

WHY A MEMORIAL GARDEN?

From earliest times, Christians have utilized their churchyards for burial. The cyclic nature of gardens from the buds of spring to full flower of summer, withering in the fall and death in winter to rebirth of buds in spring symbolize life, death and resurrection so essential to our faith. From the moment that Mary Magdalene encountered her Risen Lord in the garden, Christians have experienced God's presence in places of beauty.

Today, the concept of churchyard burial is no longer practical. Land is limited and resources are demanded for other areas of ministry. In our busy world, people may no longer remain in one community for their lifetime, so family plots may be impractical. Thus there is a spiritual and financial need for a permanent tie to a church one cares about.

The Memorial Garden is a place of beauty and tranquility for interment of cremated remains of the Christ Church family. It offers the 20th Century equivalent of Churchyard burial, serves as a means to proclaim our faith and a reasonably priced alternative to burial. Everyone may not wish to utilize the burial option, but everyone can enjoy it as a place for rest, meditation and prayer

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APPLICATION

FOR INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS IN CHRIST CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN

I hereby request interment of cremated remains of

In the Christ Church Memorial Garden and attach a remittance of \$500 or a \$100 deposit in confirmation. I have read and agree to every attached regulation regarding the Memorial Garden. I have made these regulations known to person(s) named below and they understand that my signature is binding for them.

Signed: _____
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Date: _____ Date of Birth _____

Witness _____

Name of person(s) responsible for carrying out my wishes as stated above.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street: _____

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GARDEN

1. A Memorial Garden Committee is appointed by the vestry which shall be responsible for its administration and maintenance and report to the vestry as needed.

2. Persons Eligible: Intended for use by member of Christ Church and their families. The priest may waive this requirement at their discretion.

3. Placement of ashes shall follow the plan adopted by the committee. Ashes will be buried in biodegradable containers or directly underground to become part of the soil. The container is covered by a suitable covering determine by the committee and vestry during the service until burial.

4. Markers: The name of the person buried in the garden will be inscribed on a bronze plate with the year of birth and death. The plate will be mounted to the permanent memorial plaque located at the end or the sitting wall. This name plate is the only marker used in the garden.

5. Additions, Plantings, Floral pieces: The design, plantings and arrangements are under supervision by the committee with approval by the vestry.

6. Contributions: For additions or improvements will be gratefully accepted by the committee subject to above restriction.

7. Applications: Should be submitted to the church office. The office is responsible for recording, collecting remittances, ordering and installing name plates and opening the site which is 1400 square feet for placement of ashes. In the unlikely event that all space is used, ashes will be reverently committed in previously used plots starting with the initial space used for interment.

8. The Memorial Garden is church property and is a non-commercial venture, so lots will not be sold or deeds issued. Persons wishing to have ashes interred in the garden are asked to make a \$500 commitment toward creation and maintenance of the garden. This commitment may be made with an initial deposit of \$100 with the balance paid within one year. Amounts may be amended as needed. The person deciding not to use the garden will be refunded any amount paid above \$100.

9. The vestry reserves the right to amend, modify or revoke these requirements at any time.