

Cemetery Guidelines & Rules

1. There must be an interment/burial service performed by a New Church minister for all caskets and cremains.
2. Any work, planting, addition or headstone installment must have prior permission from the Church Office.
3. Spreading of ashes/cremains is not permitted.
4. Burial sites may not be reserved in advance.
5. Caskets must be of natural material and each requires an individual headstone. A family headstone is permitted only when second burial is a cremation.
6. No monument or other structure above ground is permitted except headstones of **simple design**. Flat stones must be exposed at least three inches above ground level. Headstones must be no larger than 24" in height or width including foundation. Headstone over 24" is considered oversized and would need an exception approved by the Cemetery Committee who will review all requests. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any headstone that does not meet approval.
7. A headstone must be installed within one year of interment. A family headstone must have updates made within one year of burial.
8. Headstone must include full birth and death dates, month, day and year (years must include all 4 numbers).
9. All headstones are to be set in concrete by an approved installer.
10. Headstones are to uniformly face west.
11. Natural mementos may be left at the site if in keeping with the harmony of the surroundings (e.g. shell or small stone).
12. Non-conforming grave decorations for a new burial site may be left for a period of one month.
13. Trellises, arbors, above-ground urns, potted plants, grave blankets, bird feeders, artificial flowers, non-natural memorabilia, border rocks, railings, copings, fencing or borders of any material **are not permitted**.
14. Non-conforming items will be removed from the cemetery
15. The planting of an approved native variety of tree to maintain our wooded setting is encouraged. No planting of flowers, bushes or invasive plants is permitted. Please check with the Church Office for approved listing of trees and placement of planting.
16. The Cemetery Committee maintains the right to trim or remove any foliage that impinges on adjacent sites or paths, or is dangerous or inconvenient to others, or inconsistent with the natural setting.
17. Veterans' graves may be marked with a single Country flag not exceeding 12 inches by 18 inches.

Cemetery Fees

Questions: nina.deweese@brynathynchurch.org / 215-544-1413 (office)

Website: brynathynchurch.org/cemetery

1. Bryn Athyn Church member or spouse or dependent under age 25: **\$500**
2. Lifelong Bryn Athyn Church member who moved away after retirement: **\$750**
3. General Church member whose legal residence is in Bryn Athyn or the immediate vicinity (10 miles): **\$1500**
4. General Church member not local to Bryn Athyn (ONLY for cremation burial or memorial stone on *existing family plot*): **\$2000**
5. Baptized in the General Church (ONLY for cremation burial or memorial stone on *existing family plot*): **\$3000**

Opening and Closing Costs

\$1200 full casket (oversize casket or bedrock may increase cost)

\$350 cremation

NOTE: Headstone is required to be installed or engraved within one year of interment.

MONUMENTAL MASONS

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Veterans Headstones

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/>

These regulations and policies have been established by Bryn Athyn Church's board of trustees and entrusted to the Cemetery Committee.

Bryn Athyn Church Cemetery has a peaceful woodland setting. We recognize that this is an intensely personal space for families, but it is also a shared space. We are respectful of this and believe that providing specific guidelines that govern the types of headstones, the size of the headstones, and the appearance of the plots allows for all to find solace in this sacred place. We also recognize that cemeteries are a place of history and require that all markers be made of granite, or stone with a bronze plaque, and be clearly marked.

Bryn Athyn Church Cemetery is owned by Bryn Athyn Church and serves the members of this congregation. Bryn Athyn Church does not sell plots or transfer any land ownership.

No casket or cremains may be buried, or grave marker or memorial stone placed, in the cemetery without prior authorization from the Church Office and a signed Cemetery Burial Agreement. A New Church minister must perform the interment service.

All grave sites must be marked and officially recorded. There are fees for the burial and for the placing of a memorial or marker for each person. No grave marker may be altered without prior permission from the Church Office.

All graves must be marked with an appropriate headstone within one year of the interment.

Veteran graves will have an American flag placed by the Boy Scouts each year before Memorial Day.

The parking lot is for cemetery parking only.

No planting or placing memorabilia without approval.

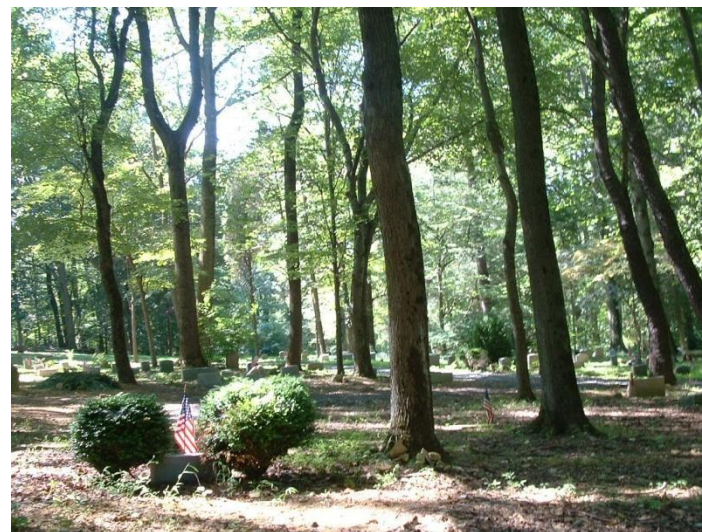


Bryn Athyn Church

215-544-1400 / www.brynathynchurch.org

Bryn Athyn Church Cemetery

Established 1896



Open 8:00 am to Sunset

When we die we simply move from one world into another.

(Heaven and Hell 445)

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