

GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS FOR THE CEMETARIES OF ST. JOSEPH & ST. JOHN

The guidelines presented in this document are intended to insure that our cemeteries will be kept in order and readily accessible to visitors as well as maintenance workers.

I. PURCHASER'S RIGHTS

-We frequently use the phrase "buying a cemetery lot", but what is actually purchased is the "exclusive and permanent right of use" of the grave. Proper "right of use" always implies abiding by the guidelines and regulations of the cemetery.

II. MEMORIAL MARKERS

-Memorial dealers shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the cemeteries. Only one marker is permitted at each grave. No foot markers are allowed. The only exception to this is a small, flat marker that is used by the veterans of military service. These must be flush with the ground.

-Non-cemetery employees who are contracted to place a marker on a grave must work with the pastor's delegate to insure an exact and specific location for the marker. Markers that are out of place cause confusion and lead to maintenance problems.

-Every marker must have a concrete footer at least 24 inches deep. This footer should also extend 4 inches beyond the sides of the base of the marker.

-Neither St. Joseph Cemetery nor St. John Cemetery is able to accommodate mausoleums.

III. CARE OF THE LOT

-This pertains to the care and maintenance of lots necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear.

-The cemetery is not responsible for the repair of memorials damaged by any cause beyond the cemetery's reasonable control.

IV. DECORATIONS

-The cemetery does not grant the right to the purchaser to plant flowers, shrubs or trees. No right has been granted to erect free standing statues, landscaping timbers, stones, decorative gravel, benches, borders or any other decorations. All floral designs or decorations should be attached to the marker with either a saddle-type frame or a permanently attached vase. When these decorations become unsightly they will be removed. Any decoration or flower arrangement not mounted on the headstone will be removed at the time of mowing.

-Decorations that are blown off the grave by high winds will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

V. GENERAL

The cemetery reserves the right at any time and occasionally to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or to add to these rules and regulations or any part thereof, or to adopt any new rules or regulations with respect to the cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto.

VI. RETURNABILITY

The cemetery office will refund the original price of a grave. The resale of a lot may be made only to the cemetery itself. The cemetery is solely responsible for any resale.