

CHAPEL, MAUSOLEUM, OR PAVILION COMMITTAL SERVICES

Cemetery procedures and customs vary from area to area. We wish to acquaint you with what will take place on the day of the interment. The following are instructions when a committal service is not taking place at the interment location.

FLORAL PIECES: The Funeral Director will deliver all floral arrangements from previous services to the cemetery before you arrive. All floral arrangements that are brought to the cemetery will be displayed at the committal location (chapel or pavilion).

Grave After the burial is complete, the casket piece and two other floral arrangements will be placed on the finished grave for a period of three days.

Crypt/Niche After the entombment or inurnment, one floral arrangement will be placed at the foot of the crypt or niche. If you wish to choose which piece(s) will remain at the interment location, let the Service Counselor on duty know after the committal service. All other arrangements not taken by the family will be disposed of immediately after the committal service.

PARKING: Funeral guests may park anywhere along the paved road except where otherwise posted. When coming from the funeral home or church, guests are encouraged to follow the Funeral Director-led procession. If you arrive separate from the funeral coach (hearse), please be sure to leave room for the coach to park closest to the interment location.

ARRIVAL: Full Casket If you are coming from the funeral home or church, you will follow the procession, led by the coach. The coach will stop at the front office to deliver a burial permit. PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR CARS. A Service Counselor will then lead the procession of cars to the committal location. If you are meeting the funeral director at the cemetery on the day of the burial, please check in at the front office. A Service Counselor will escort you to the committal location.

Cremation Urn Whether you bring the cremated remains of your love with you to the cemetery of the day of the service or if we are holding the cremated remains for you please check in at the front office.

COMMITTAL SERVICE SET-UP: Full Casket The coach will park at the curb nearest to the committal location. Pallbearers will remove the casket from the coach and place it on the casket carriage. The pallbearers will wheel the casket to the committal location. Cemetery field personnel will assist if necessary.

Cremation Urn There will be a small table set up at the committal location. The urn may be placed on the table during the committal service. If you would like to bring photographs or other mementos, please inform the Service Counselor so that an appropriate size table will be available.

COMMITTAL SERVICE: For a traditional Catholic committal service, prayers will last approximately fifteen minutes. Pallbearers will then be asked to place their flowers and gloves (if provided) on top of the casket. Family and guests may then want to take individual flowers out of the floral arrangements and place them on the casket. The service will conclude at this point.

INTERMENT LOCATION SET-UP: The interment location will be opened on the morning of the service. There will be burial equipment present, which cannot be removed. There will be no chairs set up at the interment location unless requested by the family.

INTERMENT COMPLETION: All interments will be completed by 4:00pm on the day of the committal service unless otherwise requested or unless inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances do not permit.

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TIMING/SCHEDULING: The cemetery schedules services with the intention of providing the best possible service to all of our families. If your party arrives at the cemetery earlier or later than the scheduled time, or your service lasts longer than anticipated we will do everything possible to accommodate your needs but in the event that other services may be finishing or starting there could be a delay in the start or completion of your service. Some families gather after the committal service for the sharing of food and music. You are welcome to stay as long as you wish. We do ask families to be sensitive to other families that may be conducting a service close to your area. In such cases, cemetery staff may ask you to maintain a quiet environment and for example not play music until the other family's services have concluded. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide a peaceful and prayerful environment for all.

I have read and understand the cemetery's committal procedures.

Sign: _____

Date: _____