

## **Deep Creek Friends Cemetery Guidelines and Information**

1140 Deep Creek Church Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

The Deep Creek Friends Cemetery has been a final resting place for families of the community since the early 1700's. There is an older section dating back to the 1700's and a newer cemetery with a columbarium for ashes of cremation. This cemetery is recognized as one of the most historical cemeteries in Yadkin County. It is often used as a source of reference for genealogical research even by people from other states. It is the goal of Deep Creek Friends Meeting to maintain a standard of beauty and dignity exemplary of those Friends who rest here. In order to carry out this goal, certain requirements have become necessary.

A donation for plot upkeep is not required for *members of Deep Creek Friends Meeting* who want to be buried in the cemetery or rest in the columbarium. The headstone and any maintenance of the headstone is the responsibility of the family or member. This also applies to minor children (associates) of members.

*For those who are not members of Deep Creek Friends*, a cemetery plot may be reserved according to the following guidelines :

- A donation of \$1200 is required for upkeep of the plot which includes \$200 until the headstone is erected. After the headstone is in place, \$200 will be returned to the responsible party. A burial vault is required and the grave must meet state guidelines. All headstones need to be set in concrete with a 6-inch concrete border. In the event an organization such as VFW places the headstone/marker, the \$200 deposit may be returned to the family or can be given as a donation to the cemetery according to the wishes of the family.
- If a family requests for ashes to be buried in the cemetery, the same above guidelines apply. It is acceptable for ashes of a couple to be buried together in the same plot. It is also acceptable for the ashes of a person and other family member or significant other to be buried in the same plot. Ashes cannot be scattered in the cemetery.
- The placement of flowers and removal is the responsibility of the family; however, if flowers are faded or damaged, they will be removed during the Spring cleanup. This cleanup usually occurs the Saturday before Easter. Spring flowers should also be removed before December.
- Permanent flowers or bushes may not be planted. Garden flags, glass containers and solar lighting should also not be used since these can be broken when the mowers do cemetery maintenance. Balloons are also not allowed and we appreciate your understanding of these guidelines.
- The church and cemetery are not responsible for theft or damage to monuments.
- Questions regarding a plot location or donation for cemetery upkeep can be addressed to the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee or by contacting the pastor of Deep Creek Friends. The Cemetery Chairman or Historian keeps a record of all graves with plot # and row.

*For those who are not members of Deep Creek Friends*, a space in the columbarium may be reserved according to the following guidelines :

- A donation of \$500 is required for the ashes of one person to rest in the columbarium.
- A space in the columbarium may be requested at any time with a donation of \$300. The final donation to fulfill the \$500 would be needed when the panel is engraved and ashes are placed in the designated area. The family is responsible for engraving the panel in the columbarium. The Historian or Chairman of the Cemetery Committee keeps these records and gives a receipt to the family for documentation.
- The placement of flowers and removal is the responsibility of the family; however, if flowers are faded or damaged, they will be removed during the Spring cleanup. This cleanup usually occurs the Saturday before Easter. Spring flowers should also be removed before December.
- Garden flags, glass containers and solar lighting should not be used since these can be broken when the mowers do cemetery maintenance. Balloons are also not allowed and we appreciate your understanding of these guidelines.
- Questions regarding a space in the columbarium or donation for cemetery upkeep can be addressed to the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee or by contacting the pastor of Deep Creek Friends Meeting.

Mowing maintenance of the cemetery is contracted with a local business who maintains the church yard as well as the old and new cemeteries. Leaf removal is also included in the maintenance each year. This maintenance is paid for by the Cemetery Fund. The cemetery is supported solely by donations and maintained by the church committee who oversees the funds, burial, and maintenance.

Annually, Deep Creek Friends Meeting designates the offering on Easter Sunday to go to the Cemetery Fund. All donations are tax deductible and are much appreciated. Memorials are also welcomed and families are notified of all gifts. Please make all donations and memorials to:

Deep Creek Friends Cemetery Fund  
1140 Deep Creek Church Road  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

These guidelines are reviewed yearly and are subject to change at least once yearly or as needed.

Approved by Deep Creek Friends Monthly Meeting February 18, 2024.