

MEMORIAL GARDEN AGREEMENT

The Memorial Garden of Saint Edward's Episcopal Church is a sacred ground located on the quiet side of the church just beyond the windows to the left of the altar. It welcomes reverent visitation, remembrance, and prayer. The Memorial Garden is dedicated for the interment of the cremains of members of Saint Edward's Episcopal Church.

ADMINISTRATION: The management, engraving of names on the Wall Plaque, the planting, and maintenance of the garden shall at all times be under the supervision of the Memorial Garden Committee, applications may be obtained from the church office and all fees and expenditures will be voted upon and approved by the Vestry of Saint Edward's. The fee, once paid in full will not be changed. The fee covers the maintenance of the garden, interment of the cremains and engraving of names on wall plaque. It does not cover the cost of memorial service.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE: The Memorial Garden is intended for the use of members of Saint Edward's Church and their immediate families. The Rector may waive this requirement at his/her discretion.

PLACEMENT OF ASHES: Interment of ashes shall comply with rules adopted by the Memorial Garden Committee, Rector and Vestry, which may be subject to change from time to time. Specific interment locations are not marked, although a plan of the general location of sacred ashes is held in the church office. The cremains shall be placed within biodegradable containers. The cremated remains may be placed, either, directly into the ground, scattered, or buried, depending on the wishes of the deceased or the family of the deceased, and in consultation with the Rector and/or members of the Memorial Garden Committee.

OFFICIAL RECORDS: The church office shall record the names, dates of birth and death, and the date of the interment of ashes. These records will be entered in the parish register where all vital historic information is preserved. A diagram of the Memorial Garden plots will be maintained by the church. The diagram is a record of the location of each plot and whose remains have been buried in each plot. Plots are assigned consecutively at the time of burial

ENGRAVED NAMES AND REMEMBERANCES: Soon after interment, the name of each person whose ashes are placed in the garden, together with year of birth and year of death, will be engraved on a Memorial Garden Wall Plaques. This is the only markers permitted. Memorial Gifts may be given to the church to provide other enduring remembrances of a loved one. Monetary donations will be gladly accepted for continued beautification projects, including planting of flowers, bushes or trees as deemed appropriate by Memorial Garden Committee. (Consult the church office for further information).

APPLICATIONS REQUIRED: The Memorial Garden of Saint Edward's Episcopal Church is church property and a non-commercial service. Lots are not sold, no deeds are issued, and interment sites do not have boundaries nor are they marked in any other way. Those persons desiring to have their own cremations or cremations of family members placed in the memorial garden shall make application on the form below. **The application fee shall be established by the Vestry, reviewed and approved annually.** Applications are considered incomplete until fees are paid in full. Contact the church office to verify current fee.

Necessary amendments to these regulations and fees may be made by the Vestry of Saint Edward's Church at any time with appropriate notification made to members of the congregation.

If there are any unforeseen events that would necessitate moving the cremations, the Vestry will make 3 attempts to notify family members listed on the application.

By completing and signing the below application you are agreeing to the above regulations, terms and conditions and agree to hold St. Edward's Episcopal Church, employees and members harmless for any malfeasance or injury relating to this agreement.

Application Section for the Memorial Garden

I hereby request the committal of the ash cremains of

_____ **into the St. Edward's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden and accept the above terms, conditions and regulations. Attached is the remittance (or prepayment) of \$600 and confirmation thereof.**

Print Name _____

Signature _____ **Date** / /

Genealogical Information

Name _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of**
Death / / _____

Address _____

Spouse/Partner _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of Death** / / _____

Address _____

Father _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of**
Death / / _____

Address _____

Mother _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of Death** / / _____

Address _____

Children:
Name _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of**
Death / / _____

Address _____

Name _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of**
Death / / _____

Address _____

Name _____ **Date of Birth** / / _____ **Date of**
Death / / _____

Address _____

Others – attach additional page

ACCEPTANCE
(To be completed by St. Edward's)

The St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania acknowledges receipt of the application of _____ and the payment/prepayment of \$_____. Permission is hereby granted for the committal of the cremains in the Memorial Garden. This application and acceptance will be preserved in a permanent file in the church office of St Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania and a copy will be sent to the applicant.

_____ Rector

Date of Committal ____ / ____ / ____

Full Name to appear on plaque _____

Given by (for Memorial Book) _____