

MEMORIAL GARDEN  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Graham, North Carolina

Regulations

Purpose

The primary purpose of the First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden is to provide a place to be used, subject to the following regulations, by members of First United Methodist Church for the interment of Ash Remains.

Interment

1. The ashes shall be those of a member or associate member of First United Methodist Church, or one of his or her intermediate family, as follows: husband or wife; son or daughter; father or mother; brother or sister; a permanent resident of the member's family, blood kin or not.
2. The ashes shall be placed directly into the ground. No container of any kind will be permitted for interment, **except for a biodegradable box provided by the funeral home.**
3. The place of interment in the Garden shall follow the plan adopted by the Memorial Garden Committee. No particular place in the Garden may be chosen or designated by an applicant.
4. The name of each person whose ashes are interred in the Garden, with the years of birth and death, will be listed on an individual cast bronze plate. This plate will be attached to a permanent and prominent memorial stone, in order of interment. This name plate will be the only individual marker or memorial permitted in the Garden.

Additions, Plantings, Floral Pieces

5. The basic design, planting and arrangement of the Garden shall at all times be under the supervision of the Garden Committee and the Board of Directors, subject to final approval of the Administrative Council.
6. Contributions for additions or improvements will be gladly received by the Garden Committee, subject to regulation #5 above.
7. The Garden Committee will also welcome contributions for floral arrangements or seasonal plantings to be used on special occasions, seasons or festivals. No additional flower arrangements (fresh and artificial) will be allowed.

How to Apply

8. Arrangements for the interment of Ash Remains should be made by filling out and signing the application form which must be filed in triplicate with the Senior Minister or Church Secretary and accompanied with a fee of \$350. The church will supply the name plate.
9. An acceptance will be issued by the Garden Committee. The application and acceptance together constitute a contract between the applicant and the First United Methodist Church Garden Committee.
10. The original of this contract will be kept in a permanent file in the church office. Two copies of the contract will be given to the applicant.
11. Persons wishing to make pre-funeral arrangements may pay in advance. Refunds will be allowed if the request is made in writing.

**APPLICATION**

**For the Interment of Ash Remains in the Memorial Garden of  
First United Methodist Church  
Graham, NC 27253**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

I hereby request the interment of the Ash Remains of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

in the First Methodist Church Memorial Garden, and I attach remittance of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) in confirmation thereof.

I have read, and I do agree to each and every one of the attached "Regulations" governing First United Methodist Church Garden.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness (Senior Pastor or Church Secretary) and Date

**ACCEPTANCE (To be completed by the church)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First United Methodist Church acknowledges the receipt of the Application of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

and the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) in confirmation thereof.

Permission is hereby granted, subject to the Regulations of First United Methodist Church, for the Interment in that Garden of the Ash Remains of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The First United Methodist Church agrees to inter the Ash Remains when they are presented, to furnish a proper cast bronze individual name plate and to provide perpetual care of the Garden.

First United Methodist Church

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This application and Acceptance will be preserved in a permanent file in the church office of the First United Methodist Church, Graham, North Carolina.

Interment Date: \_\_\_\_\_