

RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MEMORY GARDEN
RULES

Section 1: Use of the Garden

- 1.1 The Memory Garden is primarily for the placement of cremated remains (cremains).
- 1.2 The Garden shall be a place of tranquil beauty suitable for personal meditation, relaxation, and enjoyment of memories.
- 1.3 Upon approval of the Session of RCCPC, the Memory Garden may be used for special services, especially memorial services.

Section 2: Eligibility

- 2.1 The Garden is primarily for the use of the members, or former members, of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and their immediate families. Those persons for whom the Red Clay Cemetery is the historical burial place of their family are also eligible. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Senior Pastor or the Memory Garden Committee.
- 2.2 Application for use of the Memory Garden can be made by downloading the application from the church website, RCCPC.org. (Click on Resources, Cemetery & Memory Garden, Memory Garden Application) Applications should be delivered to the church office together with the suggested donation (see section 3). Approval of the application is required prior to placement of cremains. Applications may be submitted at any time and will be held as a prepayment (subscription) for future use.
- 2.3 All persons making an application to have cremains placed in the Garden will sign two copies of these rules, one for personal records and one to be returned to the church office for retention in the Garden records.

Section 3: Fees

- 3.1 The regular subscription donation for placement of cremains per the Session vote of August 20, 2024, shall be \$1000 pp. This payment entitles the subscriber to a memorial bronze plate for placement on the Garden Monument.
- 3.2 At the discretion of the Senior Pastor, no one will be denied use of the Garden for inability to pay. In this instance, no bronze plate will be placed.

Section 4: Interment

- 4.1 Arrangements for a Memorial Service or Service of Remembrance shall be made by contacting the Pastoral Staff at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. Ordained ministers of other Christian denominations may conduct the service with permission from the Pastoral staff and the Session of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church.

4.2 Placement of cremains in the Garden shall be done by a Pastor of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church without the presence of family or friends of the deceased. A request for a change in the interment procedure may be made to the Pastor or the Memory Garden Committee.

4.3 Ashes shall be sprinkled throughout the Garden at the discretion of the Pastor. No specific place in the Garden may be designated by the subscriber. No record of location shall be kept.

4.4 Crematory urns or permanent vessels of any type are not permitted in the Garden.

Section 5: Records and Markers

5.1 A bronze name plate shall be installed on the Garden Monument provided by the Memory Garden Committee. Name Plates commemorating the committal of ashes in the Garden shall be engraved with the person's name and dates of birth and death. Name Plates installed as a remembrance shall be engraved with the person's name and the year of birth and death. Name plates shall be mounted chronologically, and space may not be reserved for future decedents.

5.2 No permanent markers, monuments, or plants identified as a memorial to any individual shall be permitted.

Section 6: Plantings

6.1 The Committee shall determine the planting plan for the Garden and may revise it as necessary from time to time. All plants in the Memory Garden shall be placed by the Committee.

6.2 No potted plants, cut flowers, artificial flowers, wreaths or decorations may be placed in the Garden, other than those placed by the Committee.

Section 7: Authority

7.1 The Memory Garden Committee shall have the authority to administer, interpret, and revise these rules subject to the approval of the Session of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church.

The undersigned has read and understands these rules for participation.

Signature

Date