

# Rose Hill Cemetery

## Rules for Visitors:

- The cemetery is open to visitors at all times between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Permission to enter the cemetery at any other time must be obtained from the Cemetery Administrator or the police department.
- Visitors are required to use the walks and drives and are forbidden to trespass on cemetery lots; pick any flowers (either wild or cultivated); injure any shrub, tree or plant; or mar or deface any monument, stone or structure in the cemetery.
- Vehicles traveling within the cemetery shall proceed at a speed not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- Dogs will be permitted on the roadways, however, they must be cleaned up after and under control of their owner
- Firearms will not be allowed at the cemetery except at military funerals.
- The Cemetery prohibits spreading of ashes above ground.

## Decorating of graves:

- Any flower that sets into or on the floral containers on the tombstones will be permitted at all times, but will be removed when they become unsightly.
- Only annual flowers may be planted. Flowers should be planted between the tombstones if there is more than one. Otherwise, they should be planted as close to the tombstone as possible. It will be the responsibility of the planter to keep the planted area trimmed.
- Planting of trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers is forbidden.
- Artificial wreaths and evergreen blankets and wreaths are permitted between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> only.
- Glass containers are forbidden. Also, the complete burying of any container.
- All decorations should be placed as close to the tombstone as possible to facilitate mowing.
- The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following months: April and October. Decorations may be returned starting the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Exceptions to this are decorations in permanent planters or in permanent containers on the tombstones. These will be removed only when they become unsightly.
- If you wish to save any flowers, pots, wire stands, etc., they need to be removed prior to the times described above; they may be placed out after the clean-up dates.

## Cemetery Records:

- A plat of the cemetery, records of lot owners, lot descriptions, and grave locations are kept in the cemetery administrator's office at 100 E. First Street; the sale of lot is evidenced by a deed; each full lot consists of 5 spaces which are each 4' x 10' and there shall be only one person buried in each space.

## Interments/Inurnments:

- The Cemetery Administrator shall be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to all grave openings for the opening and preparation of the interment.
- All burials shall be in an approved concrete vault.
- All grave openings and closings shall be made under the direction of the Cemetery Administrator. Persons ordering grave openings will be held responsible for payment per the established fees and charges.

## Memorials:

- FOUNDATIONS for all monuments/markers in the Rose Hill Cemetery:
  1. No foundation or digging before first consulting the cemetery administrator.
  2. All foundations must be of concrete with three parts sand/gravel and one part cement.
  3. Foundation must have no less than five-inch (5") extension on each end and no less than four-inch (4") extension on front and back.
  4. Foundation must be at least 42" deep. (min. of 2 pillars or post holes with 8" cylinder to support 8"-10" thick foundation base.)
  5. If government-provided veteran marker is the only marker it must be placed at the head of a grave. If a government provided veteran marker is a secondary marker (in addition to a personal marker) it will have to be the bronze niche-plate type marker and it will be installed at the head of the grave. No foot markers will be allowed.
  6. Monuments on lots restricted to flush monuments may have a maximum width of 36" (24x36) and will be flush with the highest point of the ground. Vases on flush section lots are required to be an integral part of the marker.
- All setting of monuments and markers and the transportation of all tools, materials, etc., within the cemetery grounds shall be subject to the supervision and control of the cemetery administrator or the public works director.
- All foundations shall be set by the monument company under the supervision of the cemetery administrator or public works director.
- Monuments and markers will not be permitted on a lot until the lot is fully paid for. The City of Mechanicsville reserves the right to refuse permission to erect any memorial not in keeping with the good appearance of the cemetery grounds.

**Fees for services:** Opening /closing grave: Full size: \$460; Cremation: \$260; Sunday additional \$100; Sale of Lot: \$105 per space; Trading spaces/new deed/transfer \$5.00. In the event that interment spaces, memorials or memorilizations are damaged or defaced by acts of vandalism, the City of Mechanicsville shall not be liable.