



General Information

Cemetery grounds are open for visitation at any time. The Cemetery Sexton is Ted McDermott, he can be contacted at 608-482-1241. The Parish Office should be contacted for all cemetery related matters at 608-776-4059.

Care of Gravesites

All new burials are sodded in the spring and in the fall. Occasionally, in the summer, both heat and dry conditions prevent effective sodding. Burials made then are simply top-dressed with black dirt and sodded in the fall. Families are asked not to use lawn fertilizer or other chemicals on the gravesites.

During the winter months when the ground is frozen, it is not possible to sod effectively. These graves are left top-dressed and sodded in the spring.

Sometimes new sod will turn brown. This may be temporary due to current weather conditions and not an indication that new sod is needed. Our grounds staff makes regular inspections of new graves and will take the necessary measures to assure that graves are maintained in good condition.

All new graves will settle because the ground has been disturbed. Although graves are tamped, some additional settlement is almost inevitable. For graves that are not immediately sodded, this settlement is normally corrected when the sod is placed.

Monuments/Foundation

Upright Section: Monuments may be ordered from any local monument company and must contain one of the Catholic symbols from the approved list that has been provided to each local monument company. Note: The minimum foundation depth must be 4".

Flat Section: Memorials or personal items of any kind are not permitted, for the ease of maintenance.

Decorating Gravesites

In order to maintain the beauty of our cemeteries and allow for efficient maintenance, visitors must cooperate regarding flower placement. Please refer to and follow these regulations:

Fresh Cut Flowers for decorating gravesites are encouraged anytime during the year. Flowers must be placed in an approved container such as a bronze vase. Vases should be turned down during the winter months. Flowers will be removed when they wilt and become unsightly. Funeral decorations will be left on the grave until they deteriorate.

Artificial flowers are permitted. Artificial flowers must be placed in an approved container such as a bronze vase. All decorations should be in good taste and of a construction that will not deteriorate in the elements. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any decorations when they become unsightly, weathered, or the construction deteriorates. Care must be taken by the visitor who places the artificial flowers that the arrangement is securely anchored in a vase. Vigil lights are allowed only in an approved container.

We Ask Your Cooperation

Items are only allowed on the foundation or head stone. Nothing should be placed on the gravesite that would interfere with mowing and trimming.

If any items are found on the gravesites, they will be removed and discarded without notice. The cemetery is not responsible for these items, nor is it responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on the gravesite.

Fall cleanup is usually the first two weekends in October. Lot owners are asked to remove all decorations by September 30. Winter decorations may be placed on graves after October 31. Spring cleanup is usually the last two weekends of April. Lot owners are asked to remove all winter decorations by April 1. Spring decorations may be placed on graves after May 1.

Please do not dispose of yard waste in the cemetery dumpster.

Pets

The cemetery requests that pet owners follow the leash laws (which include cleanup) in force for the City of Darlington.