

Memorial Garden Policy

Having already voted to allow human cremations to be buried on our property, The Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Universalist Church now agrees:

- The cremains of any member or friend and the partner/spouse, parent, or child (including children by marriage) of any member or friend of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation will be permitted to be buried in our memorial garden.
- Exceptions to the above rule, will come to our minister who will, depending on the situation, discuss the exception with either/or both the Committee on Ministry and/or the Caring Committee and will ask approval of the Board before any exception is made.
- The burial sites will be 2 ft. x 2 ft. and will be as deep as possible considering our memorial garden is situated on a rock bed. A fee of \$50 will be charged to the deceased family for digging the burial plot. Monies will be deposited to the First UU Memorial Garden to cover costs and continuing maintenance of the Memorial Garden.
- The Memorial Garden Planning Committee has identified the following area for burial plots: Standing in the garden, looking towards the sanctuary side of our building, the area immediately in front of the shrub border will be the identified site for burial. Burial sites will begin on the right side of the hedgerow and move adjacently to the left. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Approximately 20 burial plots can be located in this area.
- When the need arises, a second burial plot location will be selected by a committee constituted by the Board in power at that time. A second stone will be required at the same time.
- A memorial stone will be ordered from R.D. Brown Memorials, Punxsutawney, PA. The stone will be 3 ft. high and 42 inches wide. Six inches of the stone will be underground. The name “Unitarian Universalist Memorial Garden” in two lines will be carved across the top of the stone. Brown Memorials will deliver and install the stone, including digging and pouring a concrete foundation. The total cost for the stone will be \$350.
- Again, standing in the garden and facing the sanctuary side of our building, the stone will be placed to the right of the archway.
- The cost to carve a name and date of birth and date of death on the stone will be \$150 (this is the total charged by R.D. Brown Memorials). The deceased’s family would incur this cost. There is room for approximately twenty names on the stone.
- The First UU Congregation will allow a tree to be planted in memory of a deceased person whose cremains are buried on our property. Coordination with the Building & Grounds Committee regarding the type of tree and location must be completed before a tree can be planted. Cost for the tree, installation, and plaque (installed when the tree has matured enough to accommodate the plaque) will be \$250. The family of the deceased will

cover this cost. These monies will be deposited into the Memorial Garden Fund to cover costs and for maintenance of the memorial garden.

- A master plan will be maintained in the church office so that cremains can be identified in the future if necessary.
- IF the family desires, a plastic box can be purchased through John Lefdahl Funeral Home for \$15. However, ashes do not need to be in a container. No marker will be permitted at individual burial sites.

The above prices are subject to increase as necessary. The First UU Board of Trustees will revise this document as necessary. Approved September 2006.