



The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery



Photo by Geno Halberg

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, we have a vision for our cemetery. We provide an environment that is inviting to the family and friends of the deceased. Our grounds are peaceful and comforting and are accessible during daylight hours.

Effective July 13, 2023

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics who belong to the parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (or their close relatives) who are entitled to Christian burial according to the Roman Catholic Church. Our Pastor or his designee shall resolve any question concerning the burial of a non-Catholic member of a lot owner's family, or of any person not entitled to a Christian burial.

- I. Burials of Catholics who are not members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish shall be at the discretion of the Pastor or his designee.
- II. Our Rules and Regulations are in this booklet and are posted at the cemetery.

We believe that by His dying on the cross, the Lord Jesus won for us not only forgiveness of sins, but also everlasting life. That life begins with us at the time of baptism. For the Christian, "life is changed, not taken away." Life, then, continues after death. It is our prayerful hope for all the dead that they rest in the peace of the Lord. Our visits to the cemetery are prompted by our love and faith. We come to remember, mourn, pray, and give thanks for the life our beloved shared with us. Our belief is further strengthened that one day we will be united with our beloved in Eternal Life.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery Committee (2000)

Grave Space Prices

PARISH MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00
NON-PARISH MEMBERS	\$ 2,000.00
ADDITIONAL RIGHT TO BURY IN SAME GRAVE	\$ 750.00

Parish Cemetery Interment Fees

CHILDREN & ADULTS - WEEKDAYS BEFORE 4:00 PM	\$ 1,200.00
INFANTS	\$ 350.00
CREMATED REMAINS	\$ 350.00
BURIAL ADMINISTRATION FEE	\$ 350.00

Additional Interment Fees

INTERMENTS AFTER 4:00 PM OR ON SATURDAYS *	\$ 250.00
ALL WINTER INTERMENTS (December 1 – March 31)	\$ 250.00

***Please Note: No interments or burials after 5:00 PM**

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

For the Mutual protection and benefit of lot owners, the following rules and regulations have been adopted determined. All lot owners and visitors within the cemetery and all lots sold are subject to these rules and regulations, and to those amendments or alterations which shall be adopted from time to time

Definitions

1. The terms **lot, plot, burial place, or grave space** shall be used interchangeably and shall apply with like effect to one, or more than one adjoining grave.
2. The term **interment** shall mean the permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by entombment or burial, while **inurnment** shall mean the disposition of cremated remains.
3. The term **memorial** shall include a monument (upright), marker (flush with ground), tombstone, tablet, headstone, footstone, private mausoleum, or tomb for family or individual use.
4. **Lot owner** refers to interment rights only – not ownership of the land.
5. The term **management** shall mean the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Administration.
6. The term **caretaker** shall mean the person or persons duly appointed to oversee the records and general maintenance of the cemeteries.
7. The term **care** shall apply only to those plots where care has been provided for in a Permanent Care or Improvement Fund or Annual Care Agreement.

Payment of Lots

1. Payment must be made in full within 30 days
2. Make check payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery
3. All Cemetery lot payments should be mailed to the caretaker as he maintains all Cemetery records:

CARETAKER

Peter Likes
3000 East 4th Street
Hastings, MN 55033

4. All cemetery lots may only be sold back to the church for 80% of the purchase price - (effective 7/1/2006).
5. County assistance policy: when a deceased person, who is eligible to be buried in SEAS Cemetery qualifies for assistance, SEAS Cemetery will accept the county assistance amount as a partial payment toward the regular cost of the grave space and interment fees. The family of the deceased is required to pay the difference between the cost of the grave space and other fees, and the amount provided by the county, (effective 9/1/2011). No Markers or Monuments are allowed on the grave space until the grave space is paid in full.

General Rules

6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery is owned and operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. It reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery and to refuse the use of any of the Cemetery's facilities at any time, to any person or persons whom Management may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.
7. The Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. Any question of the burial of a non-Catholic member of the lot owner's family, or any person not entitled to a Christian burial, shall be decided by the Pastor.
8. Religious ceremonies other than those of the Roman Catholic Church are not permitted within the Cemetery unless the consent of the Pastor has been obtained.

Lot and Lot Owners

9. No lots will be sold in common or joint ownership. **Title must stand in one name.**
10. No lot shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of the human dead.
11. The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, explosions, insurrections, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.
12. Lot owners are granted only the right of interment in their lots. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the interment of anyone who was not, at the time of death, the owner of the lot or a relative of the owner by blood or marriage.

Interments

Revised 9/28/1992

13. Interments of two (2) burials in one grave space shall be allowed provided they meet the following guidelines – as permitted by the Archdiocese.
 - A parent and a child or two infants in one casket.
 - Two (2) cremated remains allowed in one (1) grave space.
 - One (1) cremated remains and one (1) full size burial will be allowed in one (1) grave space.
 - The Cemetery will assess an additional right of burial fee when two (2) interments, as detailed above, occur or are planned.

14. The burial of cremated remains is forbidden on top of an existing grave. Cremated remains will be inurned alongside of an existing burial.
- 14a. Cremated remains must be buried in a sturdy and durable container.
15. No interment may be made unless the body is contained in a casket and concrete burial vault.
16. Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery no funeral director, nor his embalmer, assistant, employee or agent shall be permitted to open the casket or to touch the body – without the consent of the next of kin, or of the legal representative of the deceased, or an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Correction of Errors

17. The Cemetery reserves AND shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, inurnments, disinterment's or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property.
18. The Cemetery will give such care as it can, provided there are sufficient Cemetery funds for that purpose, or where care has been provided for, in a Permanent Care and Improvement Fund, or Annual Care Agreement. The care is to consist of cutting the grass and general preservation of the grounds.
19. The general care assumed by the Cemetery shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any vase, basket, bench, or memorial placed upon lots; nor the planting of flowers, watering, or sprinkling the lots.

Planting on Lots

20. Flowers, plants, and artificial floral arrangements are welcome in our cemetery. Glass containers or wires, however, are not to be used on or near the graves.
21. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all floral designs, flowers, shrubs, or trees from the Cemetery as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, or diseased.
22. The planting of trees & shrubs is not permitted except by approval of Cemetery Management, and then only by personnel authorized by Management.

Memorials & Markers

23. No memorials may be placed on any lot not fully paid for.
24. Lot owners may select proper memorial work on their respective lots to the approval of the Management. All monuments shall be set on foundations built of concrete and the size and depth prescribed and installed by Management.

25. All memorials shall be constructed of natural stone. No artificial stone, of any kind, is permitted.
26. Monuments shall be set on the space designated by Management.
27. Monuments and Markers shall not exceed 42" total height – from the ground up.
28. No memorials may be delivered or installed between November 1 and April 15 without permission from the Management.
29. All markers shall be set flush in the ground, with a cement border around them. All reset markers shall also be set flush in the ground and have a cement border around them whenever possible.
30. All markers set level with the ground must not be less than four (4) inches, nor more than six (6) inches in thickness – with a level or sawed bottom. All lettering or carving on markers must be sunk or incised. The use of raised letters in sunken panels or incised letters with a raised border will be at the lot owner's risk and Management expressly disclaims any responsibility for damage they may sustain.
31. All cement work for the markers shall be done by the Cemetery Caretaker.
32. Markers must be placed at the end of the grave farthest from the base of the monument, and all inscriptions shall read from the front of the lot.
33. Crosses or other grave markers of wood, iron, cement, or any like material are strictly prohibited, except the standard bronze insignia provided for the graves of veterans.
34. All monuments and markers will be set in line, north and south, and face east whenever possible. Monuments are on the west end of lot, and markers are on the east end of lots.
35. When any memorial or marker work has been set in place, it shall not be removed therefrom without due process of law, or written permission of the Management.
36. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot; and no walks of brick, cinders, isle, terra cotta, sand, cement, gravel, or wood shall be allowed on any lot. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove the same if so erected, planted, or placed.
37. Workmen employed in placing or erecting monuments and other structures, or bringing in materials, shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so under the permission of the Management.
38. Cemetery Management reserves the right to permit the work described in Rule 34 above, or any other work in the Cemetery.
39. The Management reserves the right to stop all work of any nature whenever proper preparations or procedures have not been made.
40. Windmills, wind vanes, wind socks, wind chimes, etc., are prohibited from being placed in the Cemetery - (effective July, 1996).
41. The use of a "Wilbertway" set up for burial vaults will be allowed at the discretion of the cemetery caretaker or his designee – (effective April, 2000).



Photo by Geno Halberg

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Office

2035 15th Street West
Hastings, MN 55033
651-437-4254
www.seasparish.org

Cemetery Caretaker & Lot Sales
Peter Likes: 651-210-9401