

Long's Chapel United Church of Christ
Cemetery Rules
May 1, 2005

It takes cooperation to maintain a cemetery. These rules are for all who are associated with the use of the cemetery, including family members, funeral homes, and the cemetery keepers. All who purchase cemetery plots or have plots in the cemetery shall abide by these rules.

1. No grave shall be opened without the approval of a cemetery keeper. The funeral home or the family shall notify a cemetery keeper to mark the plot prior to opening.
2. All sod removed from the plot shall be carefully laid aside for placement back on top of plot after burial. It shall be the responsibility of the funeral home to replace the sod.
3. Excess ground from any grave is to be moved to the storage area near the outfield of the adjacent ballfield.
4. All graves shall be provided with a permanent marker identifying the loved one buried within 6 months of burial. It shall be the responsibility of the family to provide such marker. A deposit of \$250.00 shall be paid to the Cemetery Fund either by the family or by the funeral home to insure that a marker will be provided. The deposit shall be paid within 10 days of opening and will be refunded to the family after placement of the permanent marker. If such marker has not been placed within 6 months, the cemetery keepers can use the deposit to secure the placement of a marker and retain any funds.
5. Tombstones, footrocks, and corner markers are to be placed only upon the approval of a cemetery keeper. Contact a cemetery keeper prior to the placement of any marker. No monuments more than 3 ft. in height shall be placed in the cemetery unless prior approval is given by the cemetery keepers.
6. All tombstones shall be placed on a cement footing laid level and in line with adjacent monuments. The minimum thickness of the footing shall be 4" and shall extend beyond the edge of the tombstone by 4" on all sides. All stones shall be set plumb. This also applies to footmarkers.

7. Flowers placed at the gravesite shall be removed within 10 days by the family after burial. After 10 days, the flowers shall be removed and disposed by any means available to the cemetery keepers.
8. One artificial flower arrangement may be placed directly in front of a tombstone; however, it must be removed after six months or the cemetery keepers shall have it removed. Small artificial arrangements may be placed on top of the tombstones.
9. A plot opening fee of \$75.00 shall be paid by the Funeral Home within 10 days after burial. The opening fee applies to members and non-members and shall be placed in the cemetery fund for up-keep of the cemetery.
10. Memorial Fund- The interest from this fund can be used to defray expenses for the up-keep of the cemetery or to purchase additional land. One half of the proceeds from the sale of plots shall be placed in the Memorial Fund.
11. Cemetery Fund- The principal from this fund can be used to defray the expenses for the upkeep of the cemetery such as mowing and materials. One half of the proceeds from the sale of burial plots shall be placed in the Cemetery Fund.
12. COST OF GRAVE PLOTS:
MEMBERS-\$50.00
NON-MEMBERS-\$750.00

All plots shall be paid for before the grave is opened. The buyer of each plot shall identify the name for whom the plot is reserved. Family plots are not allowed unless names are supplied for each plot. Non-member children of a church member shall be charged the same rate as the non-member rate(\$750.00). If said children later join the Church, a refund will be made of the prevailing difference at that time. Anyone purchasing a plot will be issued a letter indicating such and they will be listed on the official mapping of the cemetery.

13. The above rates are subject to change at any time by the church.
14. The cemetery has a number of unused plots in "family" plots. The use of these plots shall be at the discretion of the heirs of the family, with preference given to the immediate family members designation, ie. from

father/mother, then oldest child with wife to youngest child with wife, then oldest grandchild with wife, etc.

15. TRANSFER OF PLOTS- No plots shall be transferred from one party to another unless the transfer is made in accordance with this paragraph. In the event that a plot holder desires to transfer their plot to another party, the plot(s) must first be returned to the church at no cost to the church. This can be done by letter from the plot holder to the cemetery committee and indicating the name of who the lots are desired to be transferred to. Upon receipt of such letter, the cemetery committee will issue the plot to the new party upon payment of the cost for grave plots in effect at the time of the transfer. In the event that a church member desires to transfer their plot to a family member (who is also a church member), no cost for the grave plot will be charged.
16. A copy of these rules shall be given to all buyers of plots. Copies of these rules will also be given to all local funeral homes.
17. These rules may be revised at any time upon approval of the church.

Thank you for your support of these rules,

The Cemetery Keepers

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