Operation of the Memorial Garden

The Saint James Memorial Garden is designated as a registered corporation legally entitled to dispose of cremains, and is licensed by the city of Fairhope as a cemetery. The Garden is managed by a Board of six or more members elected by the parish under the guidance of the Vestry. The Memorial Garden Board is responsible for keeping the financial records, assisting parishioners in choosing a Niche or a Plot, and providing for the maintenance of the Garden.

Service Arrangements

For more information on arrangements, please contact any member of the St. James Memorial Garden Board or the church office. A Board member or one of the parish priests will meet with you and answer your questions.

The Episcopal Church has a liturgy for the Burial of the Dead suitable for both cremation and burial. Since it is easier to consider options at your leisure, rather than when a loved one dies, we also have approximate pricing information for area funeral homes.

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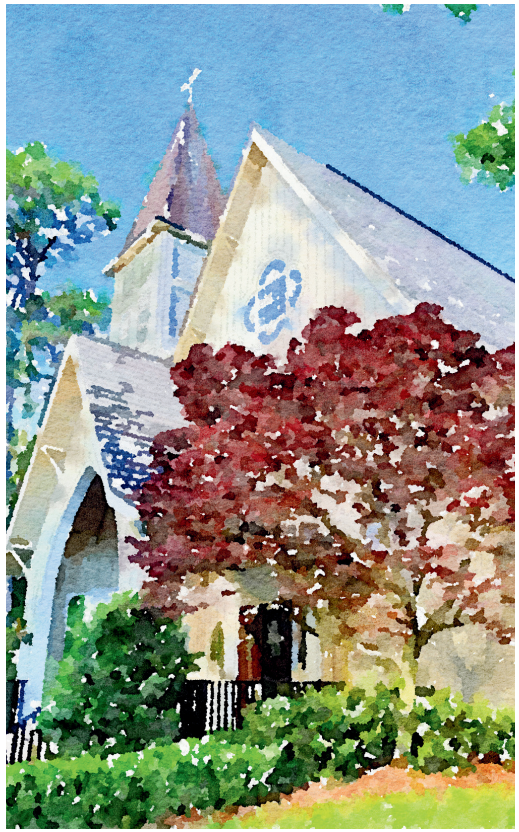

Memorial Garden & Columbarium Information

Introduction

The St. James Memorial Garden is located behind the sacristy, north of the chapel. The Garden was built as a sanctified location to be used by communicants of St. James Episcopal Church and their immediate families for interment of their ashes (cremains) either in the ground or in a columbarium.

Design

The Garden measures 50 feet east to west, and 25 feet north to south. A low brick wall with a centered altar marks the east end; similar walls mark the north and south sides of the Garden. The Garden is appropriately landscaped to offer a quiet place for family and friends to gather in love and remembrance. To maintain a feeling of simplicity, beauty and dignity in the Garden, there will be no vases, flowers, emblems, or flags except during a commitment ceremony if the family so desires.

Memorial Garden Costs

Niches

Each brick wall is comprised of 8 sections, with each section containing 9 niches. Each niche is designed for two urns containing the cremains of two individuals. Attached to the granite exterior of each niche containing cremains is a bronze plaque with name and dates of birth and death of those interred. The cost of a niche subscription is $1500 which includes 2 urns and 2 bronze plaques. This can be made in 3 payments of $500: with $500 initially, and 2 payments of $500 at six month intervals.

Plots

The ground is divided into plots of one-square-foot each for those individuals choosing a plot instead of a niche. The names of those interred are located on individual bronze plaques attached to larger bronze plaques on the brick gate posts. The cost of a plot subscription is $400 which includes one bronze plaque. This can be paid in two installments of $200: with $200 initially, and one payment of $200 within six months.