



Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Memorial Garden Policy**

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The Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden is located behind the church building. This Garden was specifically built for the use of members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The Rector and Vestry have established the following guidelines for determining the eligibility and use of the Garden for interment of ashes.

Upon request, the Rector shall determine the eligibility of an individual.

Crematory ashes may be placed in the Garden by either the spreading or burying of the cremains. No containers may be placed above or below ground in the Garden (such as urns or vials). The church provides a blessed urn to hold the cremains for the service.

The plaques in the Garden will be utilized for inscriptions with the names of Saint Stephen's parishioners who are committed. For simplicity and equality, no other plaques will be installed in the Garden. Inscriptions on the plaques will be the same size. The name and the year of birth and the year of death will be used, as in the sample below.

John Thomas Smith
Jan. 1, 1930 - Jan 1, 2005

A donation of \$600.00 is requested for use of the Garden. While the garden is self-maintaining, larger contributions for enhancement of the Garden are most appreciated. Other memorials are to be discussed with the Rector.

The Rector and Vestry are authorized to make changes to this policy as long as the variances remain within the spirit of the original development of the Garden.

Your signature below indicates agreement to the above guidelines and policies.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to person to be committed: _____

Signature: _____

Contribution Received: _____ date

Plaque Information

Please Print in all capital letters

Full Name as it should appear on the plaque

Date of Birth and Date of Death

Approved by Vestry 5.16.16