

ARDEN MEMORIAL GARDEN RULES

The Memorial Garden, started in 1937, is Arden's private cemetery, located on the south side of Harvey Road next to the old Grubb family burial ground. The Community Planning Committee administers the Memorial Garden through an appointed volunteer Memorial Garden Representative.

ELIGIBILITY

- Residents of the Village of Arden are eligible for burial in the Memorial Garden.
- Former residents of Arden may be considered for burial on a case-by-case basis.
- Ashes of a non-resident spouse, next-of-kin, or domestic partner may be buried in the same gravesite as that of an eligible individual. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Residency is determined by the current Registration Committee criteria.

APPLICATION FOR SITE

- Survivors may apply through the Memorial Garden Representative for a site in accordance with the long-term plans for the Garden and the survivor's agreement to abide by the rules governing the Garden.
- Given the space limitations of the Memorial Garden, burial of ashes is encouraged, but whole body burials may be accepted. Plots for ashes are a maximum of two feet by two feet, while whole body plots conform to the size of the coffin.
- The Memorial Garden Representative will make all final decisions on burial applications with the concurrence of the Community Planning Committee.
- Copies of these rules will be furnished to the survivor(s) at the time of selection.

BURIAL

Before excavation, the funeral director or survivor(s) must make detailed arrangements with the Memorial Garden Representative.

- Any damage done to other gravesites or to the Garden in general must be repaired immediately and approved by the Memorial Garden Representative.
- If a coffin is used, a concrete vault must be provided to meet current New Castle County code.
- A firmly embedded, flush-mounted marker must be provided for each grave. The funeral director or the Memorial Garden Representative shall provide a temporary marker if needed.
- The names and addresses of next-of-kin shall be provided to the Memorial Garden Representative in order to keep records up-to-date.
- A death certificate, or certification of cremation, must be given to the Memorial Garden Representative.
- Pre-planning of burials may be arranged with the Memorial Garden Representative. Specific sites may not be reserved, but consideration will be given to area preferences.

DECORATIONS

- *No artificial flowers or unauthorized permanent plantings are allowed.* Memorial plantings may be considered with authorization by the Memorial Garden Representative.
- Grave decorations must be removed promptly by the donor when no longer attractive. The Arden Civic Committee handles routine mowing of the Memorial Garden. Survivors and volunteers do maintenance of individual graves.

FEES AND DONATIONS

- There is no set fee for burial sites; however, we do expect a donation at the time of burial for maintenance of the Garden. All donations are tax deductible. **Please make checks payable to the Arden Memorial Garden Fund**, and send them to the Memorial Garden Representative.

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPRESENTATIVE

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