

ASH CAMP MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Inc

Keysville, Virginia 23947

Rules and Regulations

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FOREWORD

The cemeteries reflect the culture and sentiment of a community and are presumed to survive all other works of mortal man. Our cemeteries are decidedly the most permanent record we leave for posterity. Much that we know of ancient people is preserved for us solely in their tombs and cemeteries. Hence, in honoring our dead we leave a heritage for the ages. In beautifying these hollow acres we immortalize the sentiment and reverence of the community. And these symbols of sentiment and reverence exercise an immediate and elevating influence upon the entire community.

Therefore, with these thoughts in mind , the Rules and Regulations for Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery are herewith set forth.

The principal reason for these rules and regulations is to safeguard the interest and insure the preservation and good order and proper care of the cemetery grounds.

It is the hope of the Directors that no one will consider any of the rules unduly restraining. There has been no attempt to abridge individual liberty. On the contrary, every effort has been made to provide for the most possible freedom of individual action, and at the same time assure the proper management and development of the Cemetery.

The cooperation of the patrons of Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery is earnestly solicited by the Directors in the interest of all concerned.

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I. General Rules

Rule 1: Lots are sold for no other purpose than for the burial of human bodies.

Rule 2: All lots and spaces are sold for cash. Payment to be made within 60 days.

Rule 2A: When a certificate is issued for a lot by the cemetery Directors to two or more persons, they can take title as tenants in common. In such case, upon the death of one, his interest goes to his heirs.

Rule 3: As a certificate to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein, the cemetery Directors retain control and supervision of all lots which have been sold; and it shall be the duty of the Directors to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify, or remove any structure, object, improvement, or adornment on such lot which may be placed thereon in violation of the rules, or which may be considered unsightly, objectionable, or injurious to the lot or adjoining lots, or to the general appearance of the cemetery.

Rule 4: The owner of a lot should, during his or her lifetime, designate in writing to the cemetery Directors the names of those members of his or her family, near relatives, or others, whom he or she wishes to have interred in the lot. Such writings will then be filed with the office records and the Directors will see that none but those so designated are interred upon.

Rule 5: Upon the death or judicially declared incompetency of a lot owner it is the duty of the heirs, devisees, or guardian to file with the cemetery Directors competent proof of their right to the use of the lot. Further burials upon the lot may not be permitted until such proof is presented.

Rule 6: All lot corners are plainly marked by the cemetery Directors and any changes to be approved by the Directors.

Rule 7: No lots or graves shall be filled above the established grade of the cemetery ground.

Rule 8: The ownership of a certificate to a lot does not confer the right to do planting nor to erect any coping or enclosures of any kind around the lot or the grave.

Rule 9: Unless permitted by the cemetery Directors in writing, no plantings of any kind are to be allowed in the cemetery.

Rule 10: When permission for planting has been obtained from the Directors, the shrubs planted become the property of the cemetery. If any shrubs situated on any lot shall, in the opinion of the Directors, become detrimental to any adjacent lot, or lots or interfere with the plan of development the Directors shall have the right to remove same without notice to the lot owner.

Rule 11: No artificial wreath will be allowed on the lot or grave during the mowing season, except on Memorial Day, and then not before May 25th and removed by June 5th.

Rule 11A: The planting of flowers or bulbs on a lot or grave is not permitted.

Rule 12: Receptacles for cut flowers, when sunk below the surface of the lawn and which do not obstruct the lawn mower nor at short distance appear unsightly when not filled with flowers, will be permitted.

Rule 13: Basket, glass, crockery, wire, metal, or any kind of receptacles for flowers, except the ones referred to above, will not be permitted as they obstruct the work of the caretaker and are injurious to the grass.

Rule 14: No iron, plastic, vinyl, glass, concrete, or wire work will be allowed on the lots and no seats will be permitted.

Rule 15: No sign indicating that a lot, "For Sale" will be permitted on the grounds.

Rule 16: Glass cases for covering graves and glass boxes containing artificial wreaths, etc., will not be permitted.

Rule 17: All markers, flags, etc., are prohibited upon lots or graves except Memorial Day. They may be placed by authorized representatives of lodges, posts, camps, etc., before May 25th and be removed by June 5th.

Rule 18: Potted plants will be permitted upon lots and graves at Easter and Memorial Day, there to remain until the blossoms are dead. If plants remain after 14 days, plant and container will be disposed of. Upon application, potted plants may be allowed upon a lot or grave at an anniversary or other special date for a period of seven days. At all times potted plants will be removed from the lot at the time of mowing or trimming.

Rule 19: All persons are forbidden under penalty of the law to kill, wound, or trap any bird or animal within the limits of the cemetery, or to remove the young of any animal or the eggs of any bird.

Rule 20: Dogs are not allowed in the cemetery.

Rule 21: Children must be accompanied by an adult, and must not be permitted to play or climb upon headstones, or monuments.

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II. Governing Sale and Use of Lots

Rule 1. No lots as such shall be sold, but rather persons seeking burial privileges in Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery, Inc. shall receive a certificate confirming a privilege of burial subject to the rules and regulations in effect at the time of the sale of such privilege. The fee simple title to the cemetery and all lots therein shall remain in Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery, Inc.

Rule 2. All certificates shall describe, by lot number or section number, the area in which the certificate holder shall be entitled to burial privileges.

Rule 3. Such certificates shall be sold in accordance with schedule of fees attached adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors. No certificate shall be delivered to the certificate holder thereof, until he or she has made payment in full.

Rule 4. Prior to such time as the certificate holder shall have exercised a right of burial, the certificate shall be subject to cancellation, and in such event the Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery, Inc. shall return to the certificate holder the price paid by him or her for the lot. No certificates shall be cancelled for the purpose of requiring the lot holder to repurchase under a new schedule of fees. Cancellation shall be only after affirmative vote by the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Rule 5. The certificate issued hereunder shall not be subject to transfer or assignment without the consent of the corporation, nor shall the corporation be obligated to honor any devise or bequeath of such privilege to any person who is not the spouse of the certificate holder or related to the certificate holder.

Rule 6. The cemetery may from time to time adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing size or location of monuments, hours during which the cemetery may be visited, and placing and removal of flowers or like remembrances on graves, and the certificate holder hereby agrees to abide by such rules. And if, after notice the certificate holder shall fail to comply with such rules and regulations, all rights remaining under his or her certificate may be cancelled without compensation by action of the Board of Directors.

Rule 7. All certificates shall be signed by three parties, to-wit: The President or Vice President, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer.

Rule 8. The cemetery corporation may adopt a plan of layout showing the position of future graves and limiting the number of graves in a particular section or area. The certificate holder by acceptance of the certificate agrees that he or she will comply with any such plan.

Rule 9. The proceeds from sale of burial rights shall be held by the corporation and invested with the proceeds therefrom to be used to pay the operating expenses of the corporation, keep and maintain perpetually the sections or lots covered by such certificates as well as any other cemetery grounds under the care of the corporation. The corporation may from time to time use

such funds to acquired additional real estate for cemetery purposes, and in such case the proceeds from such rights sold in the acquire real estate, shall be used for like purposes hereunder. The Board of Directors may also from time to time expend from such proceeds such amounts as they deem prudent for capital expenditures or otherwise in the furtherance of the corporate purposes as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation by By-Laws.

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III. Interments

Rule 1: No interments shall be made without permission of the Director.

Rule 2: All interments shall be made by licensed funeral Directors only.

Rule 3: All tent stakes or other funeral apparatus shall be safely installed.

Rule 4: No change of location after interment will be made except at the expense of the lot owner, because the cemetery Directors will not be responsible for any mistakes occurring from the want of precise and proper instructions as the location of the grave or lot.

Rule 5: While a funeral or interment is being conducted nearby all work of any description shall cease; and all employees of the cemetery or the funeral director, vault dealer, etc., not properly dressed for a funeral shall remain some distance away or out of sight during the funeral service.

Rule 6: Casual visitors to the cemetery who are not members of a funeral procession or party are forbidden to intrude upon the funeral party or to loiter about an open grave.

Rule 7: Flower baskets and floral designs will be removed from a new grave at the discretion of the Directors. Upon request any particular basket or design may be stored at the storage house for a period not to exceed one week. If not called for they will be disposed of at the discretion of the Directors.

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IV. Disinterments

Rule 1: Persons desiring to arrange for removals must make such arrangements with the Directors. Authority to make the removal must be signed by the owner of the plot from which the removal is to be made, and by the next of kin of the decedent. When such authority is filed with the cemetery office, and the cost of removal is paid, a permit for the removal will be issued by the Directors.

Rule 2: When a body is to be removed from any cemetery it will be necessary to make such removal in accordance with all local and state health laws.

Rule 3: Unless authority in writing is filed with the Directors, as above provided, no disinterment will be made, for autopsy or any other purpose, unless the cemetery is directed to make such a disinterment by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Rule 4: The cemetery Directors will exercise the utmost care in making a removal, but will not assume any liability for any damage to any casket or burial case in making the removal.

Rule 5: The actual cost of disinterment will be charged to the lot owner or duly authorized representative.

Rule 6: All disinterments must be made by a licensed funeral Director only.

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V. Traffic Regulations

Rule 1: Admission of vehicles upon the roads of the cemetery will be permitted as a privilege and not as a right inherent to the ownership of a lot, or otherwise. As a privilege it is restricted to those who observe the traffic rules adopted by the officials of the cemetery.

Rule 2: The speed for automobiles is limited to 10 miles per hour.

Rule 3: Visitors upon foot have the primary right to use the roads, and all vehicle drivers are required to observe their right by careful driving and strict adherence to the rules.

Rule 4: Vehicles are not permitted to turn upon the cemetery, but must go around the road, and are not permitted to pass upon driveways, vehicles going in the same direction when both vehicles are moving.

Rule 5: The sound of horns, sirens, or other automobile signals within the cemetery are prohibited.

Rule 6: Any operator who runs any vehicle upon the lawn, across gutters, or anywhere else where damage results therefrom shall be required to pay for such damages.

Rule 7: Motorcycles or bicycles will not be permitted to enter the grounds, except as may be in attendance at funerals or on business.

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VI. Monumental Work

Rule 1: No monumental work shall be allowed without the approval of the Directors.

Rule 2: Designs, plans and specifications of all monuments must be admitted to the cemetery Directors to be examined and passed upon by them before such work shall be allowed to be erected.

Rule 3: The cemetery Directors shall have authority to reject any plan or design for any kind of monumental work which on account of size, design, inscription, kind or quality of stone is unsuited to the lot on which it will be placed.

Rule 4: For this reason lot owners are strongly urged to consult with the Directors before selecting a monument. Advice will be given to prevent any serious mistakes or disappointments or overcharge.

Rule 5: The income from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, drives, enclosures and buildings.

Rule 6: A monument shall be defined as any memorial structure, other than a marker, erected upon a lot. Only one monument, which must be of proper design, material and workmanship, shall be erected upon a lot. No monument will be allowed for a single grave or on a lot with areas of less than 160 square feet, 4 graves. On small lots, one piece memorial is recommended.

Rule 7: No monument will be allowed on any lot where the base of the stone exceeds 60 percent of the width of the lot.

Rule 8: All information in regard to grade and dimensions of a lot will be gladly furnished by the Directors.

Rule 9: No material except first grade granite, marble or bronze shall be used for any marker, or monument.

Rule 10: No portions of vault shall be above ground.

Rule 11: The base and die of all monuments must be of the same material. The base must be of sufficient depth to fit the established grade.

Rule 12: All joints to monumental work must be Set-rite on granite and white cement on white marble and other preparations not allowed.

Rule 13: Foundations for all monuments, markers, etc., shall be installed by the monument dealer, per specifications of Directors.

Rule 14: Foundations must be at least 6" wider and 6" longer than the base.

Rule 15: Foundations will be finished true and level, and two inches below the surface of the ground where lowest. All stone work shall have the surface next to the foundation cut sufficiently true and level to allow every part to be in contact with the foundation. The use of sprawls, chips, or underpinning between the stone and the foundation, or the removal of any part of the foundation to accommodate irregularities or other defective workmanship in the base stone

will not be allowed.

Rule 16: All monuments shall be located in lots by the Directors and set so that the main inscription will face to the east.

Rule 17: Monuments or markers with porcelain or other photographs are not permitted, nor is any form of ornamentation allowed which is, in the opinion of the Directors, grotesque, freakish, or unusual in size.

Rule 18: All graves must be marked.

Rule 19: No advertisement in any form will be allowed upon the monumental work.

Rule 20: In order to protect the lawns from injury, planks must be laid when heavy materials is to be moved over them.

Rule 21: No monuments will be allowed to be erected in the Ash Camp Memorial Cemetery during the wet or rainy season of the year except by special permission of the Directors.

Rule 22: A lot must be paid for in full before a monument may be erected thereon.

Rule 23: The term "marker" shall mean a stone intended to indicate the location of a particular grave, sometimes called foot-stones.

Rule 24: Structures known as "head-boards" and "foot-boards" are prohibited.

Rule 25: The use of ledgers, commonly known as "slabs" will be permitted after approval by Directors.

Rule 26: All markers must be of regulation size, i.e., 10 inches by 18 inches, 10 inches by 20 inches, 10 inches by 22 inches, or 12 inches by 24 inches, and must not exceed the thickness greater than 6 inches, the top to set level with the sod, and placed at the end of the grave farthest from the base of the monument with the gutter edge of marker parallel with and coinciding with the other monuments or markers.

Rule 27: The monument dealer will set all stones under the supervision of the Director.

Rule 28: Persons engaged in erecting monuments or other structures, are prohibited from attaching ropes, chains, or cables to trees, shrubs, or other objects without permission from the Directors.

Rule 29: Within the confines of the cemetery, all stone setters, helpers, etc., are subject to the direction and control of the Directors. Workmen who do not regard the regulations and proprieties of the place cannot in the future be admitted to do work in the cemetery.

Rule 30: The cemetery Directors will not assume any responsibility or liability for accident or damage to monuments resulting from ordinary hazards of cemetery work. However, the Directors will use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced workmen and in seeing that they do their work with customary carefulness.

Rule 32: Vaults required for all interments.

Conclusion

The Directors will take all reasonable precautions to protect lot owners, and the property rights of lot owners, within the cemetery, from loss or damage; but the cemetery Directors distinctly disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

The Rules and Regulations contained in this booklet are subject to change without notice from time to time as deemed advisable or necessary.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The cemetery Directors, therefore, reserve the right to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications of any of these Rules and Regulations, without notice, when in the judgement of the Directors, such action appears necessary; and such temporary exceptions, suspension or modification shall in no way be constructed as affecting the general application of such Rules and Regulations.

The employees of the cemetery are required to be civil and courteous to all visitors. The Directors will appreciate receiving a prompt report of any incivility on the part of any employee.