

## **Policy's and Rules of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

1. Dogs, cats, horses, snowmobiles, four wheelers, and motorcycles are prohibited in the cemetery.
2. Flowers, trees, bushes and shrubs cannot be planted without the approval of the cemetery committee.
3. The consumption of malt beverages and intoxicating liquors are prohibited in the cemetery.
4. Children are not permitted to enter the cemetery unless accompanied by a responsible person.
5. The placing of monuments or stones should be approved by the cemetery sexton or by a member of the cemetery committee. Large stones, slant faced markers, or single markers can be placed on half lots.
6. Single markers best practice would be a 6" stone or gravel base plus a minimum of a 4" slab of concrete granite or which is big enough to support the marker. (Example 3' marker needs 4' slab.)
7. The footings for large stones or monuments must be larger than the stone and deep enough to support the monument.
8. Each full sized adult burial space is four feet by ten feet (4' x 10'). Up to four (4) cremations are allowed in each adult space. (Note: Special requests will be reviewed with families on an as needed basis.)  
**The new addition to the cemetery offers cremation sites that are 4'X 4' with two (2) cremations allowed in each 4' x 4' burial site. All memorials stones must be flat markers in the cremation only section of the cemetery.**
9. The cost for opening and closing both traditional and cremation graves will be the same. Only one burial of any kind per grave is allowed without additional charges.
10. The grave needs to be 6 feet deep. The digging size is 43" X 99". (All caskets shall have a vault.) **Note:** Cremation sites should be a depth of 3ft.
11. When a burial site needs to be opened, the sexton or a committee member is contacted by the funeral home and the burial space is marked.
12. All full burial sites allow one person per grave, a baby or small child may be an exception. Husbands or fathers normally will be buried in the first northernmost space.

(Facing east); mothers or wives are next, then children. (This can be reviewed to meet the family's wishes.)

13. Wire baskets, flowers, concrete or wooden urns should be placed near the monument and fastened down. (Preferred placement is on the ends of the stone which makes mowing easier.)

14. During the mowing season, all decorations /flowers may be placed either in a concrete urn on the ground or in an urn on a single pipe type stand. No tripod stands.

15. Concrete or wooden urns are permissible to be used all year. These urns are to be taken care of each year by the owner. No glass containers are allowed in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery at any time.

16. Maintenance cost of all monuments shall be the family's responsibility.

17. Cemetery cleanup will be from April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. At this time unsightly flowers, wreaths, sprays, holders and rods will be removed by cemetery workers.

18. American flags will be placed on veteran's graves before Memorial Day and be removed right after Labor Day. The flags are furnished by the Richland Veteran's Service Office. (We try to use the flags 2 years if possible).

19. The caretaker shall keep all grass mowed, brush cut, collect trash /sticks and do other work as directed by the cemetery committee.

20. All grave spaces sold in the cemetery shall be subject to the restriction that no owner may transfer such grave (except by devolution to heirs) with profitable consideration. The cemetery committee reserves the right to re-purchase the grave space at the original price.

21. St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery will be closed from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M daily.

22. Cremains require a durable and appropriate container.

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St. Mary's Buildings, Grounds and Cemetery Committee.