

Southport Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden Regulations

Purpose

The purpose of the Southport Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden is to provide an appropriate, consecrated, and perpetually-maintained place for the interment of ash remains of Southport Presbyterian members and their families. The Memorial Garden is located along the northwest side of the church Narthex.

Administration

The Memorial Garden shall be administered by a committee comprised of the Pastor and a minimum of three lay members of the congregation (one of whom is a member of the Session). The design, planning, and maintenance of the Memorial Garden shall be under the supervision of this committee, subject to final approval of the Session.

Interment Policy

1. The ash remains shall be those of a member of Southport Presbyterian Church, a former member, a member of his or her family, or other persons approved by the Session of Southport Presbyterian Church.

2. The ashes shall be buried in biodegradable containers, no larger than 9"x15".

3. Plots shall be assigned by the Memorial Garden Committee, and the location of occupied or reserved plots shall be shown on a plan kept on permanent file in the church office. Plots shall be assigned in numerical sequence. However, to the extent practical, the committee shall try to accommodate persons wishing to inter the remains of family members in contiguous plots.

4. It is anticipated that the Memorial Garden will be available for interment of the remains of qualified individuals in perpetuity. Should the need arise for burial of remains beyond the initial planned capacity, the Memorial Garden Committee and Session will consider the construction of a Columbarium.

5. The name of each person whose ashes are interred, and their dates of birth and death, shall be displayed on a bronze plaque and the memorial stone. This plaque, with the name plates in order of interment, as well as the memorial stone, shall be the only markers or memorial within the Memorial Garden. There will be no floral arrangements or other decorations permitted. Floral

arrangements, if used, shall be removed shortly after completion of a memorial service.

6. The fee for interment of the ash remains shall be \$500.00 per person, payable at the time of application. In the event of a change of mind, one-half of the fee is refundable.

7. Receipts from burial fees, in excess of costs directly involved with the interment or memorial gifts, shall be kept in a separate church fund designated the Memorial Garden Fund. This fund shall be administered by the Memorial Garden Committee for the express purpose of capital improvements, and perpetual maintenance and care of the garden.

8. The family may designate the church and/or its building fund & memorial garden for memorial gifts in honor of the deceased. Donations to the memorial garden will be applied to the landscape plan and perpetual maintenance and care of the garden.

9. The Session of Southport Presbyterian Church reserves the right to modify, amend, or revoke these regulations.

How to Apply

1. Arrangements for the interment of ash remains, either your own or those of a family member, may be made by completing an Application available in the church office. A check for 500.00 payable to the Southport Presbyterian Memorial Garden should accompany each Application.
2. The Memorial Garden Committee will issue an Acceptance after approving the Application. The Application and Acceptance, together with the Regulations of the Memorial Garden, shall constitute a contract between the applicant and Southport Presbyterian Church.
3. The original contract will be kept in a permanent file in the office of the church.
A copy of the contract will be given to the applicant.

For further information,
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