



RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEMORY GARDEN OF RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Use of the Garden

1.1 The primary purpose of the Memory Garden is for the placement of cremated remains.

1.2 The Memory Garden shall also be a place of tranquil beauty suitable for personal meditation, relaxation and enjoyment of memories.

1.3 Upon approval of the Session, the Memory Garden may also be used for special services, especially personal services and memorial services.

Eligibility

2.1 The Garden is primarily for the use of the members or former members of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and their immediate families or those persons where the Red Clay Cemetery is the historical burial place for their family. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the one of the pastors or the Memory Garden Committee.

2.2 Application to the Memory Garden Committee should be made through the church office and must be approved prior to placement in the Garden. The Memory Garden chairperson may grant approval on behalf of the committee.

2.3 Any person applying to place remains in the Garden is to be given a copy of the Memory Garden application and two copies of the current rules. One copy of the rules must be signed and returned for retention in the Garden records.

Donations

3.1 From time to time, the Committee will seek donations from members and friends of Red Clay for the improvement, maintenance and care of the Garden. Donations will be recorded in a suitable register maintained by the Committee, and this may be considered as prepayment for later sprinkling of remains in the Garden.

3.2 The Committee will periodically determine the appropriate donation to those applying to place cremated remains in the Garden.

3.3 The suggested donation is \$500 for each placement of remains. This is a non-refundable donation.

3.4 No one will be refused use of the Garden for inability to make the suggested donation.

3.5 When a donation equivalent to a regular subscription is made, the donor may request a plate to be placed in memory of a loved one.

Interment

4.1 After approval by the Committee, cremated remains may only be placed in the Garden.

4.2 Arrangements for a Memorial Service of interment are to be made through the pastoral staff of Red Clay. Ordained ministers of other Christian denominations may conduct the service after approval by the Session of Red Clay Creek Church.

4.3 Only a pastor of Red Clay Creek Church may actually place the remains in the Garden, and placement must be done without the presence of family or friends of the deceased. A request for a change in the interment procedure may be made to the pastor or the Memory Garden committee.

4.4 No specific place in the Memory Garden may be chosen or designated by the applicants. No record shall be kept of the location of interment of any individual.

4.5 Ashes may be scattered in various locations including the garden and others at the discretion of the pastor and/or the family. Crematory urns or permanent vessels of any type shall not be interred in the Garden.

Records and Markers

5.1 No permanent markers, monuments or plants identified as memorial to any individual shall be permitted except plates as described in the following paragraphs.

5.2 The Committee shall provide a plaque for mounting a plate for each person whose remains are placed in the Garden. The plates will be of the same material, uniform in size, of a permanent nature and permanently mounted. The plates will be suitably engraved with the person's name and complete dates of birth and death.

