

MMC CEMETERY POLICY and GUIDELINES
Guidelines of the Martins Mennonite Cemetery Association
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For the purpose of clarification, the term "church member" as used in these guidelines refers to those who are members of Martins Mennonite Church or Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church.

PURCHASE OF LOTS

The purchase of lots shall be made through the Sexton who shall show the lots that are available.
Current prices of lots are as follows (as of March 1, 2003)

	Member	Non-member
Single	\$40.00	\$400.00
Double	\$75.00	\$775.00

Lots for interment of cremains are available at one-third the size of a single lot. The price shall be one half the price of a single lot.

Lot prices are subject to revision at the discretion of the Association Trustees.

All lots purchased or reserved are due for payment at the time of purchase. Upon receipt of payment, a certificate of ownership will be issued indicating the location and number of the lot or lots purchased.

RESALE OF LOTS

No transfer of ownership shall be made without the consent of or the approval of the Cemetery Association Trustees. A transfer fee of \$10.00 per lot shall be incurred. Repurchasing lots by the Association shall be done at one-half the sale price of lots at the time of the transaction.

INTERMENT

No interment shall be made on any lot until the purchase price has been paid or satisfactory arrangements with the Trustees or the Sexton have been made.

If at all possible, forty-eight hours notice of interment shall be given.

Regular employees appointed or approved by the Trustees shall do all the interment work.

INTERMENT FEES (as of March 1, 2003)

Members	\$150.00
Nonmembers	\$200.00
Cremains	\$ 25.00

Fees for disinterment are three times the established rate for interment

MARKERS and MONUMENTS

To facilitate the use of modern equipment, it has become necessary to limit the height of any marker or monument to 24 inches from the base of the marker.

In the newly opened South lot, all markers must be recessed to ground level using the following maximum footer measurements of:

Single lot	24" x 40"
Double lot	24" x 80"

CARE OF CEMETERY

The ordinary care of the Martins Cemetery shall consist of all necessary mowing and trimming of grass, trimming of bushes of general benefit to the cemetery, construction and maintenance of drives, filling and sodding of settled graves, and the preservation of the grounds as a whole.

To accommodate the maintenance of the grounds, it is imperative that no perennials, shrubs, or trees be planted on the lot. Caretakers reserve the right to remove any floral design or arrangement, floral piece, vases, baskets, or ornaments when, in the opinion of the caretaker, they become unsightly or interfere with the general care of the cemetery.

The Cemetery Association shall not be liable for floral pieces, vases, baskets, or ornaments upon graves or lots.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Perpetual Care Endowment Fund shall be held in trust by the Association Trustees, and in their judgment, be invested in the best interest for the operation of the general care of the cemetery.

UNDERSTANDING

The Martins Mennonite and Chestnut Ridge Mennonite congregations actively endorse the peace and love position of Mennonite theology. Although Veterans of Wars are interred in the Martins Cemetery, and we accept these interments willingly, we highly discourage civil ceremonies on cemetery grounds honoring the servicemen.

These Guidelines are formulated to reflect the values of our 500-year-old faith tradition, while accommodating a holistic understanding of corporate and social responsibility and the ever-changing range of issues this entails.