

ST. PETER'S PARISH, MUENSTER, SK

CEMETERY POLICY

April 1, 2016

PURPOSE OF THE CEMETERY

1. Final Christian burial place for the members of St. Peter's Parish, Muenster, SK.
2. Final Christian burial place for any former members of the parish or relatives wishing to use this burial place.

PARISHIONER

1. Anyone who lives in the community of Muenster and is a member of St. Peter's Parish, Muenster, SK.
2. Anyone who has moved away from the community to live with a relative or in an elder care facility because they are no longer able to care for themselves.
3. Anyone who works away from the community but still has a domicile in the parish.

NON-PARISHIONER

1. Anyone who has never lived in the parish.
2. Anyone who has moved away from the parish to live or work in another community.

RESERVATION OF SITES

1. A site may be purchased for a surviving husband/wife beside the burial site of a husband/wife who has died.
2. Parish Council must be consulted if more than one site is requested for purchase.

CHARGE FOR BURIAL SITE FOR REGULAR BURIAL OR CREMAINS IN THE CEMETERY

1. Parishioner plot - \$300, non-parishioner plot - \$500
2. There will be a cost to prepare the burial site
3. Cremaings on top of an existing grave site - \$100 (No more than two cremaings are allowed on top of an existing grave site)

HEADSTONES

1. The parish has approved only headstones in the cemetery. No grave covers are permitted.
2. The parish has approved only one size of headstone: 15"x12"x4.5"
3. Inscription on the headstone is at the discretion of the purchaser and may include writing on the back of the headstone. The minimum requirement is name, year of birth and year of death.
4. War Veterans, RCMP and other Canadian Service Personnel will be allowed headstones according to the approved size.
5. Cost of the headstone is the responsibility of the family of the deceased or of the estate.
6. Headstones can be purchased through the Parish. Prices will vary dependent upon inscription. Headstones must be purchased within 6 months. In cases of financial hardship, contact the Parish Council.

HEADSTONES FOR CREMAINS

1. An approved headstone must be purchased for a plot and can be purchased through the Parish.
2. Cremains added to an existing grave require a marker that can be purchased through the Parish.
3. Cremation markers added to an existing grave must be flush with the ground so that grass cutting can take place without damaging the markers.
4. There may be only two markers for cremains on an existing grave.

UPKEEP OF THE CEMETERY

1. This is the responsibility of the parish.
2. Flowers, solar lights, flower boxes or decorative objects must be permanently attached to the headstone so as not to hinder the upkeep of the cemetery.
3. Different types of attachments to permanently affix flowers, solar lights, or other decorative objects to the headstone can be added directly to the headstone at the time of purchase, purchased through florist shops or even handmade.
4. To maintain the aesthetics and integrity of the cemetery, the Parish reserves the right to remove any damaged or broken objects or those which impede the cutting of grass or care of the cemetery.
5. Parish Council has the authority to review any case not mentioned above.