



## Memorial Gardens

*Purpose:* The Church of the Cross Memorial Gardens, located on the Historic Campus Bluff and at The Chapel, provide beautiful and sacred places of interment of cremated remains where people may come for visitation, remembrance and prayer.

*Eligibility:* Members of The Church of the Cross and their immediate family. There is no fee for interment in the Memorial Gardens.

*Request for Interment:* Case-by-case approval by the parish clergy. No reservations are accepted.

*Service of Committal:* Conducted by the parish clergy. Guest pastors may assist.

*Record of Ashes Interred:* To be maintained in parish office.

*Urns:* Only biodegradable urns are allowed for cremains. No loose ashes may be buried in the Memorial Gardens. If there is any possibility in the future of wanting the cremains in another location, the family should consider that this will not be possible.

*Disinterment:* The general principle is that human remains should rest in peace. On burial or interment in consecrated ground, human remains are committed to the protection of the Church.

*Plantings:* There will be no permanent ornaments or plantings of any kind – small, fresh cut flowers only may be placed on the garden site which will be removed by the gardeners when wilted.

*Administration and Maintenance:* The parish's contracted gardener is responsible for maintenance of the Memorial Garden including removal of wilted flowers, plantings and/or other ornaments. Burial sites are determined by family/Church agreement plus ease of digging the site.

BRASS PLAQUES, AS SPECIFIED BY THE PARISH, ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE PURCHASED FROM SAULS FUNERAL HOME (843-815-5535). THEY WILL ORDER AND INSTALL. DUE TO THE ROOT SYSTEM, THE PLAQUE MAY NOT BE IN THE EXACT SPOT WHERE THE ASHES ARE INTERRED. THESE PLAQUES SERVE AS REMINDERS THAT THE DECEDENT WALKED ON THIS EARTH.

*All funeral arrangements are at the discretion of the clergy of The Church of the Cross.*