
14. CEMETERY RECORDS

The Right of Burial in Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Title issued in the name or names of the person or persons purchasing such right. This Certificate of Title shall show, in addition to the names of all purchasers, the Section, Lot and Grave Numbers of the burial site(s) or Columbarium Niche Number(s) in which rights are acquired. An exact and permanent record of this Certificate of Title shall be maintained by the Cemetery Warden, and all such files, and records in another forms, as may be necessary to provide permanent and efficient recording of the acquisition of Burial Rights shall likewise be maintained by the Cemetery Warden. No Certificate of Title shall be issued until the full price of the Burial Rights.

15. INTERMENTS

The Vestry shall determine, as they deem necessary, all policies and procedures for internment at Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery, not governed by the State of Maryland.

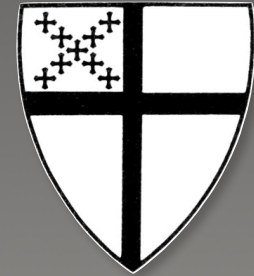
16. ACCOUNTING OF CEMETERY FUNDS

All monies received for Shrewsbury Parish Cemetery operation or maintenance and those funds invested for in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund shall be maintained separately from other funds of Shrewsbury Parish Church under the stewardship of the Cemetery Warden and Treasurer. Regular monthly reports shall be prepared for the Shrewsbury Parish Church Vestry and an annual report made available to the Shrewsbury Parish congregation. All Shrewsbury Parish Cemetery financial reports are subject to audit as directed by the Shrewsbury Parish Church Vestry.

The Vestry may also appoint an assistant treasurer of the cemetery funds to serve in event of emergency or incapacitation of the treasurer.

17. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The General Laws of Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery, and Cemetery Regulations set forth thereunder, may be replaced, amended, enlarged or added to and superseded by the Vestry of the Shrewsbury Parish Church.



Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery

General Laws

**Revised and adopted by the Vestry of
Shrewsbury Parish Church on
September 15, 2025**

The following General Laws governing the administration of Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery, Kennedyville, Kent County, Maryland, were adopted by the Vestry of Shrewsbury Parish Church in a regular meeting. They replace and supersede all General Laws previously adopted and/or amended by the Vestry of Shrewsbury Parish Church and are effective as of the date adopted.

When any conflict or contradiction exists, or appears to exist, between the following General Laws and Cemetery Regulations adopted thereunder, and the wording of statements contained in the Burial Rights - Lot - Certificate of Title or Burial Rights - Columbarium - Certificate of Title or burial rights previously issued to holders of burial rights, or which may be issued in the future, after the date of adoption of these General Laws and Regulations, the wording and meaning of the General Laws and Regulations herein set forth shall govern and prevail.

1. NAME OF CEMETERY

The name of the burial ground located on the property of Shrewsbury Parish Episcopal Church at Kennedyville, Kent County, Maryland, shall be Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery.

2. AUTHORITY OF THE VESTRY AND TRUSTEES OF CHURCH

The Cemetery shall be under the perpetual and complete control of the Vestry of Shrewsbury Parish Church. The Vestry is empowered to make such rules and regulations for the operation, control and maintenance of the cemetery and shall appoint a Cemetery Warden(s) to manage the cemetery and enforce the rules and regulations.

3. AUTHORITY OF THE WARDEN(S)

The Cemetery Warden is the manager of the cemetery with the full and complete responsibility, answerable to the Vestry, under these General Laws of the Cemetery and under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated thereunder.

4. HOURS CEMETERY SHALL BE OPEN

Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery shall be open to visitors during such hours as may be determined from time to time to time by the Vestry.

5. NOT A PUBLIC CEMETERY

Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery is not a public place of interment. At the discretion of the Vestry, the privilege of purchasing Burial Rights in Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery will be available to non-members.

6. VESTRY SHALL SET CHARGES AND FEES

The price of the Burial Rights in Cemetery Lots and Columbarium Niches, which includes Perpetual Care, shall be determined by the Vestry.

A portion of every burial site sale will be allocated to the Shrewsbury Parish Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund under the fiduciary responsibility and stewardship of the Cemetery Warden, Shrewsbury Parish Church Vestry, and Treasurer. All donations designated for the perpetual care of the cemetery, and a portion (determined by the Vestry) of all burial, cremation, and columbarium sites sales are allocated to the restricted Perpetual Care Fund. The income from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund shall only be used for the care and maintenance of the Shrewsbury Parish Cemetery.

The prices for the use of all church property fees associated with burials shall be set by the vestry and a copy of the current price list can be requested from the parish office.

7. TITLE TO THE LAND DOES NOT PASS

Persons acquiring, by purchase, the Right of Burial for themselves and their heirs, specifically acquire no right in fee simple, whatsoever; all right, title, interest and estate in the land of Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery being vested forever in the Vestry of the Church provided in the Laws of the State of Maryland.

8. REPOSSESSION OF BURIAL RIGHTS

In cases where charges of any kind are in arrears five years or longer against an unoccupied grave site(s) or niche(s), the Cemetery Warden is empowered, upon 60 days notice by mail to the recorded holder of Certificate of Title, to revoke and repossess title to the vacant grave site(s) or niche(s) involved in the charges in arrears, and such repossessed sites shall then be available for the sale of Burial Rights to others

9. SALE OF BURIAL RIGHTS BY HOLDERS

Burial Rights in Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery may be sold by the owner thereof only to the Vestry for the amount of the original cost, not including purchase of Perpetual Care if such was paid separate from the Burial Rights. Sale of Burial Rights by one person to another is not permitted, and in the event such sale is attempted, no transfer of Burial Rights shall be recognized by the Vestry.

10. TRANSFER OF BURIAL RIGHTS BY GIFT

Owners of Burial Rights of unoccupied grave sites or niches may transfer title by gift to a person, or persons, only with the consent of the Vestry acting on application in writing. There shall be no exchange of money in such transfers. The Vestry shall satisfy itself as to the validity and justification for such transfer.

11. BURIAL RIGHTS BY INHERITANCE

Ownership of Burial Rights in the absence of devise by will, shall be deemed to pass from parent to children to grandchildren, in direct line of descent. The Right of Burial in such unoccupied grave sites as may thus pass, shall likewise pass to such children or grandchildren, but Shrewsbury Parish Church Cemetery shall not be responsible for any decisions to which heir or heirs shall have the privilege of burial.

12. SALE OF BURIAL RIGHTS

The Cemetery Warden is responsible for the sale of all burial rights. Questions concerning the Cemetery should be directed to the Cemetery Warden. An appointment can be made at anytime to discuss said purchase of burial rights, and to discuss the details of the Cemetery's General Laws and Regulations as determined by the Vestry.

13. TERMS

Payment is due in full at the time of purchase of the Burial Rights. Once payment has been made in full, a Certificate of Title will be issued with the original copy staying with the Church Records.

No interment shall be permitted in any burial site until all outstanding moneys due thereon are paid in full and a Certificate of Title has been issued. Only the Vestry is authorized to make any exception, exercising its best judgment, in cases of proven financial hardship in administering this section.

Purchase of Burial Rights may be arranged on an installment purchase plan, as may be authorized by the Cemetery Warden, provided however, that in any cases where Burial Rights are being acquired for immediate occupancy, all charges shall be paid in full prior to the time of burial and not until a Certificate of Title has been issued, unless an exception is made by the Vestry as noted above.