

Corinth Cemetery Association

Columbarium FAQ

Basic Information

Q. What is a columbarium?

A. A columbarium is a permanent structure with an arrangement of openings or niches into which an urn containing the cremated remains of a deceased person is placed for permanent inurnment. The Corinth Cemetery columbarium niche is designed for two urns. Therefore, only two people can be inurned in each niche. The front of each niche is a granite tile for an engraved name of the deceased.

Q. Why is Corinth Cemetery Association building a columbarium?

A. At a time when available Corinth Cemetery lots have become limited, a columbarium provides a means for the cemetery to continue servicing the needs of the community in which it resides. The initial Corinth Cemetery Columbarium will provide 48 niches in the space of 6+- cemetery lots.

Q. How large will the columbarium be?

A. The initial columbarium will contain 48 niches. It will be constructed with 100% imported maple granite, black granite doors and a granite apex top. The overall columbarium dimensions are approximately 92" in length, 36 inches wide and 50 inches in height. Each niche is approximately 11-3/4" by 11-3/4" by 11-3/4".

Q. Who is eligible for interment in the columbarium?

A. Niches will be sold on a first come first served basis. Current Corinth Cemetery lot owners and their families will be given the first opportunity to purchase niches. Thereafter, the general public will have the opportunity to purchase niches.

Q. May niches be purchased in advance of need?

A. Yes, but advanced purchase is not required. Purchasing niches in advance reserves space at the columbarium while spaces are available.

Getting Started

Q. How do I get started?

A. After the construction of the columbarium commences, the Corinth Cemetery Association will conduct a mailing to those Corinth lot owners to which we have addresses inviting them to participate in the initial offering of niches. The Corinth Cemetery will also then post information about the columbarium on its website at www.corinthcemetery.org.

Q. How do I purchase a niche or plaque?

A. Rather than a purchase, an exclusive right to use a niche is acquired by submitting a completed *Agreement Regarding Internment Rights in the Columbarium* along with payment of the associated fee.

Q. How much does a columbarium niche cost?

A. The initial fee of a niche is \$3,250 and includes exclusive rights to use the niche for perpetuity. It also includes the cost of engraving the front of the niche and the opening and closing of the niche for the first burial. Opening of previously closed niches will be at an additional expense.

Q. How are fees used?

A. Fees will be used for the construction, care, maintenance and future costs associated with the columbarium. The funds received for the columbarium are not segregated from other funds held by the Corinth Cemetery.

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The Interment Process

- Q. What is the necessary preparation for cremated remains to be interred in the columbarium?
- A. Typically, an authorized funeral director will handle the cremation and any permits for interment that Federal, State, or Local laws may require. They would also typically coordinate with the Corinth Cemetery for opening and closing the niche for final interment.
- Q. How will names appear on the Niche front?
- A. The inscription on all niche fronts will be a uniform size and style and shall consist only of the name of the deceased, date of birth and date of death.
- Q. Can I customize what is written on the niche front?
- A. No. The inscription shall consist only of the name of the Decedent, date of birth and date of death. With approval of the Columbarium Committee, certain indicators of previous military service may be allowed. Such items may include rank, branch of service and service emblem.
- Q. What if I purchase a niche but later change my mind?
- A. Upon written application to the Columbarium Committee, one may request to transfer or assign the interment rights to an eligible transferee. If approved by the Columbarium Committee, the transferee will receive updated documentation reflecting the transfer. If the niche front has been engraved, a new granite front will be required at additional cost.
- Q. May cremated remains be removed once interred in the columbarium?
- A. Cremated remains and the associated niche front may be removed upon written consent of the Columbarium Committee. There will be a fee for opening and closing the niche.
- Q. Are there any restrictions regarding visiting the columbarium?
- A. There are no restricted hours for visitation. The columbarium is part of the cemetery and all visitors should conduct themselves in accordance with customary respectful decorum.
- Q. What kind of decorations or memorials are allowed?
- A. In order to maintain consistency, decorations, flowers, wreaths, vases, and other ornaments are not allowed, with the exception of temporary placement during an interment/committal service.
- Q. Who oversees and is responsible to maintain the columbarium?
- A. The Corinth Cemetery Association. The Association has a Board of Trustees that has responsibility to administer the affairs of the cemetery. A Columbarium Committee has been formed to oversee the construction and maintenance of the columbarium. The Corinth Cemetery Association is a not-for-profit entity. All funds in excess of expenses are held by the association for purposes of maintaining the cemetery into perpetuity.