

Woodstown Monthly Meeting Cemetery Burial Policy

Eligibility, Donations, and Title

The following policy was presented to Monthly Meeting on 7 January 2007 and approved on 3 June 2007.

The meeting will provide, in its graveyard, spaces for burial of bodies and cremation ashes of members, members' spouses, minor or dependant children, or significant other.

Questions of eligibility shall be decided in a regular monthly meeting of Woodstown Monthly Meeting for business. Where there is an issue of eligibility, Friends are urged to present the question before death. If a question cannot wait, Clerk of the Committee of Oversight and the Clerk of Woodstown Monthly Meeting shall prevail. The Cemetery will honor all requests on record. Title to all graves or proposed graves shall remain with Woodstown Monthly Meeting. Spaces are not sold. Any reserved space will be released, if the person is interred elsewhere. At the time of plot selection, a donation of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) is requested. A plot consists of one 8' x 8' section. One plot can inter two persons. Multiple cremated ashes can be interred together per plot with or without bodies. Cases of financial hardship will be dealt with individually.

The Treasurer will credit all donations to the Woodstown Monthly Meeting Cemetery Fund, invested at Friends Fiduciary Corporation, located at 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA. Collected fees associated with the cemetery shall be deposited in the Woodstown Monthly Meeting Property & Finance Account. Income from these funds shall support maintenance and perpetual care of the graveyard. If the Woodstown Monthly Meeting budget does not call for the use of the income, the income shall be added to the principal.

Cemetery Monument Policies

Based on the long-standing practice of Woodstown Monthly Meeting, the following policy was confirmed by its Property and Finance on 4 January 2007, presented to the Meeting for Business on 7 January 2007, and approved on 3 June 2007.

For the purpose of clarity, the Woodstown Monthly Meeting cemetery is an ongoing public statement of our testimonies on simplicity, equality and integrity.

Monument Markings

In accordance with our book of discipline entitled Faith and Practice, "Friends have traditionally expressed their commitments to simplicity and the equality of all persons by discouraging the use of elaborate grave markers. Graves should be marked by plain stones that bear only the name of the deceased and dates of birth and death."

Monument Sizes

In keeping with the size and scale of the existing stones, monuments located in the cemetery are not to exceed the following dimensions: 24 inches tall by 24 inches wide by 12 inches deep. Monuments that mark a double plot may be up to 36 inches wide.

Monument Design

The design of all monuments should be an expression of simplicity in both detail and text. Shape is limited to a rectangular or slightly rounded top. Multiple cremations interred in the same plot or cremations that share a plot with a casket must share a single monument and meet the regular restrictions. Exception to this policy, including text other than name, birth and death dates, is to be approved in advance by Woodstown Monthly Meeting at a monthly meeting for business so that specific approval will be recorded.

Any inquires shall be addressed to Woodstown Monthly Meeting, PO Box 13, Woodstown, NJ 08098, Attn: Cemeteries.