

RULES AND REGULATIONS
For the
PRINCETON CEMETERY
of the
NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please retain these Rules and Regulations for future reference
In connection with your cemetery deed
Or Right to Interment in Pardee Memorial Garden

As amended and adopted by the Cemetery Committee
On March 6, 2023

These Rules and Regulations have been duly adopted by the Cemetery Committee pursuant to the New Jersey Cemetery Act 2003, N.J.S.A. 45:27-1, et seq., and the resolution adopted by the Session of the Nassau Presbyterian Church on June 21, 2018. These rules and regulations are subject to repeal and alteration at any time by the Cemetery Committee or by the Session of the Nassau Presbyterian Church

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All lot owners, visitors and persons coming within the cemetery for any reason shall be subject to the adopted rules and regulations. Any reference to the rules and regulations of the cemetery in the deed or certificate of ownership to lots or in a Right to Interment in Pardee Memorial Garden herein shall have the same force and effect as if the adopted rules and regulations were set forth at length in the deed or certificate.

2. The Princeton Cemetery shall be open to the public during daylight hours. No persons shall be permitted upon the cemetery grounds during the hours of darkness without the express permission of the cemetery authorities.

3. Children under the age of sixteen years are not allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.

4. No lot owner shall cut down, destroy, remove, trim or prune any trees within the boundaries of a burial plot, without the express permission of the cemetery authorities.

5. All persons are prohibited from climbing trees or climbing upon or over monuments or gravestones, whether the monuments belong to the Nassau Presbyterian Church or to any individual plot, lot or grave owner.

6. Any and all persons entering the property shall be liable under the laws of the State of New Jersey for any damage to the cemetery property or to the property of any owner of a burial plot, which is caused by them during the time they are on the cemetery grounds.

7. All disorderly persons, or persons who willfully violate any of the rules and regulations of the cemetery or who trespass upon the cemetery grounds, may be ejected from the grounds and refused reentry thereafter.

8. Rules and regulations relating to Pardee Memorial Garden are set forth in these rules under the heading **PARDEE MEMORIAL GARDEN**.

OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF INTERMENT SPACE IN CEMETERY PLOTS, INCLUDING FULL LOTS, COLUMBARIUM NICHES, AND CREMATION LOTS

1. The conveyance of interment space in the cemetery confers only the right of interment of a specified number of human remains within the plot conveyed.

2. No sale, transfer, or other disposition of any burial plot, or interest therein, shall be valid

except upon due notice in writing to the Cemetery Committee and upon the written consent of the Cemetery Committee. Such consent, to be effective, must be endorsed upon or attached to the cemetery deed.

3. No plot or grave site shall be sold by the lot owner to any other person unless it has first been offered to the Cemetery Committee for repurchase.

4. The Cemetery Committee may refuse to consent to any sale or transfer of a cemetery burial plot, as long as there is any indebtedness due the Cemetery Committee from the record lot owner, or, in the case of burial plots conveyed before 1956, if the lot owner has not made financial provision for the perpetual care of the burial plot.

INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS IN CEMETERY PLOTS AND PARDEE MEMORIAL GARDEN

1. All interments and disinterments are to be made by the cemetery authorities, at the expense of the lot owner.

2. Interments and disinterments shall be between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Sunday. Interments in Pardee Memorial Garden shall take place either before or after any service held at the Garden or within the Cemetery, and at a time and place determined at the sole discretion of the Cemetery.

3. All interments of human remains shall be within approved concrete or other approved burial vaults. Interments in Pardee Memorial Garden shall be in biodegradable urns as specified by the Cemetery.

4. In each single gravesite in a cemetery plot, there may be interred one adult remains or six cremated adult remains or one adult remains and two cremated remains. In each single double-deep grave, there may be interred two adult remains or one adult remain and six cremated remains. Interments in Pardee Memorial Garden shall be in undisclosed locations within the Garden as specified by the Cemetery.

5. No interments will be permitted unless a signed authorization for burial, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:27-22 is received by the cemetery authorities from the plot owner or from his legal representative or funeral director as provided in N.J.S.A. 45:27-22.

6. No disinterments shall be allowed except with the written consent of the Cemetery Committee and upon proof of compliance with all New Jersey laws and local ordinances.

7. No interments shall be permitted in any grave site or in the Memorial Garden not fully paid for.

8. The cemetery authorities reserve the right to postpone or reschedule an interment in order to prevent the scheduling of more than one funeral at the same time.

FOUNDATIONS, MONUMENTS AND MARKERS FOR CEMETERY PLOTS ONLY

1. Burial plots will be surveyed and graded at the expense of the cemetery authorities, however, the Cemetery Committee reserves the right to make such alterations in the plan of the grounds as it deems reasonable and proper to promote the general interests of the Princeton Cemetery.

2. Foundations for monuments and headstones shall be built by and under the supervision of the cemetery authorities at the expense of the owners. All foundations shall be located at the place or places designated by the cemetery authorities.

3. At least thirty days' notice must be given to cemetery authorities prior to the building of such foundations.

4. The height and size of all monuments, markers, headstones or benches are to be governed by the dimensions and area of the burial plot. Maximum height shall be subject to approval by the Cemetery Committee. Maximum size and materials for memorial monuments approved by the Cemetery are attached to these rules and regulations.

5. No monuments, markers or headstones shall be constructed of limestone, sandstone, soapstone, wood or any artificial material without the prior written approval of the cemetery authorities. No monuments, markers or headstones shall have any inscription on the back side without prior written approval of the cemetery authorities.

6. Should any monument, marker or headstone become unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to visitors, the cemetery authorities shall have the right to correct the condition at the expense of the owner or to remove the monument, marker or headstone causing the condition.

7. Lot corner posts must be of granite stone and placed with the top surface even with the ground surface. Initials shall be cut in, and shall not be raised above the top surface of the stone unless previously approved in writing by the cemetery authorities.

8. No lot or grave shall be enclosed or have its boundaries defined by any fence, railing, coping, hedge, trees, shrubs, embankments, depressions or similar device unless approved in writing by the cemetery authorities.

9. All contractors who set monuments, markers or headstones in place in the Princeton Cemetery must schedule installation in advance to be performed during normal business hours. They must remove all refuse and unused materials; should any contractor fail to do so, such refuse removal will be done by the cemetery authorities at the expense of the lot owner.

10. Should any monument, marker, headstone or bench be installed that is not in conformity with Cemetery rules, contractor and lot owner will be given 30 days to correct. If not corrected within that time, monument, marker, headstone or bench will be removed at the expense of the lot owner.

PARDEE MEMORIAL GARDEN

1. The Right to Interment in Pardee Memorial Garden is personal and nontransferable and does not carry any rights to ownership of land or a plot within the cemetery, nor rights to be buried in a specific gravesite within the Cemetery.

2. Burial within Pardee Memorial Garden will be in biodegradable urns only as specified by the Cemetery from time to time. A person purchasing a Right to Interment in Pardee Memorial Garden will also have a right to an inscription with his/her name and dates of birth and death on one of the granite columns surrounding the Memorial Garden or otherwise erected by the Cemetery for the purpose of inscription of names for those interred in the Memorial Garden. There will be no other individual markers within the burial grounds of the Memorial Garden.

3. The Cemetery will provide and maintain all plantings at the Memorial Garden, and no other person shall plant or otherwise place any materials in the Memorial Garden.

4. Interments in the Memorial Garden will be in nonspecific and unidentified places within the Garden, and will take place either before or after any service at the Garden or within the Cemetery at the sole discretion of the Cemetery as to time and place and when the Cemetery is clear of those attending the service.

PLANTING AND CARE OF CEMETERY LOTS

1. The planting of flowers, shrubs, trees, ivy or plants of any kind is prohibited unless prior written approval has been granted by the cemetery authorities.

2. The cemetery authorities are empowered to remove any tree or shrub, or the roots thereof that is in any way detrimental, whether or not such tree or shrub is located wholly or partially within the boundaries of any burial plot.

3. Artificial flowers or the use of metal or glass or plastic flower pots or flower containers embedded in the ground is not permitted. Any unauthorized embellishments may be removed from the grave at the discretion of the cemetery authorities, and no cemetery employee shall be held liable for their removal or disposal.

4. Flowers and other natural grave decorations are permitted except in the Memorial Garden, but they must be removed from the grave if they become dead, wilted or otherwise deteriorated. All Christmas decorations must be removed no later than February 1st; all Easter decorations must be removed no later than May 15th.

5. All funeral flowers may be removed from the grave at the discretion of the cemetery authorities, and no cemetery employee shall be held liable for their removal or disposal.

MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION FUND

1. The price of all burial lots and rights to interment sold since August 1, 1956 has included a provision for perpetual care.

2. The charges for burial lots and charges for interment have been adopted by the Cemetery Committee and are listed in a schedule available in the Cemetery office. The prices for a burial lot and charges for interments are subject to change from time to time without notice.

3. A portion of the amount paid for a lot and a portion of the interment charge is put in the Cemetery's Maintenance and Preservation Fund. The income from this fund provides, without further cost to the lot owner, all ordinary care and maintenance of the lot, such as grass cutting, raking, care of trees, removal of dead bushes and trees, and attention to general tidiness.

4. Neither the initial charge nor the Maintenance and Preservation Fund income provides for extraordinary expenses such as repair or rehabilitation of monuments, markers, or headstones, nor for the replacement costs of monuments, markers or cornerstones. The marble columns, walkways and benches in the Memorial Garden will be maintained by the Cemetery.

5. Owners of burial plots which were purchased before August 1, 1956, may secure perpetual care by entering into a perpetual care agreement with the Cemetery Committee. All funds received from perpetual care agreements are deposited into the Cemetery's Maintenance and Preservation Fund.

AMENDED AND ADOPTED by the Cemetery Committee of the Nassau Presbyterian Church on the 8th day of May, 1984, and as further revised on November 14, 2002; June 19, 2008; December 8, 2011; November 20, 2014, October 15, 2018, May 8, 2019, May 16, 2022 and March 6, 2023.

Attest:



Carol A. Wehrheim, Secretary



Timothy J. Brown, Chairman

**PRINCETON CEMETERY
OF NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MAXIMUM SIZE AND MATERIALS
FOR MEMORIAL MONUMENTS**

Memorial monuments shall be located on gravesites across the head or foot of the gravesite, and not lengthwise. A single grave typically measures 3 feet wide at the head by 8 to 9 feet long and will accommodate one full burial with two interments of cremated remains, or interment of six cremated remains. A single cremation grave is typically 3 feet wide by 3 feet long and will accommodate interment of two cremated remains.

Memorial monuments shall not include wood or other materials that deteriorate in outside conditions. Refer to the Rules and Regulations for other materials not permitted.

Maximum monument sizes for gravesites are:

Single grave:	2.5 feet wide by 1 foot deep by 4 feet high
Two graves side by side:	5 feet wide by 1 foot deep by 4.5 feet high
Three graves side by side:	6 feet wide by 1 foot deep by 4.5 feet high.
Single cremation grave:	2.5 feet wide by 1 foot deep by 2.5 feet high
Two cremation graves side by side:	5 feet wide by 1 foot deep by 2.5 feet high

Benches:

Benches are subject to the same size restrictions as monuments. A single grave may have either an above-ground monument or a bench, not both. All benches must be located across the head or foot of the graves, and not at an angle or lengthwise. Benches must be movable as a single unit. No bench shall be placed in the cemetery without obtaining a bench permit from cemetery authorities.

NOTE: In the Historic Section (Maps 1, 1A and 2) of the cemetery, the allowable monument height is increased by 6 inches.

NOTE: Graves in the Memorial Park are restricted to markers which are flush with the surface of the ground.

NOTE: All monument dealers installing monuments in Princeton Cemetery must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance showing at least \$1 million of coverage and workers compensation coverage. All monument dealers should check in with cemetery staff prior to any installation.

Effective May 1, 2019