

Grace Gardens Graveyard Policy

- 1. Burial plots are available for church members, their spouses, and immediate family members.**
- 2. A committee of at least three (3) persons shall be appointed by the church and be vested with this authority. A trust may be set up for long-term care and maintenance of the graveyard.**
- 3. A fee of \$1,500.00 per single grave will be charged for each plot. The cost of the plot must be paid to the church at the time plot selection is made. Five hundred dollars from each purchased plot shall be used for maintenance, upkeep, and improvements to the graveyard.**
- 4. Payment for plots will only be reimbursed to the original purchaser. All plots not utilized by family members or the original purchaser will be redistributed at the sole discretion of the Grace Community Church. Ownership of plots may not be transferred.**
- 5. Grace Community Church shall be responsible for the upkeep and care of the graveyard.**
- 6. Headstones must be installed within twelve months of any burial. All CORNER MARKERS and FOOT MARKERS when used, shall be plainly marked and not exceed one inch above the established ground level. This is to protect the markers from damage by maintenance equipment. A member of the Graveyard Committee must be present when stones and/or markers arrive to ensure proper alignment and compliance with church policy.**
- 7. If a standing type marker is erected, it is required that a six-inch border or concrete be poured around the base to facilitate lawn mowing.**

8. All markers or monuments shall maintain the dignity of the graveyard and require prior approval of the Grace Community Church graveyard committee. Monuments placed in the graveyard must reflect symbolism or text consistent with orthodox Christianity.
9. With the exception of small American flags at Veterans graves, no Artificial Wreaths, Flowers, Potted Plants, Flags, Rocks and/or Bricks of any type will be allowed on ground level during the mowing season.
10. Artificial flowers may be used but will be removed if they become unsightly.
11. Planted flowers and shrubs are not permitted.
12. All flowers, vases etc. shall be removed from gravesite within one week of placement if family members want to retain the items.
13. Statues, plaques, vigil lights, glass objects, including containers, and similar types of commemorative items, are not permitted.

Burials

1. The number of vaults in a single Interment site shall be limited to one.
2. No above ground crypt or vault is allowed.
3. No grave site shall be laid out or opened without the express approval of the Grace Community Church Graveyard Committee. Opening and closing of all graves shall be done through the funeral home unless otherwise approved by the church.
4. All graveside services must be performed either by an elder of Grace Community Church or an officiator preapproved by the Graveyard Committee of Grace Community Church.