

Monroe Township Cemetery Rules

As of February 11, 2003, the Monroe Township Trustees passed these rules and regulations to keep a consistent and uniform appearance in township operated cemeteries:

MONUMENTS

In Monroe Township all monuments are considered head stones, which will be placed at the head of the grave on the west end of the gravesite.

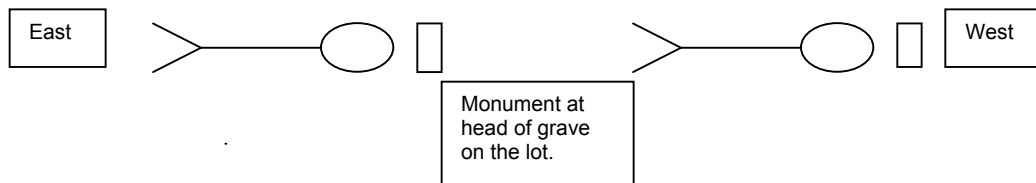
1. The full name of the deceased and any dates engraved on monuments shall face west.
2. Monument engravings: A family's last name, poems, and eulogies are acceptable on either side of the monument.
3. Monuments in the "Simmons" section must be kept at ground level.

Monument Dimensions:

- Single grave monument shall not exceed 12" W x 36" L x 36" H.
 - Double grave monument shall not exceed 12" W x 48" L x 36" H.
1. **Veteran Marker**, if used, shall be placed at the head and shall be the only headstone or marker on the grave. Bronze plaques shall be flush with the ground.
 2. **When ordering monuments** be sure to tell the monument company's representative to send a written order with dimensions to the township representative for township approval. This should be done the same day you buy/order the monument. The cost of monument footers is paid by the owner and may take up to 90 days to install. The township reserves the right to approve placement of all monument footers prior to installation.

GENERAL INTERNMENT INFORMATION

As a general design, all gravesites point to the east. Interments are placed in the open grave with feet pointing east (known as facing east).



MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. You will receive your deed in approximately four to six weeks.
2. Corner stones are ordered in large groups and may take from six months to a year before they are installed.
3. Consider opening the grave so that the deceased spouse will be interred as follows: The male spouse on the right of the female spouse when facing east.

FULL SIZE GRAVESITES AND IN-GROUND CREMATIONS

1. Full burial lots are 4' x 10' to allow (1) regular burial and (1) cremation burial; the interment of the full burial must precede the cremation burial. These lots may also be used for two cremation burials.
2. In-ground "cremation" lots are priced at \$200.00 each for a 4' x 4' lot and may be used for one cremation burial. A flush memorial (no upright memorials) is to be used to mark the grave. A concrete foundation should be set under the memorial, otherwise three inches of crushed stone is required. Ashes will be in a permanent container of granite, marble, copper, acrylic or concrete.
3. Sprinkling of ashes is not permitted.

General Rules and Policies

1. The Cemeteries are open to public from dawn to dusk everyday.
2. Agents appointed by the Board, consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, shall enforce all cemetery rules and regulations.
3. Upon demise of the recorded owner, the control of the unused or under designated grave(s) shall go to the legally designated beneficiary(s). If none is so designated the ownership shall follow the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. Children under the age of sixteen must be under adult supervision while in the Cemetery.
5. Loitering is not permitted.
6. The speed limit within the cemetery is 10 MPH.
7. Visitors shall observe good order while in the cemetery. Loud talking, loud music, excessive vehicle noise, or any other type of disruptive behavior is not permitted.

8. Vehicles must remain on paved surfaces at all times.
9. Animals and pets are not permitted in the cemetery unless used to assist the disabled.
10. Township employees or agents of the township shall perform all labor. This includes, but is not limited to placing of monuments and markers, construction of concrete foundations, excavating and backfilling graves, trimming trees and shrubs and mowing grass. Any item placed in the cemetery that is inconsistent with these rules and regulations, or that has not been approved by the Board shall be removed without notice.
11. No person shall remove any existing flowers, trees, shrubs or bushes without the permission of the Board of Trustees.
12. All grave markers shall be granite, approved marble or bronze. Any exceptions must be approved by the Board of Trustees.
13. The recorded owner(s) of the grave(s) shall be the controller in respect to the placement, care, and maintenance of flowers and/or decorations on the grave(s).
14. The recorded owner(s) of the grave(s) are permitted to place flowers or decorations, consistent with these regulations, within a two foot area immediately adjacent to the corner and in front of each headstone. Decorative wreaths are also permitted.
15. The planting of trees, bushes, shrubs and vines are not permitted; nor are glass items such as vases, jars, etc.
16. Memorial Day and special holiday decorations may remain for two weeks after the holiday. Two weeks after any holiday, cemetery personnel will discard, without notice, all remaining decorations. Decorations are permitted year round as long as they are placed directly on the headstone or affixed to the monument so as not to interfere with mowing.
17. Any flower or decoration deemed unsightly will be removed and discarded. Any object(s) that are determined by the township personnel to be obstructing the general maintenance of the cemetery shall be removed after notification (written or oral), if possible to the recorded owner(s).
18. In the event that a Monroe Township employee or agent damages a grave marker or monument, Monroe Township will repair the damage. However, Monroe Township will not be responsible for any article placed at a gravesite or within the cemetery that is not a grave marker or monument established or associated with the gravesite.

19. Monroe Township shall endeavor to keep the cemetery grounds secure to every extent practical, but the Board, any employee or any other agent of the township shall not be responsible for any items that are stolen or vandalized, other than property owned by the Township.

20. Food shall not be left on the gravesite(s).

21. Any violation of these rules and regulations are subject to a penalty consistent with the Ohio Revised Code.

ADORNMENT AND DECORATIONS SUMMARY

Seasonal arrangements and decorations are removed approximately two weeks before a holiday. All adornment and decoration removals are discretionary. Monroe Township does not permit fences, bushes, or trees placed on grave lots. Shepard hooks must be placed within 2" of the monument. The township is not responsible for items placed at the gravesite and reserves the right to remove all floral designs and plants of any kind from the cemetery when they do not enhance the cemetery.

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