

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

## POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT

#### **PURPOSE**

The Memorial Garden is dedicated as a place of repose for the cremated remains of members, former members, family of members or friends of St. David's Episcopal Church. Cremated remains are buried in St. David's Memorial Garden. The use of urns, permanent niches or a columbarium is not permitted. The garden itself becomes the memorial rather than the exact place where the ashes are buried.

Records of individuals whose ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden are kept by the Church Office.

#### **INTERMENT FEE**

A nine hundred dollar (\$900) fee is requested at the time of interment. This fee is placed in the St. David's Legacy Fund whereby the monies will be held for the sole purpose of the Memorial Garden. If the \$900 fee would cause undue hardship on the family, the Rector should be consulted. This fee may also be pre-paid. Pre-paid contracts will be honored if the interment fee ever increases.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Memorial Garden is at all times subject to the management of the Vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church. While general oversight is held with the Vestry, the Board of Trustees of St. David's Legacy Fund is vested with the right to control the maintenance and use of the Memorial Garden. The terms of any agreement with respect to such maintenance and use may be changed, modified, varied, amended or altered at any time at the discretion of the Board with Vestry approval. The donor of any donation herein made does not acquire property rights of any kind whatsoever in or to the Memorial Garden

The right granted to use the Memorial Garden shall continue only as long as the present church edifice stands and the same is owned by St. David's Church. In the event of the demolition or sale of such edifice, the Vestry will use all reasonable care to preserve the sanctity of this ground, records and cremated remains.

No liability of any kind or character whatsoever is assumed by the Church or Vestry for the maintenance or preservation of the ashes of any person interred in the Memorial Garden or for any loss or damage to the ashes of such deceased persons, nor is any liability of any kind whatsoever assumed by the Church or Vestry for any matter or thing relating to the Memorial Garden, its use or subsequent maintenance except for failure to exercise reasonable care.

#### **PLAQUES**

Names of persons whose cremated remains are placed in the Garden shall be inscribed on brass plaques mounted inside the church building, the inscription being limited to name and year of birth and death, inscribed in a manner approved by the Vestry. No additional plaques or markers will be permitted, but a permanent record will be kept by the Rector in his regular register in the church. If gifts are given in memory of loved ones whose ashes are not deposited in the garden, brass plaques will be affixed on a separate board next to the other board. A minimum contribution of \$250 will be required to provide a brass plaque for those whose ashes are not interred in the Garden.

### **CONTRACT FOR DEPOSITION OF ASHES**

A contract (which follows) must be signed prior to the interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden. Whichever form is applicable should be completed and returned as noted.

#### **DONATIONS TO ST. DAVID'S LEGACY FUND**

The St. David's Legacy Fund was established by the Vestry of St. David's Church to receive bequests and/or contributions to support the mission and ministries of the parish. Gifts of monetary contributions, stocks, bonds or other personal or real property are accepted with guidelines approved by the vestry.

Legacy Fund contributions may be made by anyone and for any amount either as a gift, thanksgiving or memorial. Arrangements may be made by will during a person's lifetime designating a bequest to St. David's Legacy Fund from an estate or naming the Legacy Fund as the beneficiary in a life insurance policy. Often the family of the deceased will suggest that contributions be sent to St. David's Legacy Fund in lieu of flowers.

The donor of a monetary gift may suggest a particular purpose for donations received. Any such restrictions must be approved by the Vestry. Gifts of personal or real property must also be approved by the Vestry.

#### **REMEMBER ST. DAVID'S IN YOUR WILL**

(suggested form of bequest to St. David's Legacy Fund)

I give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to St. David's Legacy Fund to be:

to be applied at the discretion of the Fund's Board; or

(Indicate designation or specific purpose)\_\_\_\_\_

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## INTERMENT CONTRACT ST. DAVID'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

## AT TIME OF INTERMENT

To request immediate interment of a loved one's ashes, please complete the form below and return it along with your check to the Rector payable to "St. David's Legacy Fund."

Full Name/Address of Deceased (Please Print)

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

Your Name/Address

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, have read the Policies and Procedures for the use of the Memorial Garden and agree to abide by them in each and every respect.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERMENT CONTRACT (PRE-PAYMENT) ST. DAVID'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

#### FOR PRE-PAYMENT OF INTERMENT FEE

To pre-pay for the interment of your own ashes, please complete the form below and return it along with your check to the Rector who will record it and pass it along to the Treasurer of the St. David's Legacy Fund to be placed in the Memorial Garden account on your behalf. Pre-paid contracts will be honored should the interment fee increase.

Name (Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, have read the Policies and Procedures for the use of the Memorial Garden and agree to abide by them in each and every aspect.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of closest relative \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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