

LONE TREE CEMETERY DECORATIONS POLICY

(REVISED 2021)

The decoration of graves and mausoleum crypts and niches is encouraged as a memorial for loved ones.

The cemetery assumes no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to decorations.

Decorations are generally limited to the use of natural or artificial flowers and plants placed in authorized receptacles and must be contained within the confines of the memorial.

Decorations are further limited to those which:

- a) Do not interfere with the care and maintenance of the grounds - especially mowing and trimming.
- b) Do not create hazards such as broken glass, wires, sharp metal objects, etc.
- c) Are not offensive to the general decorum of the cemetery and to the rights of others.
- d) Are placed in vases made of metal or plastic and of approved design and correct size.

The cemetery holds the right to prior approval of any decorations including markers, monuments, fittings, adornments, urns, inscriptions, name plates, etc., used on graves, crypts, and niches.

In keeping with its legal authority and responsibilities, the cemetery establishes rules and responsibilities regarding the nature and placement of authorized decorations and for the removal of decorations.

PLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS

The location of decorations is generally limited to their placement in approved receptacles.

Potted plants or flowers, in **unbreakable containers**, can be placed on the surface of the memorial. Management reserves the right to give permission for decorations that do not meet these guidelines for special occasions. Everything else will be removed. **Under no circumstances may any decoration interfere with mowing and trimming.** The cemetery assumes no responsibility for the care and watering of potted plants, nor for keeping them upright.

Flags may be placed in observance of Memorial and Veterans Day. To prevent desecration to them by water or by blowing loose, they will be removed after the day of observation.

REMOVAL OF DECORATIONS

Decorations which are wilted, faded, or scattered away from their containers are in violation of cemetery policies and procedures and will be removed and discarded.

Beginning the second week in January, a general removal of all seasonal decorations will be made.

Removal of Floral Frames: Floral frames when removed from an interment site, unless called for within five days by those lawfully entitled to them, may be disposed of by the Cemetery Management in any matter it sees fit. All decorations that do not conform with the rules and regulations will be removed. Under no circumstances may any decoration interfere with mowing or trimming.

Decorations such as toys, pinwheels, metal designs, sculptures, picture frames, chairs, settees, and other such items placed on or near graves, or in the mausoleum area, are prohibited and will be removed and discarded.

The gathering of cemetery flowers, either cultivated or wild, and the breaking of shrubs and trees for decoration purposes is prohibited.

Food and beverages are not allowed on the cemetery grounds without authorization.

CEMETERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following information is provided for the benefit of families who have arranged services at Lone Tree Cemetery.

The **cemetery gates** are open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week. During the Summer the closing time is 6:00 p.m.

The **office hours** are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, except holidays.

To ensure adequate time for the proper closing of the grave or crypt, **funerals should be scheduled** so the arrival at the cemetery will take place prior to 3:00 p.m. Any funeral arriving after 3:30 p.m., or on a weekend will be assessed an overtime charge.

In the **event of inclement weather**, which makes interment impossible or inadvisable, the service will be held at Pioneer Mausoleum. When possible, advance notice will be provided.

Children must be supervised by their families. Both for their safety and for the dignity of the cemetery, they should not run around the grounds, climb on monuments, or otherwise disturb the services.

Dogs must be kept on attended leash at all times.

The provision of **markers or monuments is a family responsibility**. A temporary marker will be placed on each grave for thirty days following interment. If a marker/monument has been ordered, the temporary marker will remain until the permanent one is installed. Assistance in ordering markers/monuments is available in the office.

Markers/monuments are the property of the family. The cemetery is not responsible for their care and maintenance. High monuments with statuary that is easily damaged are not advised.

The **cemetery has a detailed policy regarding decorations**, a copy may be obtained from the office. General guidelines are posted at the entrance to the cemetery.

Decorations may be removed whenever they interfere with the maintenance of the grounds or when deemed inappropriate.

Endowment care covers the planting, cutting, watering and care of lawns, trees, and shrubs; the upkeep of buildings, walls, walks and roads; and the maintenance of proper records. It does not relate to specific sites but rather to those things which benefit all site owners.

Should you have questions not answered above, please feel free to visit, or call, the office.

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