

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 and sizes of headstones, and the appearance of the plots allow for everyone to find solace in this sacred place. We also recognize that this is 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.

The following guidelines and rules have been established by the Bryn Athyn Church's board of trustees and entrusted to the Cemetery Committee.

1. Authorization and a signed Cemetery Burial Agreement is required prior to a burial/interment, or placement/alteration of grave marker or memorial stone.
2. A New Church minister must officiate an interment/burial service.
3. All graves must be clearly marked with a headstone (see below for more info).
4. A headstone must be installed within one year of interment. A family headstone is permitted only when second burial is a cremation and headstone must be updated within one year of burial.
5. Veterans' graves may be marked with a US flag not to exceed 12 inches x 18 inches.
6. Any work, planting, addition or headstone installment must have prior permission from the Cemetery Committee.
7. Spreading of ashes/remains is not permitted.
8. Natural mementos may be left at the site if in keeping with the harmony of the surroundings (e.g. shell or small stone).

9. Non-conforming decorations for a new burial site may be left for a **period of one month only** and will be removed past that date.
10. To maintain the wooded setting, native trees are permitted to be planted on the property. Please check with the Church Office for approved varieties and placement prior to planting. Please check with the Church Office for approved listing of trees and placement of planting. Flowers, bushes or invasive plants are not permitted.
11. The following are **not permitted**: 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.

NOTE: 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.

CASKETS

- a) Must be made of natural material.
- b) Must have an individual headstone.

HEADSTONES

- a) Simple design only and must include full birth and death dates -- month, day, year (4 digits) – i.e., 3/9/2080.
- b) Uniformly face west.
- c) Must be made of granite or stone with a bronze plaque.
- d) Must be set in concrete by an approved installer.
- e) Measurements must not exceed 24" in height or width, including the foundation. Anything over 24" is considered oversized and will need special permission prior to placement.
- f) Flat stones must be exposed at least three inches above ground level.
- g) No other monument or structure above ground is permitted.

ASSOCIATED FEES

Criteria is based on membership of the deceased.

1. Bryn Athyn Church member / spouse / dependent under age 25:
\$500
2. Lifelong Bryn Athyn Church member who moved away after retirement / spouse / dependent under age 25: **\$750**
3. General Church member whose legal residence is in BA or the immediate vicinity (10 miles) / spouse / dependent under age 25:
\$1500
4. General Church member not local to BA / spouse / dependent under age 25 (ONLY for cremation burial or memorial stone on *existing family plot*): **\$2000**
5. Baptized in the General Church / spouse / dependent under age 25 (ONLY for cremation burial or memorial stone on *existing family plot*): **\$3000**
6. **Additional Fees (Burial)**
 - \$1200 full casket (oversize casket or bedrock may increase cost)
 - \$350 cremation

HEADSTONE MASONS

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Veterans Headstones

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

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Established 1896

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GUIDELINES, RULES AND FEES



“When we die, we simply move from one world into another.”

Heaven and Hell 445



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