

Sunrise Garden niches are on the East wall of the mausoleum. Each niche is built of concrete and measures approximately 11"x11"x11". Each niche is designed to contain one or two sets of cremains in small containers. Two openings, a standard single or double nameplate, and the required contribution to Garland Brook's Endowed Carefund are included in the price of the niche.



Atrium niches are similar to Sunrise Garden niches, but are in the covered garden area of the mausoleum. Each 11"x11"x11" niche is allowed to contain one or two sets of cremains in small containers. . Two openings, a standard single or double nameplate, and the required contribution to Garland Brook's Endowed Carefund are included in the price of the niche.

Seasons Mausoleum offers deluxe extra large 23"x11"x11" niches. These niches can hold two large ornamental urns. Many families prefer to have option of using a larger, more personalized urn. Two openings, a standard single or double nameplate, and required contribution to Garland Brook's endowed Carefund are included in the price of the niche.

Chapel Door Niches are our newest niches. We offer standard and extra large, covered and open niches. They are just outside the North and South Chapel door.

Niche Personalization Options: Bronze vases,

matching bronze lights, bronze emblems and permanent photos are available to be installed on any niche. Temporary decorations are not taped or wired to the niche or placed on the ground except during stated holiday times.

Ground burial of cremains is allowed within the cemetery. Purchase of ground burial privileges allows for two sets of cremains for each space. Additional privileges may be purchased at need. Separate opening charges will apply for each set of cremains to be buried.

Sturdy cremains containers are required. Each grave provides room for one marker. Markers may be designed for multiple names.

Cremains buried in ground sections follow the same decoration policies as standard burials in those sections.

Cremation benches may be installed in the Garden of Gethsamane, Sermon on the Mount, specified areas of the mausoleum or a family lot. These benches are large and may take two spaces. They are designed to hold two, four or six sets of cremains. Personalized carving on the bench is a family option. Families may design for as much or little carving as they wish. They may contract with a monument company or with the cemetery to do the work. Veteran plaques may be added to the bench

Cremation benches in public areas of the cemetery may have one pot of flowers on the ground near the bench. No other decoration is used.

Cremation benches on purchased lots function as markers and follow the policies for markers in that area.



ARE YOU CONSIDERING CREMATION?

We at Garland Brook understand that some families are considering cremation as a step in memorializing their loved one. We are responding to this interest by offering several respectful and permanent placement options. We are currently planning other options for families to consider.

In this pamphlet, we have included information about the options currently available. We have also answered some of the questions about cremations we are frequently ask. We are always available to answer any questions your family may have

Whatever your decision concerning cremation, we urge you to think of the welfare and desires of your family and friends. Plan a service or gathering. Your friends and family need each other for comfort. We also urge you to plan a place of memories and memorialization. Every life is special. Everyone deserves somewhere to say, "I was here".

Garland Brook can provide that place.

We at Garland Brook think that information is the best way to help families make decisions. Below we have answered some of the most frequently asked questions concerning cremation.

Q. Who should I talk with when considering cremation?

A. Discuss your thoughts with your family. Their emotional and financial wellbeing is of utmost importance. Talk to your clergy about spiritual concerns. Talk to local funeral directors about the options available for a cremation service. Talk to us at Garland Brook about a permanent memorial location.

Q. What will my family think about cremation?

A. Every family is different. Talk it over to see what would be comforting to them. Families tell us they value the opportunity to have some sort of service and to have a final place to visit. This is a family decision, make it as a family.

Q. If I am cremated, can my family have a funeral service?

A. Yes. Your funeral director and family can help plan an appropriate service. We have served families that have had traditional funerals, memorial services before and after cremation, and celebration ice cream socials. The cemetery can provide a place for a service in our mausoleum, the atrium, or the graveside. The family may choose to have a dedication service when a permanent marker is set. We will work with each family to have the service appropriate for them.

Q. Will being cremated let my funeral service be more individualized?

A. Funeral professionals can arrange a personalized service for your family whether you are cremated or not. Ask questions and explain your preferences.

Q. Will my cremation save money?

A. Perhaps, and so will careful planning. Gather as much information as you can. Call funeral homes, ask about alternatives that would satisfy your family's needs, and still fit your budget.

Q. Isn't the cemetery a waste of land?

A. Quite the opposite. Open green space is more valuable than ever. Garland Brook is one of the largest green spaces in Columbus. Our 100 acres of grass and over 500 trees and shrubs provide a retreat for wildlife and people. The citizens of Columbus are encouraged to enjoy walking, bird watching and quiet contemplation. This non-paved green space replenishes our ground water reserves.

Q. Do you keep records of cremated people? Are there any legal requirements?

A. Cremated remains are treated with the same respect and accurate record keeping with which we treat anyone being buried in Garland Brook. All sets of cremains must comply with all state and cemetery record keeping requirements

Q. Does it matter what happens to my body when I am gone?

A. Yes, it matters very much to those who love you. Your family and friends deserve to have a "place to visit and remember."

Q. My loved one's cremains are in an urn at home. I thought I would want them there forever, but now I am not sure. What can I do?

A. It is not too late to provide a permanent place for cremated remains. We can help you find the option that is right for you. You may plan a special interment service or have the cemetery handle the details.

Q. Our family lot is full, but my Grandmother, who has chosen to be cremated, would like to be with the rest of the family. What can we do?

A. Garland Brook Cemetery's policy allows one set of cremains to be buried on top of a standard burial. Sometimes, the name can be added to the existing marker. Family members need to agree and sign a form to be on file in our office.

Q. Do you have a sprinkling garden?

A. We offer many types of permanent disposition. Scattering is an option under consideration at this time. We do however, offer memorialization for those who have been sprinkled elsewhere.

Q. Since I want to be cremated, do I still need to plan?

A. Absolutely. Your family needs to be included in this decision. You need to make plans for your choice of a service and a permanent marked resting-place. We have a Planning Guide for your family available at no charge. Ask us for one so that your wishes are in writing and your family can do as you decide.

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