

# **Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**

## **Memorial Green**

June 1, 2025

Procedures

### **A. Purpose**

Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's Memorial Green will provide a place to memorialize loved ones close to the heart of Ebenezer's continuing life of worship. The Memorial Green is designed to provide a space for burial of cremation ashes and to honor the name of the deceased. It exists as a proclamation of our faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and the everlasting life found in them. The Memorial Green is under the responsibility of the Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association and the Session of Ebenezer Church.

### **B. Eligibility**

Spaces are reserved for active members and affiliated members of Ebenezer.

An "active member" is defined as a person currently on the church role.

An "affiliated member" is a father, mother, son, daughter, step-father, step-mother, and grandparent or grandchild of an active member or of someone buried at Ebenezer.

Prior to any use of the Memorial Green, the Memorial Green Agreement is to be completed, signed and paid for by the person making the arrangements under the direction of an Ebenezer Memorial Cemetery Association representative.

### **C. Cost**

Active Member: \$750.00

Affiliated Member: \$1000.00

All fees are non-refundable and include a bronze name plate with engraving and installation of the nameplate and digging of the burial site for the cremation remains. The representative of the person's remains being buried is responsible for providing the remains in a biodegradable urn or container.

Cemetery upkeep and beautification will come from donations to the Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association as well as interment fees. The Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association reserves the right to change any and all fees at any time the committee deems it necessary to accomplish its stated mission and goals.

### **D. Plaque and Nameplates**

A stone with a large plaque is located beside the Memorial Green. Individual bronze nameplates of uniform design will be affixed to the plaque at the earliest possible date following the disposition of ashes. The nameplate will

contain the name and dates of birth and death of the deceased. This information will be recorded in the Memorial Green Agreement form and copied from there. All nameplates must be ordered through the Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association to ensure uniformity. No titles, epitaphs or other symbols can be added to the nameplate. Husbands and wives may have nameplate placed together as long as they are paid for at the same time. The name of the person's ashes being buried will have his/her name and dates recorded on their nameplate. A second nameplate will follow with the other spouse's name until it is time for the further information to be filled out. An additional charge may be needed to come back for engraving or to replace the plaque.

E. Services

Ebenezer should be notified immediately when a death of a person to be buried in the Memorial Green occurs. The funeral home or crematorium service should also be notified of future plans. Funeral services are under the direction of the Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association and the pastoral staff of Ebenezer ARP Church. Services are traditionally held in the church followed by a committal of ashes in the Memorial Green. Also acceptable is for the family of the deceased to hold the service elsewhere and then participate in the disposition of ashes in the Green. Another option is a service held at the Memorial Green site.

Ashes will not be scattered but buried in a biodegradable urn provided by the responsible person of the remains. The biodegradable urn is usually provided by the cremation service. Cremation remains will be buried in a sequential order around the perimeter of the Memorial Green. Funeral flowers, markers, decorations or similar adornments are not allowed to be left on or near the Memorial Green after the service.

F. Maintenance-

The Memorial Green is maintained by the Ebenezer Cemetery Memorial Association and Ebenezer ARP Church. Please contact the committee through the church office for questions or suggestions.

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