

DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY REGULATIONS

To preserve and protect the beauty and peacefulness of our cemeteries for the benefit of all, and to assure the order and efficient operation of the Town Cemeteries, the Durham Cemetery Company has promulgated these rules and regulations:

1. Burial rights may be sold only to Durham residents, or former residents.
2. A "Lot" may be composed of one or more gravesites.
3. Lots may be reserved by deposit of 10% for each gravesite. Full payment must be within ninety (90) days. If not paid by that time, the deposit will be returned and reservation cancelled. A deed for burial rights will be issued only after full payment is made.
4. Any purchase by one person, at one time, of more than four grave lots shall require that person to come before the Durham Cemetery Company Board of Directors for approval before the purchase takes place.
5. The Durham Cemetery Company may buy back plots at their original purchase price.
6. Transfer of lots, which requires using the Title Transfer form, may be made only after approval of the Cemetery Company. The present cost of the Mica Hill Cemetery lots includes perpetual care of the cemetery grounds. Perpetual care funds for other cemeteries cover the care of those grounds.
7. Because of ground conditions, (mud, frost, ice, snow, etc.) the Cemetery Company may temporarily close a cemetery for burials or monument installation. Keeping the cemetery roads open during the winter is not contemplated.
8. Cremain burials must be in a non-biodegradable container.

MONUMENTS, MARKERS, GROUNDS

1. Each gravesite used for burial must have a permanent identifying marker.
2. Grave markers, foundations and monuments may be installed only after application to and approval of the Cemetery Company. Application to and approval of the Cemetery Company is also necessary if a monument or marker is to be moved or removed.
3. The Durham Cemetery Company may refuse permission for any installation, which in its sole discretion, it determines is objectionable or inappropriate.
4. The location and placement of each monument shall conform to the location, alignment, etc. of the other monuments in that section, as the Cemetery Company shall determine.
5. Grave markers shall be granite, bronze, marble, or other case metal, not to exceed 70% of lot width nor 48 inches in height, and at least 4 inches thick for granite. The foundation of these monuments must be flush.
6. Infant and crematory lot markers shall be flush, with a uniform size of 12 x 16 inches.
7. One upright monument is permitted on a single lot. If it is a two grave lot, one marker shall be centered on the two gravesites. Four flush corner markers 4 inches square are permitted. Secondary monuments must be installed flush.
8. The planting of trees, shrubs or perennials or the installation of permanent containers shall be made only by the Durham Cemetery Company within its discretion. Winter covers may be placed on or after November 15 but must be removed by April 1st. The use of plastic flowers or plastic greens is prohibited at all times.
9. Any marker, planting, etc., which does not conform to the above, shall, after prior notice, be corrected by the Cemetery Company at the expense of the burial plot deed owner.
10. Repair or damage to any monument is the responsibility of the burial plot deed or monument owner, or family, except if the damage is caused by the Durham Cemetery Company.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES

1. The Durham Cemetery Company, or the family, will select the niche location prior to the time of inurnment if not previously purchased.
2. A cremation certificate and a death certificate, and if possible a clergy report, must be provided at the time of inurnment.
3. All fees must be paid prior to inurnment.
4. All niche panel lettering must be ordered through Middletown Monument. The owner of the niche must use the lettering style on the "Niche Lettering Application Form", provided by the Durham Cemetery Company. On completion the form must be signed by the owner. Payment for engraving is to Middletown Monument.
5. Only the first name, middle initial, last name, year of birth, year of death and a veteran's symbol (if applicable) will be permitted on niche panels. Please refer to the Niche Lettering Application Form for specific lettering instructions.
6. A flag, identifying military service men and women will be permitted on the niche panel, with proper military identification. To be installed by The Durham Cemetery Company.
7. Photographs, verses and designs of any kind will not be allowed on the niche panel.
8. A maximum of two sets of cremains will be allowed in each niche. To fit in the niche, the two containers may not exceed 12 square inches.
9. The cremains may be placed in a niche prior, during or after a memorial service.
10. Additional fees will be charged for Saturday and Sunday services provided by the Durham Cemetery Company.
11. Decorations may not be placed at the columbarium and will be removed at the discretion of The Durham Cemetery Company, by The Durham Cemetery Company.
12. An opening fee will be charged for each niche openings and will only be permitted by the niche purchaser or authorized family member on record.

The Durham Cemetery Company Directors may amend these regulations at any time.