



**OTTUMWA CEMETERY
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Purchase of a cemetery lot before need is deemed wise and strongly urged. Prospective patrons may feel free to contact the cemetery for information without obligation or pressure.

Please call the office to schedule an appointment to discuss the purchase of a lot. Staff will have available suitable plats showing size, price and location of lots.

Payment arrangements are available.

Credit cards are accepted.

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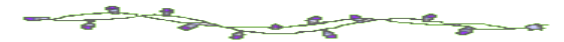
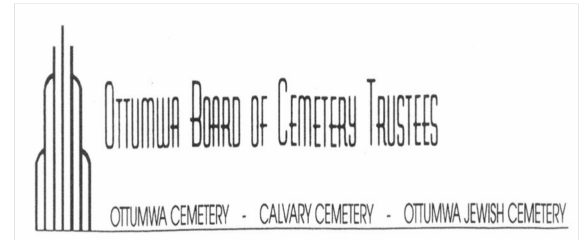
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Lot Purchase

The purchase price of a burial lot includes:

- * the exclusive right of interment on the burial lot,
- * perpetual care for the maintenance of the lot, and
- * the right to erect a grave marker or monument that meets the size and quality regulations set by the Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees

Interments

A reasonable fee for the opening and closing of a grave will be due at the time of interment. All interments shall be made in a vault constructed of steel or reinforced concrete, excepting cremated remains. A 24 hour notice for interment is required.

Interment Rights

Interment rights are deemed to be reserved for the lot owner and members of his/her family unless otherwise directed in writing by the owner. The Cemetery will permit the interment of members of the family at the request of any person upon proof of eligibility for interment. All burial rights in Cemeteries operated by the City of Ottumwa occupy the same position as real estate at the death of the owner.

No sale, transfer, or assignment of any lot, or part of a lot, shall be valid without the consent of the Cemetery. All transfers must be made at the Cemetery office, where a reasonable fee will be assessed to change the records.

Perpetual Care

Perpetual care is set aside in a permanent, irrevocable trust fund to maintain the lot. The interest from this fund shall be used for the permanent care of the lot and to maintain, repair and care for the cemetery, excluding monuments and markers.

Memorial Trust

Perpetual Care provides for everything essential. However, some lot owners may wish to provide care for markers or monuments, have floral tributes placed at certain times of the year or have existing shrubs or trees maintained. Money can be deposited in Memorial Trust funds, of which the income generated will be used for the purpose specified. Estimates and details for such funds will be given with the application.

Memorabilia and Tributes permitted

Fresh cut and artificial flowers and potted plants are permitted in vases on or closely adjacent to monuments. Plants will be removed by Cemetery personnel if they become unsightly. All floral decorations will be removed during biannual clean ups in March and October. Single-hook shepherd hooks will be permitted as long as they are next to the gravestone with the hook over the stone. One hook is allowed per space, two per lot. They must be a minimum of 48 inches from the top of the hook to the ground and a maximum of 60 inches. Vigil lights will be permitted, one per grave, two per lot. They must be placed near the gravestone. No other metal items are permitted. Plantings may be done with permission from the Cemetery office.

Memorabilia and Tributes not permitted

Artificial decorations such as, but not limited to balloons, stuffed animals, Styrofoam pieces, windmills, glass containers, lawn ornaments, signs, sculptures, items made of glass, ceramic or concrete, cans, toys, or other unsightly objects, or objects that will break causing safety concerns or injury to maintenance personnel, or impede the ability to mow and trim the cemetery, will not be permitted, and will be removed by Cemetery personnel without notice. No hedges, fences, edging or enclosures of any kind will be permitted on or around lots. Mulching with wood chips, rock, landscape fabric or similar items is strictly prohibited.

Memorials

No memorial stones or monuments may be erected on any lot until the lot is paid in full. All memorials shall be of first quality bronze or natural granite, of first class workmanship and in good keeping with the appearance of the grounds. Each section in the Cemetery has its own set of regulations as to size and type of memorial used. Before selecting a memorial, the lot owner or Monument Company must check with the Cemetery office on the size and type allowed in that particular section.

All memorials shall rest on a concrete foundation. Foundations shall be poured by the Monument Company from which the memorial was purchased or by an approved Concrete Mason, following regulations set by the Cemetery. The Cemetery staff will layout and inspect all foundations for a reasonable charge.

