

CALVARY CEMETERY

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Do you have to be a practicing Catholic to be buried in Calvary Cemetery?

No. People of all faiths are welcome.

What distinguishes a Catholic cemetery from other cemeteries?

Catholic cemeteries are consecrated and blessed by the bishop, which makes the grounds sacred. Individual graves are also blessed at the time of burial in accord with the Rite of Funerals. Catholic cemeteries are an extension of the parish church, where those who have worshipped and prayed together in life now await the resurrection of the body in death. Whether an individual is active in their parish life or not, by choosing a Catholic cemetery one selects a final resting place that reflects the beliefs and values from their own life's personal journey. The Catholic cemetery provides a resting place that is sacred and shared with all fellow pilgrims awaiting resurrection of the dead and the promise of life everlasting.

Does the Catholic Church allow cremation?

Yes. The Catholic Church allows cremation, as outlined in Canon 1176 of the Code of Canon Law.

Can urns be buried or interred at Calvary Cemetery?

Yes. Calvary Cemetery allows cremated remains (cremains) to be interred in an urn site in the ground or in a niche within a columbarium (wall). In addition, a single urn can be added to an existing grave or crypt with the purchase of a second burial rite.

Will my gravesite be resold after a specified number of years of inactivity?

No. The purchaser has an exclusive and permanent right of use through an easement conveyed by the cemetery.

What kind of monument may I purchase?

Monuments must conform to the regulations that govern the different parts of the cemetery. The Director of Operations is happy to discuss the options with you.

Do I have to pay a monthly maintenance fee?

No. A one-time Endowment Care Fee is charged at the time you purchase a grave, crypt, or niche. The money is placed in a perpetual care fund. The proceeds of this fund are used to cover future maintenance costs throughout the cemetery.

How do I pay for burial arrangements?

Calvary Cemetery accepts cash, check, or credit card payments, which can be made over the phone.

Does the cemetery have copies of the death certificate?

No. Death certificates are issued by the Health Department Registrar.

How do I locate a loved one's gravesite at Calvary Cemetery?

Burial information is available via search by name on our homepage.

Have More Questions?

Our staff is happy to help. **Call our office at (615) 256-4590** or contact us online — we can also arrange a convenient time for you to meet with a Pre-Planning counselor.