

QUESTION: Whose ashes may be placed in the Memorial Garden?

ANSWER: The earthly remains of any person who is a member of St. John's Church may be placed in a niche in the Memorial Garden, subject to the discretion of the Rector.

QUESTION: Can the ashes of persons who are not members of St. John's Church be placed in the Garden?

ANSWER: Yes, if they are members of the immediate family of someone who is a member of St. John's, or for whom specific permission has been obtained from the Rector. Further information may be secured from the Rector.

QUESTION: If places in a niche are for someone other than a member of the family, how should I make my wishes known?

ANSWER: You may make your wishes known in your Will or by letter to the church.

QUESTION: Will there be plaques or some other identification of those whose ashes have been placed in the Memorial Garden?

ANSWER: A suitable inscription may be engraved on the polished granite stone that closes the niche.

QUESTION: What inscriptions can be placed on the granite niche markers in the wall?

ANSWER: The regulations for the Memorial Garden permit the full name and years of birth and death.

QUESTION: How many names can be inscribed on each covering stone?

ANSWER: There is room on the covering stone for four names, together with the years of birth and death.

QUESTION: What holds the ashes?

ANSWER: The remains of the deceased are placed in an urn or suitable box or other container. Boxes for ashes in walnut are available from the church. Other containers may be used, subject to size limitations.

QUESTION: What are the dimensions of a niche?

ANSWER: Niches, exclusive of the covering stones, are  $13\frac{1}{4}$  x  $9\frac{1}{4}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, except for "end niches" which are one inch shorter in the longest dimension. End-of-row niches hold three standard boxes; all others hold four.

QUESTION: Can we have a "family niche" similar to the "family plot" in a cemetery?

ANSWER: Most niches can hold up to four boxes, so a "family niche" is quite possible.

QUESTION: Can the ashes of more than one person be interred in the same urn?

ANSWER: This depends upon the capacity of the urn and the amount of ashes.

However, there is not space for more than four names to be inscribed on the stone that closes the niche.

QUESTION: How do the ashes get into the wall in the Memorial Garden?

ANSWER: Following cremation of the remains, the ashes are placed in a box, urn or other suitable container. The polished granite stone that covers the niche is removed by a stone mason and the container placed within. The polished granite covering stone is then replaced.

QUESTION: What about flowers?

ANSWER: The church regards expensive floral displays inappropriate; thus, a single memorial floral arrangement may be located near the niche in which ashes are placed at the time of placement.

The Memorial Garden incorporates permanent shrubs and plantings.

QUESTION: May ashes be moved from some other columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden and placed in the Memorial Garden at St. John's Church?

ANSWER: Yes, unless the place where the ashes now are does not permit removal. Usually, there is a fee for disinterment or removal, and the standard fees will be charged at St. John's.

