




Walker Chapel Historic Cemetery

Cemetery Guide

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in the footsteps of
Jesus  *Christ*

In July 2018 the Board of Trustees and the Walker Chapel Council unanimously approved the **HISTORIC CEMETERY PROJECT** and authorized the Walker Chapel Property Manager to proceed with Phase I of the Project which provided an assessment period on the feasibility of the project. On January 7, 2019 the Board of Trustees and the Walker Chapel Council approved moving to Phase II which authorized the design and construction of the various elements of the project. Phase II additionally authorized the first publication and use of this Policies and Procedures Guide.

These **policies** define the basis of the cemetery as a United Methodist Church burial ground and the Chapel welcomes the community for burials on hallowed ground. The **procedures** generally define the policies, administrative processes, and rules of the Cemetery and the fees for gravesite licenses, interments, and services. All fees are subject to change and will be posted to the www.chapelcemetery.org website.

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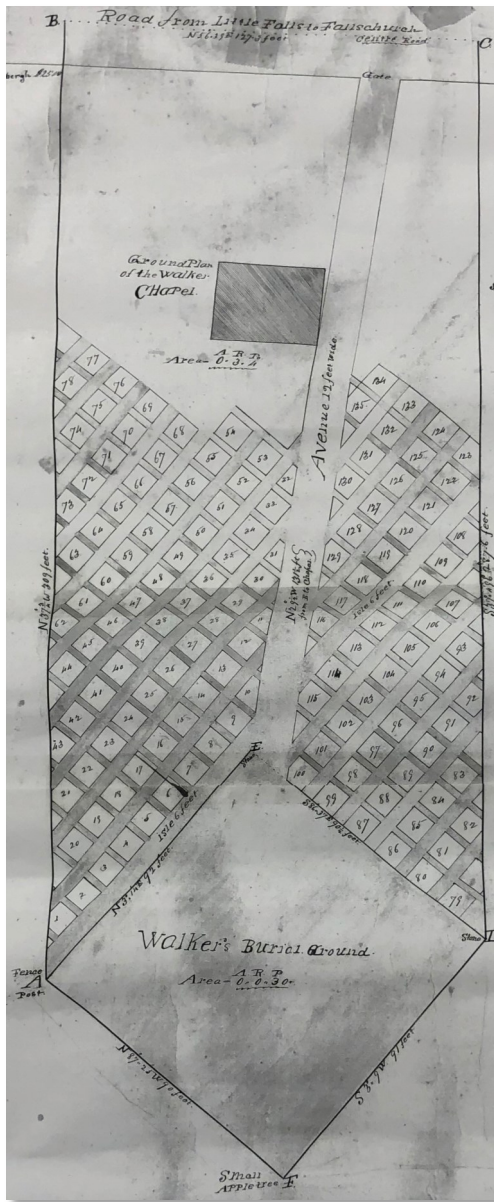
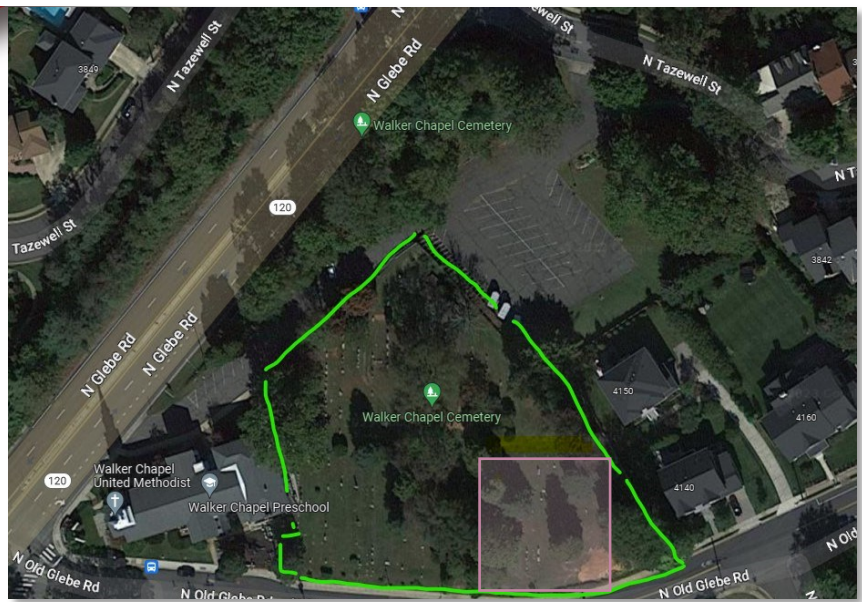
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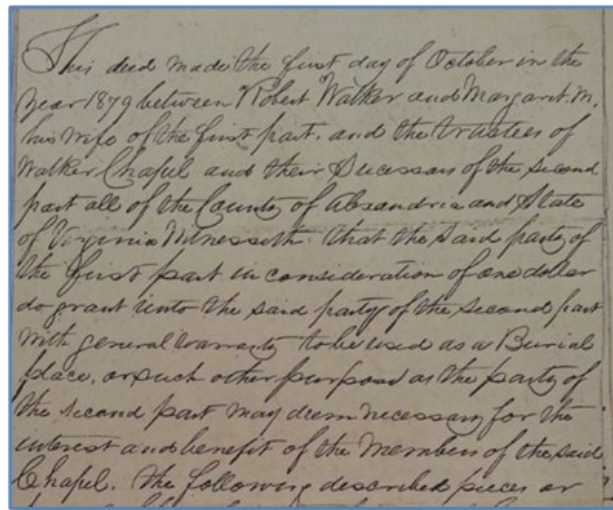


Introduction

Seen from above, the Walker Chapel Historic Cemetery is located within the green outline. The approximate location of the original Walker family Burial Ground is outlined in purple the lower right corner of the Cemetery.



In the 1800's, the Walker Family was instrumental in forming Walker Chapel which first met in people's homes. The entire grounds of Walker Chapel were deeded to the Walker Chapel Board of Trustees in 1879 by Robert and Margaret M. Walker. Arlington County has designated the entire 92,400 square foot grounds as an Arlington Historical District.



In the beginning the area in the bottom right corner, marked in purple, was used as the burial grounds for the Walker family. The earliest recorded burial was that of David Walker in 1848. The back corner, however, also contains many small rough granite stones, inserted upright in the ground. The stones have no names and are the subject of research as these graves might easily pre-date David Walker's burial.

Introduction

The Walker Chapel Board of Trustees manages and operates all physical property and associated finances in accordance with the United Methodist Church *Book of Disciplines*. All changes to the outside of the Church structures and all grounds are subject to the approval of the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board [HALRB] of Arlington County with the exception of landscaping and care / removal of trees less than 15 inches in diameter.

Walker Chapel is a United Methodist Church and is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), IRS classification as a church within the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Church graveyards are not subject to the regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Cemetery Board, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, located in Richmond, Virginia, or at www.dpor.virginia.gov , however, we do use the regulations as a guideline for proper cemetery management.



The Cemetery is unlike others in the area. The Walker Chapel Cemetery is a Historical Christian church graveyard. The Chapel is where the congregation follows its faith while the the graveyard holds the members who have passed to eternal care. No individuals financially benefit from the Walker Chapel Historic Cemetery.

The Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead and that strict and reverential decorum shall be observed by all who enter the sacred enclosure. All boisterous laughter and irreverent mirth and conversation, running or otherwise acting in an unbecoming manner are



forbidden. Anyone offending shall be required to leave the grounds and willful violators will be prosecuted under the laws of the State of Virginia and County of Arlington. Yet, it is also an area for expressive Christian activities such as the annual Easter Egg hunt where children and families enjoy the expanse and hiding places in the cemetery. All persons are allowed access between sunrise and sunset. At night the cemetery has no barriers to entry, but often the wild animals from foxes to deer us can be found enjoying the open spaces.

All interments are licensed by Walker Chapel through by the office of the Cemetery manager or designated Trustee. **Licenses are only for use and do not convey ownership of land or structures.** Walker Chapel retains all rights to the site. This simplicity avoids the need for deeds, property tax, and estate management while giving licensees the freedom to care for their loved ones.

Transfers of any site to third parties are not allowed other than first returning the site to Walker Chapel who will refund the original license fee less an administrative charge and relicense the site to a third party that meets the requirements for the site. Details are provided later in this Guide.

All sites or scattering areas may only be used as a place of burial for the human dead or their cremains. Such scatterings render the cremains unrecoverable. No animal burials are allowed.

No interments will be performed on Sunday, on government holidays, in times of an epidemic, or other extraordinary cases as solely determined by the Pastor of Walker Chapel. In the case of an epidemic, the burial must be certified to by the County or State Health Department and the Cemetery. No out-of-state full body interment shall be made without the proper burial or transit permit from the originating State Health Department that should accompany the remains.

In general, multiple unrelated funerals will not be scheduled at the same time on the same day. Exceptions must be approved by the Pastor of Walker Chapel who has sole discretion.

All interments, disinterment, or deposit expenses for any work done on sites must be paid for in advance. This includes all expenses that result from the funeral such as moving and replacing stonework on other markers to allow access to a site, the need for which is solely determined by Walker Chapel.

General Rules

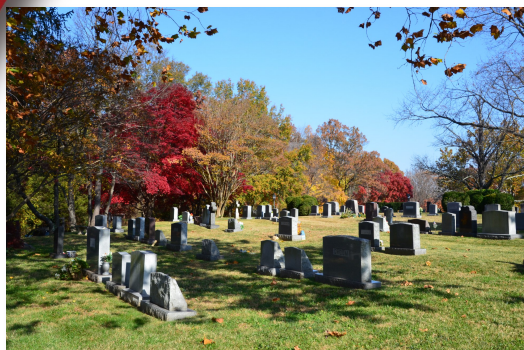
These General Rules apply to interments and the grounds throughout the historic cemetery.

- All workmen employed by third party organizations including but not limited to Mortuaries, Funeral Homes, flower vendors, funeral consultants, and providers of funeral services must be covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance, Liability and Property Damage Insurance. Independent's employed and paid by Walker Chapel must additionally have an IRS Form W-9 form on file with the Cemetery Office for the annual preparation of 1099-MISC reporting.
- No burial shall be allowed or memorial work done at any site against which there shall appear due and unpaid charges.
- All funerals performed within the grounds shall be under the control of the Cemetery management.
- No scattering of ashes is permitted in the cemetery except for around the Chapel memorial stone in the Memorial Garden.
- All persons are strictly warned not to write upon, deface or in any way mar or destroy any monument, grave marker, fence or other property within or belonging to the Cemetery.
- No vehicle is to be driven within the Cemetery grounds except as authorized by the Chair of the Cemetery manager. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.
- All persons are prohibited from climbing on any of the monuments, fences, trees and/or walls of the Cemetery.

The posting of these policies and procedures here and on the Cemetery website shall constitute sufficient notice to owners of their existence. Copies of the may be obtained upon request from the Cemetery.

Memorial Options

There are three areas in the cemetery. Each offers its own approach to memorializing loved ones who have passed to eternal care.



The **Main Cemetery** is reserved for Chapel members for casketed and cremains interment. Once licensed to a member, that member may extend burial rites to anyone of their choosing.



The **Memorial Garden** is where the first Walker Chapel stood...a simple wooden frame church with a basement kitchen and a steeple. It is now an open place with memorial stones for members of the Chapel. Ashes may be scattered around the founding stone but not under the memorial stones.



There are three **Columbaria** encased with natural stone located atop the rear wall facing the Chapel. The companion niches are for two urns. The family niches are twice as wide and are for up to four urns.

These options are described in greater detail in the following pages.

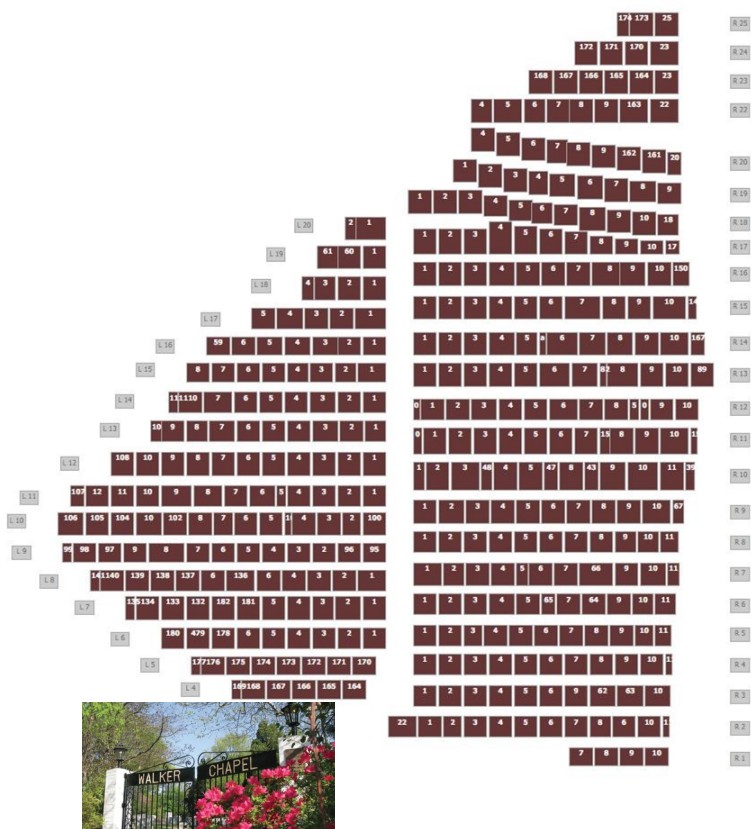


Main Cemetery

The layout of the main Cemetery starts a short distance from the main gate at the middle of the cemetery. There is an grass-covered access path up the middle of the cemetery that divides the main cemetery into two sections: **Right** and **Left**.

Within each section there are rows shown below in gray boxes along the outer edge of the cemetery. Within each row there are lots that differ in size with the most common size being ten feet wide which accommodates three burial sites. Some lots are quite narrow and only contain one gravesite while large lots may contain four or five gravesites.

Within each gravesite there is space for two full burials referred to as "Single Depth" and "Double Depth". Historically many first burials were at a single depth. Once a single depth is used, it blocks use of the double depth rendering the double depth site unrecoverable and so many sites contain only one burial.



There are variations. Some sites hold both mother and infant together. Some sites hold the ashes or cremains where each gravesite may have up to six cremains at a single depth. Some are combinations of casketed and cremains interments.

Current casketed burials required the use of a concrete vault. When burying cremains the ashes must be either placed in a natural marble or wooden urn or the urn must be placed in a concrete vault.

The Cemetery has been in use from the early to mid-1800, earlier burials were either direct casket to ground burials and some may have been simply burial shrouds. The Cemetery has performed a ground penetrating radar study of the ground to assist in determining the state and location of a burial site, but based on the age of the interment and methods used, there is no reliable above ground method to be sure the site has not been used. Therefore, new licenses are issued with the caveat that on interment, if a prior grave is encountered, it is understood by all parties that the newly deceased will be offered an alternative site without fault.



Right of Interment Licensing

ROI Licenses are required for interment in the Main Cemetery. Please note, ***Licenses are only for use and do not convey ownership of land or structures.*** Walker Chapel retains all rights to the site in perpetuity.

Burial in the main Cemetery has historically been limited to members of Walker Chapel. Membership is defined as having been formally commended to and received into the congregation by the Pastor during a Sunday Service. Membership is the first step in discipleship where *these persons* pledge to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Main Cemetery license process starts with the selection of an available site based on the master lot map and a visual inspection. The license will specify the section, row, lot and gravesite(s). Typically a lot will have from one to four gravesites. Historically it was common to license a family lot but now the concept of a lot is more for administrative purposes and gravesites are licensed on an individual basis.

Upon selection of a site, the Cemetery staff will physically inspect and probe the site to ensure it is available regardless of the status in the paper records or database. Each gravesite is limited to two casketed burials where the first is buried double depth and the second on top of the first buried as single depth, each in their own vault. In many historic gravesites the first buried was interred at a single depth. This blocks the interment of a second body and limits the site to a single burial in perpetuity. In the case of cremains, the policy is to allow a maximum of six cremains in suitable urns and/or vaults at a single depth. In the case where the site already has casketed burials, a suitable place within the gravesite boundaries will be used for interment of the urn.

Once a site has been Licensed, the owner of the license may extend that right to members of their family and others. The license will remain valid should the owner move out of the area but they are encouraged to stay in touch with the cemetery.

Once confirmed, the license and payment details will be entered into the Cemetery Management System and an invoice provided to the prospective licensee. Once the payment has been received, a site License will be prepared and signed the Cemetery Manager and issued to the licensee.

License Returns

If for any reason the licensee finds they will not be using the site, the licensee may request to return the site to Walker Chapel. If in fact the site has not been used or marked, Walker Chapel will prepare a quit claim for the licensed to sign and upon receipt of a duly authorized quit claim, Walker Chapel will return the initial fee less an administrative processing fee.



License Transfers

No transfers between individuals regardless of relation are recognized by Walker Chapel unless the transfer is performed by a Last Will and Testament where the gravesite is explicitly mentioned and Bequeathed.

All methods of transferring a license directly from the original owner to a third party are prohibited. The concurrent transfer will be documented in appropriate applications and forms including a Quit Claim signed by the original owner or surviving representative. The new owner must concurrently make application for the site following the prior rules at the prevailing pricing bypassing any and all applicants on the waiting list.

Once these actions have been completed to the satisfaction of Walker Chapel and all fees paid, the transfer of the site will be recorded in the paper and online records of the Cemetery and a new license will be issued to the new licensee.

Arranging the Interment

The process starts with notification of death and request for burial from the primary contact person for the deceased's affairs to the Church Office. The Church Office will assist the Pastor in arranging funeral and graveside services. The Church Office will also notify the Cemetery manager who will arrange for the interment.

The Cemetery manager will create the Burial License which includes the details on the interment, the family, the funeral home, the Chapel, and the type of interment: single depth, double depth, or cremains. If a single depth is requested without a prior double depth interment, a signed acknowledgement will be attached stating that a single depth has been requested in an unused site that will forever preclude a second burial in the same site without significant expense.

If a casketed burial is requested, by law there must be a local funeral home and Funeral Director in Charge of the interment. They will require additional documentation and assistance in any inter-state transfers between funeral homes. For persons who have died outside of Virginia who wish a full body burial, a copy of the burial transit certificate must accompany the Burial Certificate. If a cremains burial is requested a copy of the Certificate of Cremation from the funeral home is required.

The Cemetery manager will validate the availability of the site for the burial by physical inspection and probe and will not rely on either the paper or online records of the office. However, given the age and condition of the cemetery and its records, there is a possibility that a grave will be encountered while preparing the site. In this case the Cemetery manager will assist in relocating to an unused site.

The Cemetery manager will prepare an invoice for all interment services to be provided by Walker Chapel including the administrative fee of the cemetery and present the invoice to the primary contact person. Payment of the invoice in full is required prior to issuing the Burial Certificate and no interment can take place without a Burial Certificate.



Interment

Interments may be scheduled for Monday through Saturday. No interments are permitted on Sunday or holidays without the approval of the Pastor. Saturday and holiday interments have additional fees.

If the Pastor of Walker Chapel is to provide the graveside services, the primary contact person is responsible for providing the Pastor's Honorarium prior to the service and any facility fees for use of Walker Chapel personnel and/or facilities.

Prior to interment, the Cemetery manager will arrange for the preparation of the gravesite, marking the gravesite, arranging for the setups of canopy and chairs, ground cover, lowering device, and either a casketed vault or a cremains vault. The site will be prepared either the day before or the morning of interment. Any flowers, sign-in books, photograph displays and the like will be setup by the primary contact person. On request, the Cemetery manager can provide extra tables and a cross.

During interment the Cemetery manager is present to assist with any details. If a casketed interment, the Funeral Director is required by law to be present until the vault is closed. If the interment is at a double depth, the vault will be placed near the gravesite, the lowering device will be placed on the vault, and the casket will be placed on the lowering device. If the interment is at a single depth, often the vault is in place in the grave and the casket is lowered into the vault at the end of the Service.

After interment, the Cemetery manager supervises the completion of closing the grave. For casketed interments, the Funeral Home Director must remain present until the vault is closed. The Cemetery manager will then supervise the restoration of the gravesite. The ground will be left compacted and level with all excess dirt removed. Grass seed for the site will be provided by the Cemetery Office. The primary contact person may alternatively, and at their own expense, lay sod on the gravesite(s).

All rubbish accumulated by the owners of sites and/or their representatives must be carefully removed as soon as possible. Low volumes may be deposited in trash receptacles provided by the Cemetery but large amounts of trash must be taken offsite by the primary contact person or their agent(s).

Any flowers left behind are placed on the grave for the following week and then disposed of by the Cemetery manager.

Post Interment Care

The Cemetery manager can provide local referrals for stone preparation and will coordinate with placement of memorials with the selected provider.

The Cemetery is maintained by a professional, commercial grounds care company and augmented by landscape specialists for removing, moving, or adding flowers, shrubs, trees, and turf. A portion of the fees paid for the license and interment services go to this care but they are historically insufficient and donations from family, friends, bequeaths, and qualified charitable donations (QCD's) are a blessing.



Memorials

Memorials include but are not limited to headstones, lot markers, head and foot stones, and unique stones. The category can be generalized to any object that is an aid to grave identification and may contain inscriptions or medallions.

All memorials shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the licensee of the gravesite. All installations of memorials shall be performed by Cemetery approved installers and/or contractors that have provided proper certification of Workmen's Compensation Insurance and Liability and Property Damage Insurance. Any damage that occurs to any other gravesite or to the property of the Cemetery shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Cemetery manager by (first) the owner of the gravesite being worked on and (second) by the installers and/or contractors doing the work.

Memorials remain the property and responsibility of the licensees and/or their estates. The Cemetery and Walker Chapel assumes no liability for any damage to those items. Licensees are advised to include these items on their household insurance policy.

Headstones

Headstones are designed on paper prior to fabrication. The primary contact person for the deceased must sign and approve the design and engraving. The design must also be provided to and approved by the Cemetery manager including any exceptions to the general guidelines below.

Headstones must be placed a minimum of six inches inside the gravesite(s) property line as determined by the Cemetery manager. The balance with the space may be the width of the headstone. They must not exceed 10 inches in thickness or be more than three feet two inches in total height measured at the tallest point including the base. The stone material and color must be compatible with what is already in the cemetery and befitting the sacred and historic place it represents. The shape of the headstone must be consistent with nearby headstones. Towers, mausoleums, full site stone slabs, obelisks, or unusual shaping of the stone are NOT normally allowed.

The headstone must be installed by a contractor approved by the Cemetery. A concrete footer must be first installed and brought to within one inch of the surrounding ground. The footer must be the size of the headstone base plus three inches on each side. The depth of the footer must be two feet.

Lot Markers

Only lot markers are permitted and the licensee must be the licensee of all gravesites in the lot. The markers must be no larger than four inches square, may only be engraved with the first initial of the last name of the family and be ten to twelve inches in height. The markers must be buried inside the lot boundaries and be level with the surrounding ground.



Flat Headstones, Footstones, and Memorials

Many gravesites have flat stones sunk in the ground. Historically there were head stones and foot stones to mark the top and bottom of the grave. Now they are more memorials or markers for cremains interments. These memorials are limited to flat stones not larger than twenty-four by twelve inches and four to six inches deep. The engraving and/or images on the memorial must be pre-approved by the Cemetery Manager as with any stone. The stone must be laid on a minimum depth of three inches of crushed rock as a foundation but a concrete base is preferred and significantly more stable since a stone on crushed rock will sink over time.

Decorations

Decorations include the placement of any materials in or upon any gravesite that is other than a memorial. Examples are artificial or real flowers, plants, shrubs, trees, toys, remembrance items, and photographs.

At the discretion of the Cemetery manager, live plantings and artificial flowers are permitted around a gravesite but may be removed without notice by the Cemetery grounds crew if they present a problem with grounds care. No other objects such as planter, personal items, photographs, or memorabilia are discouraged and may be removed without notice or return when encountered.

No enclosures of any nature such as fences, hedges or ditches will be allowed around any gravesites or lot. Grave mounds are strictly prohibited and no site or memorial or markers will be raised above the established grade.

The Cemetery manager has the authority to prune, remove or transplant any plant, bush, flower or tree when in manager's sole opinion such a course is necessary.



Options & Fees

Each gravesite is licensed separately and may be used for a single and double casketed interments using individual concrete vaults or for up to six cremains interments using either a biodegradable urn or a concrete urn vault.

Interment fees range depending of the type of interment (single, double, or cremains) and the extent of the setup for services: chairs, canopy, ground cover, tables, lowering device, etc.). The cemetery will prepare an exact invoice for the options desired for family approval and payment prior to interment.

Walker Chapel or religious service fees are invoice by the providing groups independent of the cemetery.

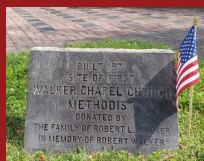
All Funeral Home services and transportation / licenses are provided independent of the cemetery and private between the Funeral Home and the family. Information on the Funeral Home is required for the Walker Chapel Burial license but no details.

The cemetery includes a single administrative fee for all interment coordination and recordkeeping.

All fees must be paid prior to interment scheduling and interment.

Item	Description	Fee
One Gravesite	May be used for single or single & double depth graves or up to six cremains interments. Walker Chapel members only.	\$8,000.00
Interment Service	Includes grave open/close and single vault placed at the selected depth. Service fees ranges from simple family gatherings to larger services with chairs, canopy, ground cover, tables, and lowering devices.	Average Range \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00
Burial License	A Burial License documents the funeral home, service providers, and cemetery staff for one interment and includes a copy of the Certificate of Cremation provided if applicable.	\$500.00
Cemetery Fee	The administrative fee to the cemetery for coordinating one interment and recording it in the records of Walker Chapel	\$500.00
Quit Claim	If the site is returned to the Chapel unused, the original license fee is returned less the Quit Claim processing fee.	\$500.00

Memorial Garden



Within the corner of the retaining wall in the north end of the Cemetery, at the top of the spiral staircase, there is a memorial garden where once stood the original Walker Chapel. In this hallowed place there are individual granite markers among the pavers and a main stone with a plaque commemorating the first Walker Chapel and the garden.

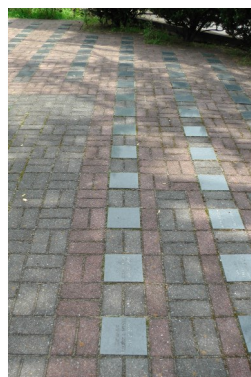
With the explicit written permission of Walker Chapel, ashes may be symbolic scattered around the main stone marking the spot of the original Chapel.

Memorial Garden sites start with the selection of an existing blank marker for a single interment based on the master lot map for the Garden and a visual inspection. The application will include the text to be engraved by Walker Chapel on the marker. Since the marker is small, the text is usually limited to a name and an abbreviated date range. The application will additionally state whether a symbolic scattering of ashes will take place and an authorization to scatter and acknowledgement that scattered remains are unrecoverable. All scatterings must include a copy of the Certificate of Cremation.

The Cemetery prepare an invoice for the site license and optional scattering of ashes. Upon confirmation and receipt of payment, a Memorial Garden license will be issued to the applicant.

At the family's option, a memorial service may be held. Scattering of ashes will be performed with appropriate sanctity by the family and Walker Chapel after the services have been concluded. No cremains are buried under the marker.

Decorations, flowers, small object, may be placed near the marker with the understanding that the Memorial Garden is open to all, including night visiting wildlife, and there is a risk beyond the Chapel's control that items may be damaged or go missing.





Options & Fees

Each memorial stone may be engraved with one or two names. Usually abbreviated dates are included: JAN 18, 1941— MAR 26, 2020.

If there is to be a scattering the ashes about the founding stone, a copy of the Certificate of Cremation is required for the Burial License issued by Walker Chapel and a fee will apply.

A single administrative fee is added for all memorial coordination and recordkeeping.

Memorial service fees are provided as requested and vary with the extent of the setup for the service: chairs, canopy, tables, etc.

Item	Description	Fee
One Memorial	May be used for one or two related individuals. Walker Chapel members only.	\$1,100.00
Engraving	Up to two names and two abbreviated dates: JAN 18, 1941	\$400.00
Interment Service	Ranges from simple family gatherings to larger services with chairs, canopy, ground cover, tables, and lowering devices.	Average Range \$200.00 to \$1,000.00
Burial License	A Burial License documents the funeral home, service providers, and cemetery staff for one interment and includes the Certificate of Cremation if applicable.	\$500.00
Cemetery Fee	The administrative fee to the cemetery for coordinating one interment and recording it in the records of Walker Chapel	\$350.00
Scattering	An optional scattering of ashes around the Founding Stone where once stood the first Walker Chapel	\$100.00



Columbaria

The columbaria are in a private, sacred site for privacy in grief and visitation. The first three columbaria units are spaced along the stone wall and encased in matching stone. The companion niches are for one to two urns while the family niches are twice as wide and are for four to five urns. The front of each niche is a granite panel with the engraved name(s) and dates.

Applications for a niche license may be submitted to the Cemetery at any time. Many select their niche long before it is needed. Once an application has been received, the Cemetery staff will meet with the primary contact for the license to view the available niches and confirm the selection. An invoice for the license is prepared by the Cemetery and upon payment, a niche license is issued to the primary contact. At the option of the licensee, the granite facing may be partially engraved to later be completed upon interment, or the granite facing may be left blank since only full lines may be engraved. For example, the date of birth cannot be engraved and then later follow by the engraving of the date of death on the same line.

Upon interment, the primary contact or their designated representative will contact the Cemetery and arrange the date, time, and service plans for interment. The niche size limits the size of the urn and the primary contact or their designated representative is responsible for selecting an urn that meets the size requirements of the niche. Urns are available from the Cemetery to facilitate selection. Interment services may be simple family gatherings up to a full religious service including military honors if applicable.

Engraving of the granite facing is completed after interment at a fee determined by the number of complete lines of text. The cemetery will coordinate all shipping, engraving and installation of the finished granite facing. While removed for engraving, a temporary granite front will be inserted by the cemetery.

Decorations, flowers and objects, may NOT be placed near or on the columbaria because it is a shared space and an accumulation of decorations would hinder proper grounds maintenance.





Options & Fees

There are three columbaria. Each has companion niches and family niches. Each has five rows of niches with the companion niches in the middle and the family niches on the ends.

Companion niches accommodate two urns and the family niche accommodates four to five urns. The urns cannot be larger than 5.5" x 5.5" square and 7" tall. Urns can be provided by the cemetery that fit the columbaria and are made of sheet brass. If your urn is larger than this measurement, the ashes will have to be transferred to a cemetery urn prior to interment.


Niche fees are determined by the unit, the row, and the position on a row. Once a niche selection has been made, an invoice will be prepared for family approval and payment. Upon payment, a Columbaria license will be issued and recorded.

Engraving fees for the granite cover are based on a maximum of 23 characters per line and then the number of lines to be engraved. All niches have the same text layout and font. Text may be added at any time but each engraving is a separate fee.

On interment, fees vary by the graveside service wishes. A Burial License is required together with a copy of the Certificate of Cremation. Opening, preparing, and closing the niche and recording the interment is a single fee each time the niche is opened.

All fees must be paid prior to interment scheduling and interment.

Jonathan Gerald Christenson December 30, 1968 May 5, 2011
Margaret Ella Christenson November 12, 1962 October 14, 2010

Item	Description	Fee
Companion niche	Space for two 5.5" x 5.5" x 7" urns. Fee based on location.	\$4,800.00 to \$5,000.00
Family Niche	Space for four to five 5.5" x 5.5" x 7" urns. Fee based on location.	\$9,600.00 to \$10,000.00.
Interment Service	Ranges from simple family gatherings to larger services with chairs, canopy, ground cover, tables, and lowering devices.	Average Range \$200.00 to \$1,500.00
Engraving Service	Engraving Service fees are based on the niche size, companion or family, and on the number of lines. All lines must be complete and cannot later be changed or augmented. The format and font is fixed for Walker Chapel. Maximum of six lines. Family niches are 1.5 x fee of companion niches. Shipping added. Prices subject to change without notice.	1 Line: \$282.00 2 Lines: \$335.00 3 Lines: \$323.00 4 Lines: \$368.00 5 Lines: \$413.00 6 Lines: \$455.00
Burial License	A Burial License documents the funeral home, service providers, and cemetery staff for one interment and includes the Certificate of Cremation if applicable.	\$500.00
Cemetery Fee	The administrative fee to the cemetery for coordinating one interment and recording it in the records of Walker Chapel	\$350.00
	The Cemetery can provide a 5.5" x 5.5" x 7" brass urn designed to fit within the space allowed for either niche	\$125.00



Funding

The Cemetery is supported primarily by donations received by Walker Chapel via Pledges and gifts for the operations of the cemetery. A portion of license and interment fees are placed in the Cemetery Operations account where it is used primarily for general grounds keeping.

A Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund was established in years past from bequeaths and donations. The current fund is positioned at the Virginia United Methodist Fund. The fund has ties to the donors and its value is held constant. The return on investments and interest earned on this account is another source of funds for the maintenance and/or upkeep of the cemetery. The Board of Trustees of the Chapel is the guardian for the Perpetual Care Fund, and the ultimate authority for Cemetery administration. The Fund is among the special accounts in the Chapel accounting system where it is managed by the Chapel Treasurer.

Gifts to the cemetery may be for general use or be designated for a specific application. The wishes of the donor will be followed in all cases.

The Cemetery manager is appointed by the Leadership Board and the Trustees of the Chapel to oversee the day-to-day operation of the Cemetery. The Cemetery manager and all cemetery staff are volunteers and do not receive any compensation for their work.

Keep In Touch

Critical to the successful operation of an active cemetery is maintaining contact with a live person be they a direct family member, relative, or subsequent generations. Each January starting in 2024 the Cemetery manager will reach out to all known license holders to validate their contact information.

Contact us by email to cemetery@walkerchapel.org

Or phone the Chapel Office at 703-538-5200

