

# St. Anastasia Cemetery Regulations

The St. Anastasia Cemetery Regulations were developed in accordance with the St. Anastasia Parish Corporation, the Diocese of New Ulm Cemetery Regulations, the Minnesota Catholic Cemetery Guidelines, and conformance to the requirements of the State of Minnesota. An abbreviation of St. Anastasia's Cemetery Regulations is listed below.

## *Hours of Operation*

Visiting hours are 7 days a week during daylight hours.

## *Inquiry into Purchase of Cemetery Lot(s)*

Information about lot/crypt/niche availability, costs, and transfers can be obtained through the Cemetery Manager, Mike Schall, (320)587-2928.

## *Lot Owner's Rights*

The only right that a lot owner acquires when a lot is conveyed to him/her is the **right of burial** on that lot. The title of the land does not pass to the individual purchasing the right of burial. Lot owners are granted an "Easement and Permanent Care Certificate" through the purchasing transaction.

## *Lot Ownership Burial Rules*

- The law forbids the burial of anyone on the lot, who, at the time of death, was not the owner or the identified heir on the official cemetery documentation.
- Transfer of lot ownership to someone other than the documented heirs must be done through written notification of permission, by the official lot owner, to St. Anastasia's cemetery manager.
- Burial right owners of unused burial lots can return the lot to St. Anastasia for the original purchase price, less 10%, or apply it towards the purchase of a different lot. No lot may be transferred or assigned if there is any indebtedness due from the burial rights' owner, heirs, or assignee.
- Only one burial per lot is permitted, with exception of two cremated remain burials contained within a full body burial lot. Markers must comply to size constraints.

## *Memorial and Marker Regulations*

- The expressed permission of the cemetery manager is required for any memorial work to be done in the cemetery, including installation, letter cutting, cleaning, etc.
- The responsibility of keeping any memorials, markers, etc. in a safe and proper state of repair is that of the lot owner, heirs, or assigned.
- Only one monument shall be allowed per lot. Contact the cemetery manager for placement requirements.
- A permit fee for setting will be required for each monument and marker, to be paid in advance or at the time of installation.
- A charge for moving or resetting a marker and a per-quote charge for monument move/reset will be imposed for a burial to take place in situations where the stone obstructs digging.
  - Personal lot corner stones or fencing the area are not permitted. Crosses or other grave markers of wood, iron, cement or any like materials are prohibited (exceptions of standard bronze insignia for military vets).

### ***Memorial and Marker Regulations-cont.***

- The cemetery is not responsible for any damage done to monuments and markers that are moved.
- If a monument or marker is installed incorrectly, the cemetery manager has the authority to force the installing firm to make the necessary corrections, at the expense of the owner/service provider.

### ***Landscaping, Planting, & Floral Regulations***

- Flowers are permitted May 1 through October 15. Wreaths are permitted November 1 through January 15.
- Burial right owners are not permitted to do any landscaping or planting of trees, shrubs, ground flowers and decorations around or on top of graves. Only the cemetery committee & manager have the authority for landscaping and planting of trees and shrubs.
- Artificial flowers are not to be left on the surface of in-ground graves indefinitely. They are to be removed when faded or within 1 month following holiday grave decorating events.
- Flowering plants are only permitted in urns secured on metal pipe-stem posts/urn supports or on racks that sit on top of the monuments.
- It is recommended that metal pipe-stem posts be removed for the winter to avoid damage by equipment used during snow-covered grave digging. The cemetery is not responsible if damages occur.
- Decorating of **above-ground graves** is limited to use of the standardized vase attachment for full body crypts only. Flowers or holiday decorations left at the foot of the structures will be removed within several days of the burial or holiday event.
- The manager will remove all floral designs, flowers (natural or artificial), shrubs, plants, herbage, or decorations of any kind from the cemetery grounds when, in their judgment, these items have become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, diseased or do not conform to the regulations.
- No debris should be left on any lot or within the cemetery boundaries by any visitors or workers. Unsightly materials left at the graves will be disposed of. The cemetery will not be responsible for the items removed which violate regulations.

### ***Proper Conduct in the Cemetery***

- Adherence to the St. Anastasia Cemetery Regulations
- Respect for the dead and visitors of the cemetery
- Proper removal and disposal of trimmings, dead flowers or refuse from weeding
- NO loud or boisterous conversations and unchristian language
- NO soliciting, loafing or playing on the grounds
- NO pets

**These Regulations are Endorsed by:**

**Fr. Jerry Meidl**

**St. Anastasia Cemetery Committee**

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