

**SHARP'S CEMETERY**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

There is a \$25.00 fee to be paid each time a grave is laid out and the flowers removed after the burial. (Revised to \$50.00)

At a meeting on September 27, 2006 the directors voted that each lot owner will notify the directors each time a tombstone is to be installed on a lot so that we can lay out the base for the installation of the tombstone and a fee of \$25.00 will be due.

The Directors adopted the following Rules and Regulations for Sharp's Cemetery at a special meeting held on September 15, 2008:

1. Upon payment for a lot or graves a deed shall be issued to the Owner as a title to the designated area with the Section Name, Lot Number and the grave numbers identified. All lots are now sold with Perpetual Care included.
2. Lots are held by their owners for sepulture only and for no other purpose.
3. The Board of Directors of Sharp's Cemetery determines the privileges which lot owners enjoy the terms upon which lot holders may be buried in the cemetery and compensation to be paid therefor.
4. Previous to burial the Cemetery must be notified in sufficient time to allow marking and preparation of the grave site.
5. Burial in any grave may be made only with the permission from the Lot Owner. The owner is considered to be the holder of the deed in cases where the original owner is deceased and the unused graves have not been transferred by the legal heirs. Notice is received via Funeral Director.
6. Perpetual care is defined as maintenance of graves. Namely, mowing grass and trimming around stones.
7. Lot Owners wishing to dispose of unused graves or lots must sell them back to the Cemetery for their original purchase price. They may also be transferred to Family member. Lots or graves may not be sold on the open market. Any transfer of Ownership of an unused lot or grave requires the issuance of a new deed by the Board of Directors. A new deed will not be issued until the previous deed has been surrendered to the Board of Directors. A fee is charged for the service as determined by the Board of Directors.
8. Lost or misplaced deeds can be replaced by the Board of Directors by the issuance of a duplicate deed after the Board of Directors has researched the records to confirm ownership. The deed will be marked "Duplicate" and numbered with the original deed number. There is a fee for the duplicate title to be determined by The Board of Directors.

9. Grave openings for burial may be done only by Vault Company approved by the Board of Directors. This is required because of special equipment and procedures are necessary to minimize damage to the graveyard and headstones, and to tamp and refill the grave site. It may be necessary to temporarily move existing grave markers to provide access to a new grave. Currently all graves openings are done by S. G. Sartin of St. Georges.

10. Special arrangements must be made with the Cemetery Board of Directors for burial of oversize vaults and double depth burials. Cremation urns and containers may be buried above an existing vault. All cremation containers must be buried by Funeral Directors.

11. The Board of Directors reserves the right to approve all monuments, grave markers, grave decorations and head stones. No unusual large or oddly shaped monuments may be placed without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. If any grave marker, monument or structure whatever, of any inscription, be placed in or upon any lot, which the Board of Directors determine to be offensive or improper object(s), they have the right and duty to cause the removal of such offensive or improper object. No extensive improvements are to be made without the consent of the Board of Directors. All monuments shall be placed at the head of the grave. For Sharp's Cemetery the head of the grave will be facing west toward Route 213. No structure may be placed on a grave which extends above the ground except in the headstone area of the grave. Flush ground level markers (such as veteran's markers) are permitted on the grave and as a footstone.

12. A concrete foundation is required for all monuments, markers, or gravestones placed on graves.

13. The cemetery cannot be responsible for damage to gravestones or markers due to the weather or vandalism.

14. Decorations shall not be placed in a glass or breakable ceramic container. Permanent plantings are not permitted. All grave decorations shall be kept in a presentable appearance and shall not be excessive in nature and distracting to visitors or to other lot holders. Floral decorations should be well secured to the gravesite and should be removed before deterioration takes place. No decoration will be permitted which impedes mowing or is an obstacle to trimming operations. The Caretaker has the authority to remove decorations which do not meet these guidelines.

15. Lot owners should take the responsibility for decorations to avoid removal and loss.

16. Decorations will be removed before the mowing season to facilitate ease of maintenance. Decorations removed by the Caretaker will be discarded. In no case will the Cemetery be responsible for the care, maintenance or preservation of any decorations placed on a grave.

17. This guide is not intended to be a detailed and complete listing of all Cemetery policies and rules. When necessary to assure the appearance and safety of the Cemetery and to protect the interests of the lot holders, the Board of Directors may add or change rules and policies.

Harold E. Diem, September 15, 2008