

SVPC Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church is a proclamation of our faith in the resurrection of the dead, our belief that God's love and power are greater than the power of death, that though we die and cease to exist, we are given new life, an existence in God's eternity.

Purpose

1. Provide a place of beauty and a haven of serenity and holiness. An area that proclaims the glories of God's creation on our church grounds.
2. Provide a secure and peaceful place for both the interment and scattering of cremated remains.
3. Provide a place to memorialize the family of church members interred elsewhere or whose location is unknown.

The practice of cremation is completely consistent with the theology of the Presbyterian Church and the central Christian affirmation of the resurrection of the body.

Eligibility

Plots within the Memorial Garden are available for the interment or scattering of cremated remains. These are available to persons who are members or former members of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, their spouses, children, grandchildren and parents. Ministers who have served the Church, and any family member of those ministers shall also be eligible; others by Committee approval.

Interment of Remains

A burial place shall consist of an area 10 X 14 inches. The ashes of only one person may be interred in a single plot. The interred ashes shall be placed in a biodegradable urn. Each plot shall be marked with an engraved granite marker. The engraving shall consist of the name and date of birth and death of the deceased. Burial spaces are allocated sequentially as interment/scattering takes place within the Memorial Garden. Exception to this plan is that a space may be reserved by a surviving spouse for his or her future use immediately adjacent to the space of the first deceased spouse.

Scattering of Remains

Scattering of ashes shall be permitted in area(s) so designated within the memorial Garden. The name of the person whose ashes have been scattered along with date of birth and death shall be engraved on a granite marker as above. (See interment of remains)

Memorials

A designated wall area shall be available for memorializing of family members whose remains are interred elsewhere or the location unknown. The memorial shall consist of a bronze plaque bearing the name and date of birth and death of the deceased family member.

A Memorial Book shall be maintained by the Church with an information page about each person whose cremated remains are placed in the Garden.

Costs

It is the intent that this Memorial Garden be self-sustaining. Monies shall be maintained in the Memorial Garden Fund for the creation, maintenance and perpetuation of the Garden.

A list of all items proposed for use in the Memorial Garden shall be available for those who desire an opportunity to make a special contribution to the Memorial Garden's completion.

Memorials	\$250.00 plus cost of marker
Interment	\$700.00 plus cost of marker, engraving and urn
Scattering	\$700.00 plus cost of marker and engraving

Those who purchased a plot on or before November 1, 1996 were The Founding Members. These names are on the Founder Bronze Plaque.

Garden Management

The Memorial Garden Committee is responsible for the creation, maintenance and upkeep of the Garden. The by-laws are available to

anyone who desires them. Spring Valley Presbyterian Church is committed to provide for the continued maintenance of the Garden. To that end, all donation of money to the Memorial Garden Fund, as well as all payments for Memorials, interment and scattering are to be used exclusively for the creation, maintenance and further development of the Garden. The management of the Memorial Garden shall be under the direction of the Session of the Church through the Memorial Garden Committee.