

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday by appointment only
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*Muscatine Memorial
Park Cemetery*



*Life Transition and
Cremation Center*



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Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery was established in 1935 for those who desired a dignified and uniform setting to memorialize their loved ones. To maintain this "*park like*" uniform appearance, it is necessary to retain guidelines as close as possible to the original Memorial Park standards, while continuing to meet current and future needs of the community.

Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery staff would like to thank you for following these guidelines and for your consideration of others who memorialize their loved ones in this Park.

This is a Memorial Park

Lives are commemorated - deaths are recorded - memories are made tangible and love is undisguised. This is a Memorial Park.

Community's accord respect - families bestow reverence - historians seek information - and our heritage is thereby enriched. This is a Memorial Park.

Testimonies of devotion – pride and remembrance are carved in stone and cast in bronze to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life - not the death of a loved one. This cemetery should show simplicity and reverence for all. This is a Memorial Park.

These rules and regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment rights as a group. They are not intended to restrain, but prevent the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect our Cemetery and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as rules and regulations of the Cemetery, and all owners of interment rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery from time to time.

The Cemetery You Choose is an Important Decision

A cemetery is in reality a history of people. It is a perpetual record of yesterday and a peaceful and quiet sanctuary for today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering -- always.

When a loved one dies, the family is faced with a number of decisions regarding the funeral and burial of the deceased. Ground burial in a community setting is the choice most often selected, but frequently the decision is due to a lack of knowledge about other interment options. There are a number of alternatives to ground burial such as mausoleums, lawn crypts, family estates, and walled or hedged private gardens. Knowing your options ahead of time can help you select the most fitting tribute to a life well-lived.

The tranquil setting is cared for and maintained by our professional staff. We invite your inspection. Your peace of mind is our goal. Visit us at Muscatine Memorial Park and view the quiet beauty that serves as a lasting tribute to those who have chosen it as a final remembrance for themselves and their loved ones.

Our compassionate staff is committed to helping families choose the best options for their loved ones in time of need, or for themselves if making pre-arranged decisions. Our services extend far beyond just providing a selection of beautiful cemetery grave sites. We can also assist in the decisions you face about in-ground interment, about cremation, grave markers and memorials and decisions about graveside services.

What is Perpetual Care?

Perpetual Care income, a portion of the purchase price

Bronze Marker: Distinctive bronze markers last forever, insuring your loved one's memory. All faiths and all types of burials are respectfully accommodated, according to your wishes. Top quality bronze memorials are handcrafted masterpieces, and they stand the test of time exceptionally well. The bronze memorial plate can be set on a wide variety of beautiful granites, in either individual or companion designs. We also extend our services for your existing memorials for restoration, cleaning and lettering. Our trained staff will be happy to help guide you toward designing a memorial that will please your family and honor your loved one.

Granite memorial: Selecting a memorial is an expression of love and respect for the life of a person. Whether the selection is made by family or friends after a death or as part of a pre-need plan, the memorial is a tribute to the life of an individual and is a source of satisfaction and comfort to those who are left behind to remember. Selecting and designing a personal memorial is a unique opportunity to create a work of art that will express the personality of a special person for generations today and tomorrow.

Benches: These are beautiful resting places providing sanctuary to people mourning or celebrating the memory of friends, family and loved ones. Whether intended to complement private mausoleums, community mausoleums, cemetery gardens or scattering gardens, granite benches are built to last and esthetically designed to accommodate a tranquil and contemplative environment.

Family Care Services uses only the finest granite to ensure your tribute lasts through many generations to come by using the most durable materials known to man. Granite is a natural stone which will stand the test of time and maintain a polished finish forever.

We offer a variety of classic designs from markers to custom upright monuments. We also provide a variety of cremation memorials for you to choose from.

When you choose a granite memorial from Family Care Services you are assured of high quality at a reasonable price.

marble). If a couple would like to use one space, two urns may be buried there, and an urn may be buried on top of a pre-existing vault.

Mausoleum Niches - Outside Niches:

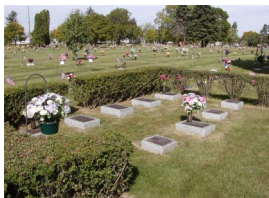
These are located on the outside East wall of the Mausoleum, facing the East. They accommodate one urn, which must be a sealing urn. Decorations are limited to the size of the face of the niche. A bronze flower vase and bronze emblems are available and encouraged to personalize the niche. Special size floral arrangements are available at the Cemetery office.



Inside Niches: These are located through the front doors into the Mausoleum, on the East wall, facing West. This affords you the comfort of protection from the weather, and the serenity of the Chapel. Decorations are limited to the size of the face of the niche. Again, a bronze flower vase and bronze emblems are available and encouraged to personalize the niche. Special size floral arrangements are available at the Cemetery office as well.



Chapel Court Ash Garden: This special area has been provided to meet the growing demand for cremation burial. Accepted by families of all backgrounds and faiths, many are choosing cremation when they preplan for the simplicity and dignity it affords.



Memorials and Markers

Perhaps the most important and final tribute you can make to a loved one is the choice of a memorial or marker. We offer a wide selection of markers to choose from in both granite and bronze. Our counselors will help you select a memorial that best commemorates the life you wish to honor.

contributed to a special fund, provides for regular care and maintenance of the cemetery, which can include mowing, planting and maintaining trees, water supply system maintenance, roads, drainage and more. The minimum amount that can be contributed to the endowment care fund is usually legally mandated. A grave space includes a 40 inch x 10 feet space, a child's space, a mausoleum crypt or a columbarium niche.

When I Buy a Grave, Do I Receive a Certificate of Ownership?

Yes, although this is sometimes a misunderstood issue. You are really purchasing the right to be buried in that space, not the real estate itself - that remains the property and responsibility of the cemetery.

What Are My Burial Options?

Today, there are many types of unique and personalized interment options to fit individual or family needs and preferences.

Traditional Ground Burial: Traditional ground burial provides a wide variety of choices and allows for personal preference by offering individual locations within featured gardens and special areas.

Family Estate: Family estate sections allow family members to be together in a shared area, often bordered by special landscaping or architectural elements. Family estates are a wonderful way to preserve family heritage and maintain a historical resting place for future generations.



Mausoleums: Community mausoleums offer the dignity, permanence and beauty of above ground burial. These above ground structures offer interment for many and house crypts and often cremation niches.



Stations of the Cross: The 14 Stations of the Cross, depicted in stone, are available as a personal, eternal devotion for family and friends to remember and reflect. Each Station is a companion sized jet black marker engraved with your information and two burial spaces. The Stations of the Cross are located in the Garden of Sacred Heart.



Is an Outer Burial Container Required?

It's not a state law, but it is a cemetery rule. Most cemeteries in the area do have a requirement of an outer burial container of either a vault or a grave liner.

What is the Difference Between a Grave Liner and a Vault?

A grave liner does not seal and allows water to pass through. A burial vault is a lined and sealed outer receptacle that houses the casket. It protects the casket from the weight of the earth and heavy maintenance equipment that will pass over the grave. It also helps resist water and preserves the integrity of the memorial park by preventing the ground from settling and keeps the casket and body within dry.

have a variety of cremation caskets, urns, urn vaults and other items available for you.

Cremation Caskets: Whether you will be cremating directly, having a private viewing, or a public visitation and funeral service prior to the cremation, we offer a casket to fit your needs.

Urn: We offer a wide variety of urns. We have everything from sealed urns for burial, decorative urns for display, scattering urns for transporting a loved one to a favorite place and even biodegradable urns that will return a loved one to the earth.

Accommodation Cremation: Our accommodation cremation (without services) includes: basic services of licensed professionals and staff, a proportionate share of overhead costs, (overhead expenses for operating the funeral home facility, such as responding 24 hours a day to calls, accounting and billing, secretarial and administrative costs, maintenance and utility expenses, equipment and inventory expenses, insurance expenses and similar overhead expenses); removal of remains in Iowa, within the city limits of the Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral & Cremation Services to the servicing crematory is included. If death occurs outside of the city limits, but within the state of Iowa, a charge of \$1.25 per mile will be implemented; cremation container, temporary urn-no charge; and crematory fee (Medical Examiner's permit is an extra \$75 and is a cash advanced item which is not price guaranteed.) Total cost is \$2,575.75 with Medical Examiner's permit.

Memorialization Options at Memorial Park Cemetery

Burial-Urn can be buried even in full size grave spaces. If you already own a full burial space at Memorial Park Cemetery you do not need to purchase a special space if you decide to be cremated. The cremains must be placed in either an urn vault or some type of permanent container (granite, marble, or synthetic

- High value-low cost cremation caskets for use at any funeral home
- Cremation urns
- Cremation specialty items of keepsake urns, mementos and jewelry including LifeGems
- Interment sites available in the Garden of Sacred Heart featuring the Stations of the Cross
- Cards, books and gifts for all occasions
- Pet loss



What Are "Opening and Closing Fees"?

Fees for "Opening and Closing" cover the cost of many separate services performed by cemetery personnel. They include administering and permanent record keeping -- we determine ownership, obtain permission and complete all other necessary documents, enter the interment details in the interment register and maintain all legal files. The fees also include actually opening and closing the grave -- we locate and lay out the boundaries of the grave, excavate and fill the space. We level, fill, re-grade and seed the grave site and level and re-seed it if the earth settles.

Committal Ceremony Options

Dove Release: From the past to the present and into eternity, white doves have been and forever shall be a beautiful symbol of joy, peace, love and hope. In celebration of a life lived, we will release a single snow white dove in a tribute to your loved one. You may choose other options to include the release of three white doves symbolizing peace, love and hope. As the doves soar into the sky far above the clouds, it is our hope that you will send with them your love and your prayers for your loved one. It is our wish that as you experience this magical moment in time, you will forever know the joy, the peace, the love and the hope embodied by the doves. Our staff will coordinate the symbolic ceremony. It is a wonderful way to involve young children and grandchildren in the tribute.

Balloon Releases: Balloon releases at the end of a graveside service is a meaningful way to bring closure to a graveside service. Family and friends each release a balloon into the air with a prayer. Releasing balloons can symbolize many things such as sending prayers and messages to Heaven, the soul taking flight to Heaven or a sign of letting go of grief.

Bagpipes: A bagpiper is one of the most fitting ways to provide an emotional and meaningful send-off for a departed loved one. Being a proud and regal sounding instrument they add a



Cremation Options

At the Life Transition and Cremation Center, we offer the only locally owned and operated on-site crematory in a four-county area: Muscatine, Louisa, Cedar and Washington. We

wonderful feeling of strength and significance to a funeral ceremony. The bagpiper will perform as the casket or urn is brought to the interment site and again as part of the committal ceremony.

Eternal Light: The night illumination of the memorial for a loved one is a fitting tribute. Our Eternal Lights are gold in color with a red lens and a cross adorning the top. They are mounted on a 24-inch stake and include one 7-day candle.

Cooler with iced bottles of water or loud speaker: These are available upon request.

Rules and Regulations of Memorial Park Memorials

Muscatine Memorial Park is a memorial park, meaning that memorials are placed flush to the ground. Although memorials can be made of different material, such as marble and granite, bronze is the preferred material because of its unequalled endurance and artistic flexibility.

Only bronze memorials may be placed at Muscatine Memorial Park. We offer an extensive selection of individual, companion and family memorials. These memorials are available direct from the nation's best bronze manufacturers, and each memorial is custom cast to commemorate a loved one in a personal, dignified and permanent manner. The choice of many memorial designs, personalized emblems, endearments, phrases and verses allow each memorial to be customized according to individual wishes. Bronze vases built into the memorials allow convenient placement of floral tributes.

Because of the many personal choices, selecting a memorial at the time of death is very difficult for survivors. This emotional burden can be prevented by selecting your bronze memorials ahead of time to be placed in the cemetery.

loved one's grave is marked by a beautiful warm and glowing remembrance light for those special days. The warm glow of the candle represents the warmth it gives you to remember that your loved one is still with you in spirit. It will give you peace of mind to know that we are taking care of this opportunity of remembrance for you on each and every special day.



Life Transition and Cremation Center

The Life Transition and Cremation Center is a forward thinking, high value-low cost alternative to funeral homes and retail stores. It provides cards, gifts and merchandise for all occasions including sympathy, births, encouragement, anniversaries and end of life issues such as funeral service and cremation prearrangement and cemetery burial spaces, cremation niches and mausoleum crypts. You, or you and your spouse, together, may make all the necessary decisions as a couple, removing the burden of last minute details from your spouse, children and family.

Life Transition and Cremation Center offers many high value-low cost items:

- Bronze and granite monuments and markers for all cemeteries including cremation markers
- High value-low cost caskets for use at any funeral home
- High value-low cost vaults for use at any cemetery
- A crematory on premises for high value- low cost at- need or prearranged cremation service



Eternal Light Guidelines

The night illumination of the memorial for a loved one is a fitting tribute, although the Eternal Light must conform to the simplicity and uniformity of a Memorial Park.

All Eternal Lights must be on a single stake placed directly into the ground. Only one eternal light per marker is allowed. Hanging Eternal Lights from small stakes or shepherd staffs or Eternal Lights attached to full size shepherd staffs are NOT allowed. The height of the Eternal Light shall not exceed 28½ inches from the ground to the top of the Eternal Light. It must have a stake to retain it in the ground in a solid manner so it does not tip and remains upright. Red would be the preferred color for the Eternal Lights.

In order to retain the simplicity and uniformity of the cemetery, it is suggested the Eternal Light be used during special times of the year and not be a permanent decoration. The use of a 7-day candle, in a colored, round sleeve creates the appearance of uniformity during the night hours.

Solar lights or other types that do not meet requirements, will be pulled at each spring and fall clean up.

Again, the cemetery recommends the simplicity created by the original Memorial Park with the use of flowers only in the vase of the memorial marker.

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LifeLight Candlelight Program: This option ensures your

Monument and Marker Guidelines

Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery provides areas of interment to meet the needs and wishes of all.

In the flat bronze section, markers are required to have a granite base for ease of trimming and leveling of a marker. Granite Monuments are required to have a 4" foundation wash and granite pad

Bronze size requirements: The only size of Bronze markers allowed are: 60 x 20, 56 x 16, 44 x 14, 36 x 13, 32 x 10 and 24 x 14. We require a granite base of two inches around the Bronze and 4 inches thick. Only full size rectangle type bronze markers are allowed with no extensive granite etching. Government markers must be 24 x 12 with an appropriate individual or companion sized granite base, with or without a vase. Bronze on Granite must be delivered assembled. Scheduling for delivery to the cemetery must be arranged 48 hours in advance.

Upright granite areas are available for those who desire the stately beauty and majesty of granite memorialization. Either area has guidelines to follow as to size and type of memorial, direction monument or marker faces, flower vases, and installation fees. Each row in the upright granite area of Memorial Park will have a specific style of granite marker allowed. There are rows specific to a slant granite marker and rows specific to an upright granite marker. Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery staff is trained to assist you with your memorial selection, so you can be assured of total satisfaction.

All bronze and granite memorials for Memorial Park, regardless of place of purchase, must be installed by the staff of Memorial Park Cemetery. Families will be required to stop in to the Park office to sign a setting agreement and pay the foundation and installation fees directly. At this time, we must have on file a copy of the original acknowledgement confirmation containing the marker company's name, marker finish color and design. This must also contain the size of bronze, size and color of granite, style and type of lettering and any additional lettering or scroll type that may be required in the future for the final date. A xerox copy must be provided, we will not accept a written listing of the information.

Flower Regulations

In order to maintain lawns, it is necessary to curtail certain items during the mowing season. Your cooperation is needed for us to maintain the highest standards of maintenance and care possible. If in doubt about any decoration, please consult the office for complete information and assistance.

- One floral decoration in a vase on a marker, or in a vase on a mausoleum crypt or niche and one decoration on a regulation staff.
- All flowers must be in a marker, mausoleum or niche vase or on a shepherd staff *except* on the following holidays: ***Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.*** Only during the five days following these holidays may the flowers remain on the ground. After five days the flowers will be removed.
- Grave blankets and holiday wreaths may be placed on the graves after November 15 and will be removed March 15. ***Other decorations will be removed after five days.*** It should be noted that grave blankets are a deterrent to grass growth and may result in unsightly graves.
- Artificial vase flowers and winter wreaths are available at the office.
- Flags must be in a government holder issued by the American Legion. Flags in the ground or a vase will be removed.

The cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths or other decoration from lots as soon as they become unsightly. The grounds will be cleared of decorations twice a year. Spring cleanup begins March 15, and fall cleanup begins October 15. In order for a family to save any decorations placed on a grave, the decoration should be removed prior to these dates. New decorations may be placed beginning March 22 and October 22 respectively.

Memorial Park is not responsible for damage or maintenance of any decorations.

Special occasions: Please stop by the office so we may issue a work order to allow your decorations for your loved one's special occasions, e.g. birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Shepherd Staff Regulations

The use of Shepherd Staffs is *not* consistent with the Memorial Park standards. For reasons of uniformity, maintenance and safety during the mowing season and in the winter when the ground freezes, Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery ***does not*** recommend staffs as a decoration and is not responsible for their maintenance or the staff itself. If the Shepherd Staff does not conform to regulations or becomes unsightly or needs repair, it will be removed without notice.

One staff is allowed per marker with a single hook, black in color. ***All*** staffs must meet the specific measurements as shown in the drawing, except for Babyland and in the cremation gardens, in which we recommend staffs be 48 inches high.

A staff must be coated with a black, rust proof sealant. Shelves, solar lights, ornaments, animals or other metal additions may not be made to the staff, nor may any objects be tied to or leaned against the staff.

Shepherd staffs should be removed for the winter months from October 15 through March 15 to avoid damage. Staffs not maintained and/or which do not have a floral decoration displayed on them will be removed every year by June 15.

Only one floral hanging basket or one wreath may be placed on the staff. The Shepherd Staff may be wrapped with a single strand of garland.

The Cemetery is not responsible for damaged staffs.

