

CEMETERY: RULES & REGULATIONS

- St. Mary Cemetery ~ Gaylord, MI
- Resurrection Cemetery ~ Gaylord, MI

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SECTION I – FLOWERS, CONTAINERS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. Planting of flowers, shrubs, or trees are not allowed.
2. Real or artificial flowers in pot-holders are allowed from May 1st until Veteran's Day. Pots are to be removed for winter storage by responsible participants, or the pots will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel. Grave blankets are allowed.
3. Shepherd hooks or ring stands are not allowed.
4. Catholic statuary are limited to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus, saints and angels. For safety of personnel and visitors, glass, plastic objects, cans, Christmas trees and similar objects will not be allowed. If such items are placed on a grave, they will be removed and disposed. Memorial lights are permitted.
5. Responsibility for proper maintenance of all lawns, trees, and shrubs within the cemetery grounds will be in the realm of cemetery maintenance personnel. Discretion by maintenance personnel to remove unsightly, overgrown, or in any way causing unsafe conditions will be addressed. The cemetery personnel bears no responsibility for the maintenance of memorials, grave decorations damaged, lost or removed.
6. A flag may be placed on a Veteran's grave between Memorial Day and October 15th. After that time frame, they will be removed.
7. Rubbish and debris is to be placed in receptacles provided.
8. Except for service dogs or medically required animals, general pets are not allowed.
9. The Pastor or his designate shall review all advertising that will be placed or distributed within cemetery grounds.

SECTION II – MONUMENTS

1. The Pastor or designate are to be contacted before a monument marker is placed on a gravesite and/or on grave. Veteran Markers are to be placed at the head of the gravesite by the original head stone and level with the ground, or placed on the back of the original headstone.
2. Headstones shall be no larger that 2-3 feet wide for a single grave and 4-6 feet wide for a double grave. The height shall be no higher that 4 feet. All headstones will be placed on a foundation.
3. Foundations for 2 foot wide markers must be 12 inches larger on the right and left sides of the marker, and 6 inches larger on the front and back sides of the marker. Foundations for 3 feet wide markers must be 6 inches larger on the right and left sides of the marker, and 6 inches larger on the front and back sides of the marker. Foundations must provide space for urns and statuary. All foundations must be approved by the Pastor or his designate.
4. All markers and monuments will require prior approval of design and material. All memorials, monuments and grave markings shall be cut from quarry granite, marble, or cast from bronze. Artificial stone, native boulders, field stone or wood will not be allowed. There is a setting and maintenance fee for all markers.
5. A maximum of (1) headstone and (3) markers shall be allowed per grave site.
6. Benches are not allowed unless authorized by the Pastor or his designate.

SECTION III – NOTICE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS

1. The Pastor shall exercise his discretion with the questions of winter burials between December 1st and April 1st.
2. The Pastor and funeral director shall set the time and date for spring burials from the vault.
3. A minimum of eight (8) regular working hours (24 hours on weekends) should be given when an interment is to be made.
4. Only one adult interment per grave will be permitted, except that (1) container of cremated remains may be buried above another grave with approval of the Pastor or his designate. A maximum of (2) cremated remains may be buried in one grave site.
5. A maximum of (3) cremated remains may be buried in one grave site (head, middle, foot). Cremated remains must be in a non-deteriorating container. Cremated human remains cannot be mixed with any other substance.
6. Remains must be in a metal container to be able to locate them with a non-ferrous metal detector.
7. With approval of the Pastor or his designate, an infant may be buried above the grave of a member of the immediate family.
8. Above ground vaults are not allowed.
9. All internments must be accepted by the Pastor or his designate.

SECTION IV – CONDUCT AND COURTESIES

1. Except for maintenance personnel, all vehicles shall operate on established drives. ORV's, snowmobiles, skateboards, bicycles are not permitted on cemetery premises.
2. A 10-mile per hour maximum speed limit is permitted.
3. Firearms shall not be discharged on cemetery grounds except for authorized volleys at burial services.
4. Trespassing nor loitering shall not be permitted.
5. Possession nor consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs will be allowed.
6. The picking or destruction of flowers, wild or domestic; disturbing of any tree or shrub; or causing damage to grave sites, equipment, or buildings will be reported to law enforcement for said behaviors.
7. Questions or failure to comply with above regulations will be addressed to the Pastor for further considerations or appropriate action.