

Saint Martin of Tours – Flaherty Cemetery Policy

Rules and Regulations

1. The cemetery management reserves the right to refuse admission to the cemetery or refuse use of any of its facilities. Persons arranging for interment must visit the parish office where the pastor or designate will aid them in making the necessary plot arrangements.
2. The pastor reserves the right to specify the terms or purchase of all interment rights in plots.
3. The use of plot is for the plot holder or his direct heirs for interment only and not for resale or profit. Where there are no direct heirs, title to graves shall be returned to the cemetery.
4. All landscape work and improvements of any kind, trees and shrubs planted shall be done only by the cemetery management for general care and beauty of the cemetery, not for the individual grave.
5. It shall be the duty of the plot holder to notify the pastor or designate of any change of address.
6. Non-cemetery employees in placing or erecting monuments shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so under permission and supervision of the cemetery management.

We suggest that the families of the deceased note the following at the time of death.

7. To procure title of easement for a grave: If you already have a grave reserved, establish a title of easement. If you are a direct heir, bring proof of title.
8. An accurate location of your grave will be staked out and recorded on the cemetery map and in the cemetery record books.
9. We ask that you do not plant anything in the cemetery, dig in the grave or mound it up. natural wreaths will be removed at the discretion of the caretaker.
10. A cemetery fund will provide for the maintenance of a lot, drainage, grass, fertilizer, shrubbery, lot markers, seeds, bookkeeping, printing and mailing. This fund is the accumulation of the income from donations and fees deposited to the cemetery account.
11. Equipment: The cemetery does not own or provide any equipment for burial. Any tools, tents, ground cloth, wheelbarrow, lowering devices, etc., must be provided through the funeral director or their subcontractor.

General Specifications for Memorial Work:

All memorials will be constructed of granite or bronze.

General Regulations:

The following hours are to be observed by monument companies doing work in the cemetery: Mondays through Thursday during the following hours: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. No monument setting work to be done on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Also, no monument setting allowed on any church holy days or on the following holidays:

New Year's Day – January 1
Good Friday
Memorial Day – last Monday in May
Fourth of July

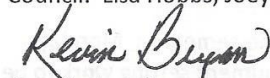
Labor Day – first Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day – fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Eve – December 24
Christmas Day – December 25

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Decoration Rules for Graves:

1. Fresh flowers may be placed on graves anytime.
2. Glass vases or bottles are not permitted in the cemetery. Containers cannot be buried in the ground.
3. Votive candles are not permitted on graves.
4. Decorations including flower baskets, wreaths or flags are only permitted on the ground from November 15th through February 1st each year. No decorations are permitted on the ground from March 1st thru November 15th each year. The cemetery is not responsible for the items removed from the graves for not complying with this rule.
5. Artificial decorations in attached vases or saddles placed on above-ground markers are permitted at any time. The use of wires or stakes to attach decorations is not permitted.
6. Potted plants are not permitted anywhere in the cemetery except for the following holidays:
 - On Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day, potted plants are permitted from the Friday afternoon before the holiday through the Sunday after the holiday.
 - On Memorial Day, potted plants and American flags are permitted from the Friday afternoon before the holiday through the Sunday after the holiday. Flags must be all wood and cloth. Flags with metal or plastic parts are not permitted. They must be placed in the front of the memorial and as close as possible to the memorial.
7. The use of boxes, shells, toys, trinkets, metal designs or ornaments, glass or crockery jars and containers, benches, wood or metal cases, is not permitted on any lot and such articles shall be removed by the cemetery management.
8. Permanently placed flower vases must be installed by an approved monument dealer. No more than two permanently placed vases shall be permitted at each grave space and must be mounted on the monument.

This policy was approved by Saint Martin of Tours Parish Council on March 10, 2015. St. Martin of Tours Parish Council: Lisa Hobbs, Joey Bruner, Patrick Hobbs, Michael Medley, Glenn Redmon, Elaine Vowels.


Rev. Kevin J. Bryan