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WOODLAWN CEMETERY

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RULES REGARDING GRAVE DECORATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Cutting and trimming grass is one of the largest and most costly maintenance activities of your cemetery. The use of artificial flowers and wreaths greatly hinders the grass cutting and increases its cost. Furthermore, our cemeteries have a great abundance of natural beauty from early spring to late fall. Artificial flowers and wreaths are not in harmony with the landscape during the growing season and are not needed at this time of year.

- A. In order that the entire cemetery may always present as neat and orderly appearance as possible, it is requested that flowers can be placed on graves only in **approved containers**.
- B. **One Bouquet of artificial flowers** will be permitted on each grave and they will be removed when they become unsightly. Cut flowers will be permitted at any time and will be removed when wilted.
- C. **The cemetery has the right to remove all** floral designs, flowers, trees, shrubs, and plants of any kind if, in the judgment of the superintendent, they do not conform to the standards maintained or if they become overgrown or encroach upon an adjoining lot.
- D. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, glass and plastic boxes, artificial animals, tin cans, crockery, wastebaskets, pails, cardboard cartoons, etc. will **not be permitted**.
- E. Potted plants or plants planted in the ground **will be permitted only if placed within twelve inches of a marker, which** is not level with the ground.
- F. Winter decorations, such as natural or artificial wreaths, placed on easels and approved arrangements will be **permitted from November 15 to March 15** and will be removed during the spring cleanup.
- G. Articles made of concrete, except urns, **are not permitted**.
- H. Imitation plants, ribbons, styrofoam designs, glass blocks, and similar decorations **are not permitted during the mowing season from March 15 to November 15**.
- I. **Fences, posts, trellises, etc. will not be allowed**.
- J. There will be no planting of trees or shrubs **without permission** of the superintendent.

- K. **No one**, except cemetery employees, will be allowed to do work in the cemetery without express permission from the superintendent.
- L. **All foundations** for markers, headstones, etc. shall be built by cemetery workers only.
- M. **No monuments, markers or headstones shall be placed without prior approval of cemetery authorities.**
- N. Should any monument, marker or headstone become unsightly or broken, cemetery authorities reserve the right to order its removal, or to correct the condition of it at the expense of the lot owner.
- O. **No lights of any kind (solar, battery, etc.) will be allowed.**

These Rules and Regulations Were Adopted and approved By the Woodlawn Cemetery Commission on January 21, 1986 and **Amended on November 13, 2001; July 21, 2020.**