

Rye Presbyterian Church Columbarium

The Rye Presbyterian Church Columbarium is a peaceful walled garden located to the left of the Sanctuary at the entrance to the Chapel. Within the garden are 664 niches for interment of ashes of members and families of our congregation. The names and dates of those interred are put on bronze plates on the Columbarium wall. For many years, the Columbarium has been a place of beauty and peace – a visible reminder of loved ones still near.

This informational folder will help you become acquainted with the Columbarium Garden. The folder includes a copy of the Columbarium Agreement, a “Questions and Answers” memorandum, and an architect’s rendering of the site. Also included are prices of the niches.

As you plan for your future, any member on the pastoral or church office staff is available to answer your questions. Feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

The Columbarium Committee

The Presbyterian Church in the Town of Rye, New York

THE COLUMBARIUM

AGREEMENT:

Made this _____ Day of _____,

between The Presbyterian Church in the Town of Rye, New York
(Hereinafter called "The Church")

and _____
(Hereinafter called "The Permittee")

of (address) _____

WITNESSETH:

The Church by these presents acknowledges receipt of the sum of \$ _____

from and gives permission (hereinafter called "The Permission") to the Permittee

to have placed in Niche # _____ in the Columbarium of the Church

the ashes of _____
(Hereinafter called "Designee")

of (address) _____

subject to and upon the Terms and Conditions set forth on the reverse side hereof.

The Permittee by these presents acknowledges reading and understanding

said Terms and Conditions and agrees to be bound thereby.

The Presbyterian Church in the Town of Rye, New York

By _____, Chief Administrative Officer
Maida K. Robinson

Permittee

By _____

THE COLUMBARIUM

Terms and Conditions

The Terms and Conditions of the AGREEMENT between The Church and Permittee named on the reverse side hereof, relating to the Columbarium, are as follows:

1. Custody and control of the Columbarium, the niches therein, and all matters relating thereto, are and shall be vested in all respects in the Board of Trustees (hereafter called "The Board") of The Church, as duly constituted from time to time. A committee (hereafter called the "Columbarium Committee") to be constituted as prescribed by the Board, shall manage, subject to the direction and control of the Board, the use and maintenance of the Columbarium and its niches.
2. Permittee's payment hereunder is made without any reservations or restrictions. No property right of any kind in or to the Columbarium or any niche therein is or shall be acquired by or through Permittee. The Church agrees to exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of the Columbarium. However, neither the Church nor any person acting for The Church assumes or shall have any liability or responsibility for the preservation or loss of, or damage to, any urn placed or the ashes of any person interred in the Columbarium, or any matter relating to the Columbarium.
3. The Board, or the Columbarium Committee, subject to the approval of the Board, may from time to time make rules and regulations governing the use and maintenance of the Columbarium, and the Board may at any time amend or modify the terms and conditions of this agreement with respect to the use, operation, and maintenance of the Columbarium and of the niches therein.
4. If the Columbarium Committee's written consent is first obtained, Permittee, or a person recognized and accepted by the Board as succeeding to The Permission, may change the Designee upon written notice to the Columbarium Committee.
5. No transfer, either voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, of The Permission shall be made or be effective without the consent of the Board at its sole discretion in writing. Upon the death of Permittee, or other person accepted by the Board as succeeding to Permittee's rights, The Permission shall pass as Permittee or such other person may by will direct, or in the absence or failure of such testamentary direction, to the heirs at law of Permittee or of such other person, as the case may be, such passage in each instance to be subject to approval by the Columbarium Committee at its sole discretion.
6. All markers for niches must be obtained through The Church. All lettering and legends thereon shall be subject to the absolute control of the Board.
7. Ashes interred in niches must be in urns. The material, size, shape, and character of such urns, which may be purchased from The Church, shall be subject to the absolute control of the Board. No urn containing ashes shall be removed from a niche except by and with the prior written consent of the Board or the Columbarium Committee, and no right whatsoever shall exist in the heirs at law of the Permittee or Designee, or in any other person, excepting only the Board, to have such ashes removed. In the event an urn containing ashes is placed in a niche and is then removed therefrom, or in the event an urn containing the ashes of an approved Designee be not interred in the niche identified herein within 50 years after the date of the agreement as written on the reverse side hereof or within one year after the death of the original Permittee, the original Designee or last surviving child of the original Permittee (whichever event last occurs), then all rights given or in any way obtained with respect to the niche shall be forfeited, terminated forthwith, and shall revert to The Church.
8. In the event it shall be necessary at any time to change the location of the Columbarium or to discontinue its use or any part thereof, the Board may have the urns and ashes removed from any niche or niches affected by such change or discontinuance and placed in another suitable niche in the Columbarium of The Church or in another appropriate place as in its sole discretion the Board may deem proper.
9. All the terms and conditions hereof, all amendments or modifications thereof, and all rules and regulations made pursuant thereto, shall apply to and be binding upon Permittee and any person who, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, may be recognized and accepted by the Board or the Columbarium Committee as succeeding to any right of Permittee hereunder.

THE COLUMBARIUM AT RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How are applications for niches made?

All requests related to the Columbarium shall be in writing, addressed to the business office of the church.

Who is eligible?

A person to whom permission is initially given to have ashes placed in a niche in the Columbarium must be an active member of this church or a member of his/her immediate family.

How many niches may I or my family purchase?

In this day of blended families and surviving spouse marriages, family units can become sizable. However, the church attempts to make the Columbarium available to all of its congregation. Therefore, each living communicant of a church family may be permitted a maximum of six (6) niches, without further approval of the Columbarium Committee.

If I purchase permission to use a niche, or niches, and I do not wish to keep or use it, am I able to surrender my rights to the church or to others?

You can surrender your unused niches to the church at any time, for a return of the fee paid, or you may contribute the fee as a tax-deductible donation to the church. You may give your rights to a niche only to anyone so designated on your Permission Agreement and approved by the church.

May I change my location selections to assemble family niches?

With permission from the Columbarium Committee, it is possible to move the urn to another available niche with an adjustment of the purchase fee to the current rate. Any costs incurred in the transfer or in refurbishing the original niche will be borne by the person requesting the transfer.

What are the requirements for the urn and the niche marking nameplate?

An approved cast bronze urn is available through the church. The Committee prefers that you obtain this standard bronze urn. But with the prior approval as to its size, shape, material, and design, you may use your own urn. The nameplate, including its lettering and legends, must conform to the standards approved by the Columbarium Committee and must be obtained through the church.

What charges are connected with my niche?

The Permission fee is payable in full to the Rye Presbyterian Church Columbarium Fund. Additional charges shall be made for the actual cost of the urn and marker (including lettering, legends, and markings) and for opening and closing any niche. Prompt payment is required upon receipt of an invoice for the charges in effect at that time. Please refer to the separate fee document for current fees.

May I have clergy from outside of this Church participate in the interment service?

When the services of a member of the clergy are desired at the Columbarium in connection with the placing of urns in niches, or for any other purpose, it is expected that, unless unavailable, a minister of this church will officiate. If the family of the deceased makes known to the minister a desire to have another clergyperson participate in the service, upon approval of such participation by a minister of this church, the invitation to other clergy may be extended.

May I place remembrances or objects in the Columbarium?

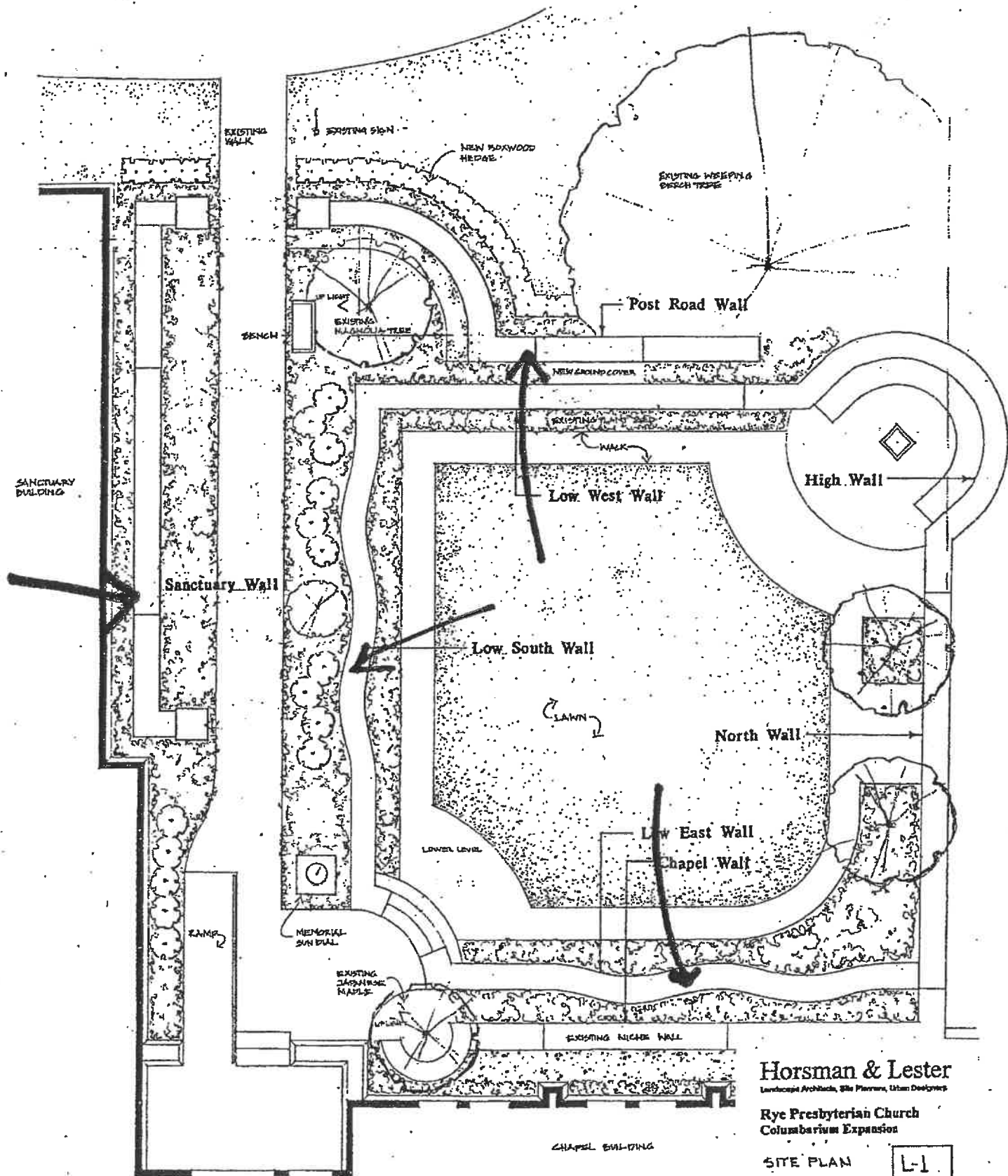
Only traditional cut flowers are permitted near the niches. However, placement of all other objects, including statues, plaques, vases, flags, banners, or planted flowers, shrubs, or trees, must be approved by the Columbarium Committee.

Am I assured of perpetual care as a burial site?

So long as community regulations permit burial on church grounds, the Columbarium will be maintained and cared for by the church.

Will the Columbarium be treated exclusively as a burial ground?

The primary purpose of the Columbarium is to serve as a hallowed burial site. However, on occasion, special church services, including church social functions and wedding receptions, may be permitted.



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Columbarium Expansion

SITE PLAN

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28 Breckinridge Place Phone 914-367-6506
Rye, New York 10580 Fax 914-367-2658
Scale 1" = 4' Date 12/04/03 03000
12/10/03 4532
06/14/04

Columbarium Fees

Niches:	
Single	\$ 1,500
Double	2,500
Urn	300
Engraving on Urn	75
Nameplate for Niche	100
Sexton	75

Memorial Service Fees

Use of Sanctuary or Chapel	\$ 250	(non-members)
Sexton	150	
Clergy	500	(non-members)
Organist	350	
Soloist	200	
Livestream staffing	125	
Flowers – to be arranged directly by the family		

Reception Expenses

Catering to be arranged directly by the family
RPC will provide coffee service and water

Sexton fee	40	per hour
Kitchen fee (if our dishes are used)	50	(\$25 for cups only)