

Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Hostyn

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Parish Cemetery Rules and Regulations

General Information:

1. The parish office must be contacted and any work, construction, or installation on the cemetery must be approved before any work can be started. Grave spaces must be marked by cemetery personnel before work begins.
2. When a new grave space is sold a copy of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations will be included with the new deeds.
3. If grave space location is such that you have to cross other grave spaces you are required to put down plywood or similar type material strong enough to distribute the weight of the equipment so as not to damage the surrounding spaces.
4. All spaces without borders will be mowed regularly.
5. Properly interred cremains are allowed in grave spaces as long as they are placed under ground and they follow the Rules and Regulations of the cemetery.

Flowers and Growing Plants:

1. All flower memorials will be left on the grave only as long as they are attractive and while they serve their purpose. They will be subject to removal without notice when no longer presentable.
2. Flower containers should be below ground or placed in such a way that they will not blow over. No glass containers will be allowed. Growing plants (shrubs, bushes, etc.) on the graves will no longer be approved for future grave sites.
3. A limited amount of respectfully placed items such as angels and cherished memorability will be allowed within grave borders. All other items will be removed.
4. Either one perpetual light or solar light is allowed as long as it is located inside the grave space.

Memorial Monuments:

1. All memorial monuments and bases of every description will be erected on suitable foundations. Foundations will be of concrete, in area at least as large as the bottom base of the structure to be erected.
2. Material for memorial monuments will be of first grade quality, natural granite produced by reputable quarries.
3. Out of the ordinary designs and wording of the monuments must be reviewed by the parish office before they are fabricated.

Borders for Grave Spaces:

1. All borders or edging will be concrete or concrete foundation with granite border on top. Foundations will be of concrete, in area at least as large as the bottom base of the granite border to be erected.
2. All grave spaces constructed with borders will be covered with a weed resistant fabric or a thin layer of concrete and covered with rock at completion.
3. All excess construction materials (wood, rock, cement, etc.) must be removed from the grave spaces by the contractor.
4. All ruts from heavy equipment must be filled in and leveled by the contractor.

Columbarium (Cremations):

1. **Capacity:** The niche allows single or double burial. In addition, small personal mementos may be placed in the niche as long as the memento poses no health hazard and total mementos do not exceed one pound.
2. **Resale:** The niche may not be resold or transferred to any other individual or entity without prior approval of Queen of the Holy Rosary Church. The church has first option to repurchase the niche at its original cost.
3. **Interment:** A time for a funeral must be pre-arranged with the church. A member of the church staff will operate the niche.
4. **Engraving:** The church will provide engraving guidelines to ensure that all information is present and that the columbarium maintains a uniform appearance. All inscriptions on niches will be uniform and include only name, date of birth and date of death. The church will handle the engraving of the face plate upon interment. A blank face plate will be affixed to the niche until the engraving is complete.
5. **Urns:** The buyer may purchase any urn that fits correctly within the niche, if he does not prefer to use the urn that is included in the price of the niche. The niche dimensions are 10.75" (H) x 11.125" (W) x 11" (D). Removal of an interred urn with cremains will only be allowed for a permanent move to another facility and requires signature of the pastor or an authorized staff member. This contract will terminate when and if the contents are removed.
6. **Cremains:** Ashes interred in the niche can only be human.
7. **Care:** The church is responsible to maintain the columbarium in aesthetic and accessible condition and maintaining and protecting all records relating to the niche.
8. **Access:** The niche will always be accessible for visitation.
9. **Decoration:** Nothing may be affixed to the face of the columbarium, block access to the columbarium, or pose a safety hazard. No flowers or plants shall be placed at the columbarium at any time, with the exception of temporary decorations during interment. These decorations need to be removed within two days of the service. To honor the deceased, it is suggested that flowers be donated to the sanctuary or for the courtyard vases. Please check with the church office for such decorations. No objects of any kind, including but not limited to boxes, cans, shells, toys, wreaths, metal, signs, cards, furniture, vases, photographs, artificial flowers, flags, or any other such article, emblem or ornament shall be permitted at the columbarium, and if so placed, the church reserves the right to have any such articles removed and disposed of without notice.
10. **Liability:** In further consideration for the privilege of using the columbarium as set forth in these terms, the buyer for himself or herself and for his or her estate, heirs, assigns and/or personal representatives does hereby release, discharge and acquit Holy Rosary Catholic Church, its pastor, employees, and members of and from any and all claims of whatever design or character the undersigned now has or may hereafter have, as a result of the alleged negligence, breach of contract, and/or breach of any express or implied warranties by the church arising out of or related to the use or maintenance of the columbarium, including but not limited to all claims against Holy Rosary Catholic Church for damages that may arise out of physical damage to the columbarium or the the niche purchased in this agreement.