the Fellowship Hall. Nameplates for the plaque will be uniform and will be ordered by the church.

No monument, marker, flag, wreath, or other object, other than those placed by the Vestry or its appointees, will be allowed in the area designated as the Memorial Garden. While potted plants and cut flowers are allowed to be left, they will be discarded at the church's discretion.

FEES for the MEMORIAL GARDEN

A fee of \$250 is assessed for use of the Memorial Garden.

The fee includes burial and the nameplate for the Memorial Plaque, the remainder being put into a restricted fund for the upkeep of the Church's gardens. The fee does not include anything associated with the Funeral Service, not anything associated with the funeral home or crematory, nor any clergy honorarium (all of which is applied to the Discretionary Account for assistance for those in need).

The fees can be pre-paid in full at any time. The applicant will not be subject to any future fee increases once the fees are paid in full.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact the church office.