



Meditation & Memorial Garden

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Q & A

Q: If I order a plant for the Garden, when will it be planted?

A: All of the planting has taken place, however, the purchase of 'available' plants can occur at any time. Many plants are still available and you may download the Planting Poster by clicking the link on the Memorial Garden website page.

Q: Can the ashes of my grandmother from Tennessee be interred in the Garden?

A: Use of the Garden for interment in a niche or scattering of ashes will be available to a member or former member of the Church and, in the discretion of the Memorial Garden Committee, to other family members.

Q: What is the 'Perpetual Care Fund?'

A: Not less than 10% of the price of each niche or scattering is to be retained for the perpetual care and maintenance of the Garden. Unrestricted gifts are also being used to contribute to this fund. The money is invested in a special account with the intention that someday there will be enough to cover all the care and maintenance costs with the earnings.

Q: What are the costs and what is included?

A: Currently, the cost of a niche is \$1,500 which includes a bronze marker with inscription and the unsealing/sealing of the wall section containing the niche. For scattering of ashes, the cost is currently \$500. For scattering plus a stepping stone engraved with the name of the deceased, the cost is \$1,000. Each form of interment, niche and scattering, must be done at a memorial service conducted by the clergy of the Church.

Q: How and where are ashes scattered?

A: At a Scattering Service, the ashes are gently placed directly into and covered with the earth. A spot will be selected amongst the groundcover or perennials.

Q: If I choose scattering, will there be a marker?

A: Markers, adornments, flowers, etc., will not be permitted, except as an adjunct to a service. One may, however, purchase a stepping stone.

Q: What records are kept of those interred?

A: All interments will be recorded in perpetuity in the Memorial Album, part of the permanent Church records. The family of the deceased is also invited to contribute up to two pages of information and mementoes in memory of their loved one.

Q: Where can I go for more information?

A: You can find these answers and many more by browsing the Church website for the Terms and Conditions 'pdf' files for each form of interment (niche and scattering). You may also speak to any member of the Memorial Garden Committee, or to the Church minister.

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