

**Holy Cross Episcopal Church  
Warner Memorial Garden  
Guidelines for Interment of Ashes**

The primary purpose of the Warner Memorial Garden is to provide a place of rest, meditation and prayer.

It may also be used, subject to the following guidelines, by members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, for the interment of ash remains.

1. The Warner Memorial Garden Committee consists of Holy Cross members that have expressed interest on the annual Time & Talent sheet to participate in the on-going development, management and maintenance of the garden. The Vestry of Holy Cross will appoint a chairperson from the members that desire to be on the Warner Memorial Garden Committee, and appoint a vestry liaison.
2. The Warner Memorial Garden is church property and is a non-commercial venture. It is not a cemetery, lots will not be sold nor deeds issued.
3. The garden shall be operated out of funds given for that purpose and shall not draw on funds from the operating budget.
4. Interment of ashes will be limited to members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church and their family members to include: spouses, children or step-children, brothers and sisters, parents or step-parents, grandparents, grand children, or any permanent resident of the family; current or past members of the Episcopal Clergy and their spouse.
5. Non Members will be any person or persons that are not members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church and their family members as listed above. When application is made for interment in Warner Memorial Garden, the applicant must submit their plans for their funeral and interment service.
6. The Warner Memorial Garden Committee may amend these guidelines & fees and may establish additional rules in the future, subject to review and approval of the Vestry. See Fee Schedule for all current fees. These fees do not cover the cost of cremation or the cost of the funeral service.
7. For interment of cremated ashes, they shall be buried within the confines of the Memorial Garden without a container or in a rapidly biodegradable container approved by the Rector or the Senior Warden.
8. The location of interment in the garden shall follow the plan adopted by the Memorial Garden Committee. No particular location in the garden may be chosen or designated by an applicant.

9. A one-time application and interment fee is required for each individual to be interred in the Memorial Garden. The Interment Fee is:
  - A. The name of the individual whose ashes are interred and each individual's date of birth and date of death shall be inscribed on a plaque in the order of interment. No record will be kept of the location of the interment. No markers, flowers, flags or other other decorations are permitted, except as specifically provided for in these guidelines.
  - B. For perpetual upkeep.
10. The family of the deceased may use any state-approved crematory of their choice. The ash remains will be placed in a container of the crematory's choice and sealed with deceased identification attached. Before the interment service, the ash remains and cremations certification will be delivered to Holy Cross. The family will forward a certified copy of the death certificate to Holy Cross.
11. The Memorial Garden will be for the interment of human ashes only.
12. The spouse or legal representative of each individual whose ashes are to be interred shall be required to pay the appropriate fee(s) and to complete and sign an *"Application For The Interment Of Ash Remains"* prior to interment, if a prearrangement application has not been submitted.
13. If an applicant desires not to be interred in the Memorial Garden, they will receive a refund of total fees paid minus the paid application fee.
14. It is the intention of Holy Cross Episcopal Church that the Memorial Garden will not be relocated to any other site and no structure will be built on or over the Memorial Garden. If the church is forced to leave its current location, the ashes will remain in the Memorial Garden. In such a case, the Memorial Plaque will be removed and placed in an appropriate location. The interment records will go with the church or to the diocesan office.

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