

St. Mary Cemetery Regulations 11/1/2007

New planting regulations have been adopted and will be strictly enforced. We have had to take these measures for several reasons. One reason is that removal and disposal of decorations is an ever increasing expense. Without a steady income other than lot sales, this increase of decoration disposal is too much to bear. Secondly, we have received numerous complaints regarding the cluttered appearance of the cemetery when uncontrolled planting and decorations are allowed.

Consideration has been given to both the lot owners in order to pay respect to their loved ones and to the problem of maintenance. We ask for your cooperation and understanding in our continuing efforts to retain the beauty of St. Mary's Cemetery.

- 1) No burials will be permitted unless the grave to be used is paid in full, prior to or at the time of interment. Upon payment in full, a Deed will be issued to the purchaser. The purchaser will also supply location on the lot for this burial. Cemetery or Sexton will not be held responsible for wrong location of burial if not noted.
- 2) St. Mary Church must be notified of all Monument or Flush Markers along with dimensions BEFORE they will be allowed to be set in the Cemetery. **All monuments will have a poured concrete foundation of at least the length and width of the base and 36" deep with Sexton's approval BEFORE pouring of concrete, OR stone will not be allowed to be set. All Markers will have a foundation the size of the stone and 24" deep or to the top of the vault, whichever comes first, then filled with crushed stone.** There will be an Application Fee charge of \$35.00 for all stone locations and foundations in St. Mary's Cemetery.
- 3) The Sexton may remove any shrub, Monument or decoration on any lot that may interfere with the opening of graves or the proper maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. If any expense is incurred in restoring the lot, it will be charged to the owners and/or heirs, and no additional burial will be permitted on this lot until payment has been received. Reasonable efforts will be made to protect **approved** memorials, graves, shrubs and adornment, but the cemetery disclaims responsibility for any damage, theft or injury.
- 4) In the event of frozen ground, all attempts will be made to have interment, but there may be an additional cost incurred. In the event of bad weather, the Sexton reserves the right to delay or postpone any interment.
- 5) Funeral flowers will be removed from graves when they become unsightly. Persons who desire to retain any flowers should remove them within forty-eight hours of interment. **NO artificial flowers or decorations will be allowed between April 1 and December 1.**
- 6) Decorations or shrubs that are unsightly or in our judgment in poor taste are not permitted – including, but not limited to toys, statues, balloons, stuffed animals, etc. Sexton will make final decision on what objects are permissible.

- 7) No glass of any kind is allowed. This is dangerous when the string trimmer hits it. It explodes.
- 8) No rocks PLEASE to hold down decorations. When the wind blows the decorations over, the rocks fall out and the mower runs them over and turns them into a missile. The use of stone, wood and plastic cannot be used as a border around a Monument or Foot Markers. We need to be able to mow between Monument rows without obstacles.
- 9) Flat Markers section up front is just that – for Flat Markers only. The planting of flowers, grave blankets, flags, baseball caps, etc. has to be limited. We need to be able to mow in between the Markers. All flowers are to be planted on the sides of the markers – not in front or the bottom (see diagram below for layout). All other items or plants will be immediately removed.
- 10) All dogs must be on a leash and owners are responsible for their droppings.
- 11) Please place all trash you bring in with you and old flowers or plants in trash barrels – not in the woods. Please place lid on trash cans tightly so they don't blow away.
- 12) Please return water jugs back to faucet when done.

These regulations are to help maintain a clean and safe environment for you to visit your loved ones. If you have a question on any of the regulations, feel free to ask the Sexton, or let the church know of any problems or suggestions. These regulations may be revised or discontinued without prior notice by the Cemetery Association.