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Van Buren Township Cemeteries
Mt. Pleasant and Salem
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Rules and Regulations
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TO: All Owners of lots, burial spaces in Milford Cemetery and Township Cemeteries, Mt. Pleasant and Salem

MILFORD CEMETERY is cared for and maintained by the Milford Cemetery Association Officers and Board of Directors. Proceeds from the sale of lots is the sole source of income to pay the expenses that the Association may incur for the cemetery. There are no tax dollars used for this cemetery.

MT. PLEASANT and SALEM CEMETERIES are maintained by the Township Trustee's office. Tax payer dollars from Van Buren TWP residents fund the care and maintenance of the cemeteries.

1. Rules and regulations published herewith are subject to change without notice upon the passing of a resolution by the Milford Cemetery Association Board of Directors and Van Buren Township Board.
2. Visitors are reminded that the Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and a strict observance of all that is proper in a place so dedicated will be required of all person entering the Cemetery.
3. All Milford Cemetery inquiries should be done by calling 574-453-8676, or emailing milfordcemeteryassociation@gmail.com.
Van Buren TWP Trustee's office, 574-658-9686, 101 S Main St. Milford
4. Any lot owner desiring to sell a burial space must do so through the Milford Cemetery Association or Township Trustee in order to keep records correct.
5. A burial permit conforming to requirements as specified by the Indiana State Board of Health must be furnished to the Cemetery Sexton at the time of interment. This is also required for cremation burial.
6. **Spring cleanup:** Decorations that are not on foundations or attached to headstones should be removed by April 15. Cemetery maintenance personnel will remove and dispose of them after that date. Decorations for summer may be placed after May 1. Decorations must be placed within the line of the headstone, on foundations or fastened to the headstone.
7. **Fall cleanup:** Remove all summer decorations by October 1. Winter decorations may be placed on gravesites beginning on November 15. All grave blankets must be removed by March 1.
8. If any trees or shrubs shall become detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient, the Cemetery Association or Township Trustee shall have the right to remove such trees or shrubs or such parts as are detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.
9. All cardboard or plastic containers placed on any lot for summer display must be removed by October 15. After that date the Association reserves the right to remove such containers.
10. **The Association or Township Trustee reserve the right to remove any object, floral display or other decoration on any lot that might become litter or might be deemed in poor taste or in any**

other way becomes offensive. Boxes, broken glass, shells, toys, wire and screens, and designs of any description, unpainted or broken benches, seats and vases, alcoholic beverages and containers and similar articles scattered upon graves or lots inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds, will not be permitted. Hooks (Shepherd's Hooks) from which baskets, bowls or flower pots are suspended are prohibited.

11. **Any objects that interfere with cemetery maintenance (mowing, weed trimming) or access to another burial space should/will be removed.**
12. The planting of flowers within the limits of a burial lot must be done only with the approval and under the direction of the Association or Township Trustee. Leaf bearing trees, shrubs, and bushes should not be used. All plans for permanent planting or landscaping must be submitted to the Milford Cemetery Association Board of Directors or Township Trustee for approval.
13. ****Lot size is 48"wide. This constitutes one (1) burial space. The burial spaces run west to east in length. There should be no landscaping or decorations on the west side of the burial space as this can interfere with the excavation of a burial space in the row behind. Decorations and memorial objects should not be placed in a way as to interfere with cemetery maintenance.**
14. All concrete foundations for memorials shall be placed and constructed by an **approved contractor**. Painting a foundation will not be permitted. In the best interest of lot owners, permanent memorials of cement, artificial stone, composition wood, tin or iron are not permitted. The Association or Township Trustee will remove temporary funeral director markers when permanent memorials are installed.
15. Two cremations may be interred in one burial space. **Cremains cannot be scattered at the gravesite.**
16. The Milford Cemetery Association or Township Trustee will take every reasonable precaution to protect all private property of lot and grave owners, but disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage arising from fire, theft, vandalism, windstorm, hail and frost, whether damage be direct or collateral.

The following are recommended maximum sizes for foundations and memorials in Milford Cemetery, Mt Pleasant and Salem Cemeteries. Variations beyond these can be made after approval from the Milford Cemetery Association Board of Directors or Township Trustee.

Single graves:	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Headstone</u>
	Length	Length
One-piece memorial	up to 48"	up to 38"
Two-piece memorial	up to 48"	up to 38"
Two grave spaces:	up to 96"	up to 72"

