

City of Raleigh Mount Hope Cemetery

PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL
RESOURCES



Historic Mount Hope Cemetery is a full-service cemetery with more than 34 acres of park-like green space surrounded by trees and the Capital Area Greenway System. Mount Hope is a beautiful and peaceful final resting place near the heart of downtown Raleigh that is open to the public during daylight hours. The cemetery has on-site staff to assist you and your family and help you achieve the memorialization you desire.

PURCHASING A CEMETERY LOT

To purchase a cemetery lot, call 919-996-6548. When lots are chosen, payment must be made to the City of Raleigh Revenue Division. A deed will be mailed to the address the purchaser indicates on the receipt for the lot. No lots may be resold except back to the City for the original sale price.

Rules of City of Raleigh Owned Cemeteries and the Responsibilities of Plot Owners

CEMETERY HOURS AND ACCESS

City-owned cemeteries are open daily for visitation from dawn until dark. Visitors must enter and leave the cemeteries by the established entrances and exits only.

BURIALS AND SERVICES

All burials are required to be in a commercially procured liner or vault that has been approved by the operations supervisor. The minimum requirements for concrete liners are one and one-half inch sidewall thickness, two-inch top thickness, two-inch bottom thickness, and 3,000 pounds per square inch (PSI). The minimum requirements for a steel vault are 12-gauge thickness for top, sides and bottom. Wooden or other short term liners are not allowed. No liners are required for cremations.

Funerals are not allowed on Sundays or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There will be additional charges for interments held on Saturdays, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or Veterans Day, and for those services starting after 4 p.m. on weekdays.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PLOT

Lot owners may not plant trees, flowers, shrubs, or seeds of any kind. Natural cut flowers, artificial flowers, and potted plants may be placed in vases attached to headstones or on the grave. They will be removed when they become unsightly or interfere with cemetery operations. Decorations that are considered offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the location, or dangerous are not permitted.

GRAVE MARKERS

All grave markers and monuments must be set on foundations. All markers must be set even with the lawn, so that maintenance machines may pass over them without damage to the marker or the machine. All markers installed after January 1, 1991, must be two feet by one and one-half feet by four inches. Wording on all grave markers must face the front of the lot. Only one marker will be permitted on each lot.

The City bears no responsibility for the care, damage of, or theft of stones. Grave markers may be installed between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



For more information:

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or visit

www.RaleighNC.gov
and search
"historic cemeteries".

