

First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden Memorial Garden

Winter Garden's First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden is a quiet refuge for meditation and prayer. The Garden provides for members and their families who choose cremation a final earthly resting place where they have worshipped and served their God.

Application:

All members and their families who are interested in reserving a niche may fill out a form which can be obtained at the Church Office or picked up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Upon receipt of the form and the appropriate financial consideration for each person to be inurned, the Church will issue a receipt and contract as Certification of Reservation. This Reservation may not be transferred to another person by will, intestate, succession, or otherwise (legalities will be covered in the contract)

The Memorial Garden and niches remain the property of the First United Methodist Church. If your plans change, upon approval of the Memorial Garden Committee, a niche may be sold back to FUMC for the original purchase price (less the cost of any engraving if applicable)

Cost:

A niche in the Memorial Garden is \$1,800 plus engraving. The cost to include a second urn in the same niche will be only an additional engraving charge. The Memorial Garden is designed to be a peaceful place for family and friends to gather in love and remembrance and a place for meditation and prayer at any time.

Memorial Garden Donors:

A section of wall in the Garden will hold beautiful memorial plaques available for honorary or memorial donations of \$500 or more. The permanent plaque for each donor may include the donor's choice of tasteful wording that will fit within the designated plaque text space. There are also several projects/physical items needed to complete the garden that can be purchased as memorials. Please contact a member of the Memorial Garden Committee if you are interested in donating a memorial.

Inurnment in the columbarium wall is open to any member or former member of this Church, their parents, spouses, children or step-children, and current or former ministers of the Church with their spouses and children. (*Upon request, special circumstances may be considered by the Memorial Garden Committee.)

Each Columbarium niche will have an engraved cover fronting the walled niche with dimensions of slightly under 11.5" tall by 11.5" wide and 16" deep. The niche may contain either one OR two non-degradable urns (the only additional cost for placement of the urn is the granite engraving charge). Maximum dimension of each urn is 10.5" high x 10.5" wide x 7.5" deep. Columbarium niches may be reserved on a pre-need basis by an individual or family, or purchased upon death, providing spaces are available. Engraving will be in a uniform font and include only the name of the deceased, with dates of birth and death. The cost of engraving and opening and closing of the niche is included in the contract for purchase of inurnment rights.

To ensure the dignity of a Christian burial, only the ordained minister serving our Church or an ordained minister requested by the family and approved by our pastor will be authorized to officiate in memorial inurnment services. The Memorial Garden Columbarium is available for human cremains only.

The Memorial Garden helps us to remember the dead and gives comfort to the bereaved. Inurnment on the Church grounds makes a statement about the people inurned there. . . Those who choose to do so identify themselves as believers and recognize their membership in the Community of saints, living and dead.

For questions about the Memorial Garden, inurnment or memorial donations, please contact:

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