

LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY

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Cemetery Regulations and General Information

“SALE” of plot/s and references to “Plot Owners” and “Plot Holders” convey only the right of interment and not the ownership of land. Thus, direct resale or transfer by a plot holder, without involving Cemetery management, is expressly prohibited.

No interment may be made until proof of ownership of the plot has been certified. The location of individual graves in a plot must be established in consultation with the cemetery manager before excavating begins. The Cemetery reserves the right to require prepayment for services provided to open and close graves.

Interments other than those from cremations must be made in a concrete vault or its equivalent in strength and durability. Cremated remains must be made in an urn or other appropriate container of equivalent strength and durability.

Double depth interments to accommodate two burials in the same grave space may be made provided that the first burial is made at double depth. Double depth burials can only be made in plots of two graves or larger. Double depth burials are not permitted in single grave plots.

The construction of all monuments, markers, foundations, and structures both above and below ground, must first be approved by the cemetery manager. The construction and maintenance of all monuments and foundations are to be at the plot holder's expense in accordance with cemetery regulations. Mausoleums are not permitted. Not all areas of the cemetery have the same size requirements for markers, you must check with the cemetery office to check for the requirements for the area in which your plot is located. The foundations for above ground monuments must be flush with ground level. Foundations for flush ground markers must be left below ground level so the marker sits flush with ground level. All foundations must be 24 inches in depth and match the base size of the monument or marker.

Above ground monuments in multi-grave plots are limited to one upright monument for the plot and one additional flat marker (flush with ground level) for each grave in the plot. In single-grave plots all markers must be flush with ground level. All corner markers must be flush with ground level and eight inches minimum depth.

Planting of perennials at the ends of monuments or anywhere on plots by plot holders or their families is no longer permitted. A mulched flower bed for annuals only extending no more than sixteen inches in front of the monument is permitted. Existing perennials and flowerbeds are not covered under Perpetual Care and must be maintained by the plot holder or their families to cemetery specifications. You may request a copy of all the specifications by contacting the cemetery office.

The cooperation of plot holders and their families is requested in the prompt removal of potted plants, cut flowers, and holiday decorations when they have become unsightly. The use of artificial flowers is discouraged. Cut flowers and/or otherwise temporary decorations will be removed by the maintenance crew generally after two weeks. To avoid losing wanted items, or to assure no misunderstanding of this policy, decorations should be removed by plot holders and their families within the uniform two week period.

The schedule of plot prices and burial fees rendered by the cemetery are revised from time to time. A portion of the sale price of all plots is placed in a trust, known to all from here within as Perpetual Care, for the purpose of care and upkeep of the cemetery. The care of monuments and plantings on individual plots is the responsibility of the plot holder or their families.

The general intent of these regulations is to maintain the cemetery in the best possible condition. The Cemetery, therefore, reserves the right not only to prohibit any planting or construction, but also to remove or correct any condition, which is at variance with this intent.