

## HOW MAY I UTILIZE THE ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN?

*We are pleased that you would find a connection to this church to be a way to honor the memory of your beloved.*

*We have created this Memorial Garden to:*

*Proclaim God's gracious love in Christ Jesus for all people;  
Provide a resting place for the remains of your beloved;  
Create a contemplative place of solace for those who grieve.*

1. Read the Memorial Garden Policy. It describes both the intention and restrictions.
2. Complete the Application and Record with the appropriate information regarding the deceased.
3. Sign the Application and Record indicating your understanding of the Policy and waiving any claim or liability.
4. Attach the fee stipulated in the Policy and provide the appropriate data for a memorial plaque.
5. Return the Application and Record to the church office for signature by a priest or Mission Committee member.

# **ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN**

## **POLICY FOR THE COMMITTAL OF ASHES AND FOR MEMORIALS FOR PERSONS BURIED ELSEWHERE**

### **Purpose and design of the Memorial Garden**

All Saints Episcopal Church has a Memorial Garden which is intended as a place for contemplative thought and prayer, as well as for memorializing deceased persons. The Garden is open to the public at any time, for quiet prayer.

Burial in the garden will be done by the clergy using the Book of Common Prayer. Arrangements should be made with the Priest-in-Charge and the Church Office. As with all of All Saints property, uses of the Memorial Garden will be at the discretion of the Priest-in-Charge and with the approval of the Mission Committee.

### **Who may be memorialized in the Garden?**

Any deceased person may be memorialized in the Garden, through the committal of ashes in the earth among the garden plants and/or the mounting of an identifying plaque on the monument erected in the Garden for this purpose. A person who has been buried elsewhere may, thus, be memorialized in the Garden.

### **What are the fees for memorialization?**

To fund the maintenance of the Garden, the fee is \$300 for members of All Saints Episcopal Church and \$400 for non-members for either the committal of ashes along with a memorial plaque or for the mounting of a plaque for a person who has been buried elsewhere.

### **Plaques**

Memorial Plaques are 2 inches by 6 inches, cast in a bronze alloy and obtained only through the Memorial Garden Committee. The inscription is limited to the name of the deceased, the year of birth and the year of death.

### **Donations**

Financial contributions for the care of the Memorial Garden are always welcome. Contributed funds will be used to maintain the Memorial Garden as a place for quiet meditation and as an appropriate resting place for loved ones. Checks may be made payable to All Saints Episcopal Church. Please write Memorial Garden in the memo line of your check.

### **What personal memorial displays are permitted in the Garden?**

The Garden is maintained by the Church as a serene place for prayer and contemplation by all persons. No personalized displays of flowers, symbols or statuary are permitted in or around the Garden, except that a special location is provided for memorial gifts of live plants or natural cut flowers. These gifts will be removed by the Garden Committee as appropriate.

### **Restrictions**

Only cremated human remains (without urns or other vessels) shall be committed in the Memorial Garden. No permanent decorations shall be placed in the Memorial Garden.

### **Policy**

This policy is to be reviewed annually by the Mission Committee of All Saints Episcopal Church and amended as necessary.

# All Saints Episcopal Church

## MEMORIAL GARDEN APPLICATION & RECORD

Full Name of the deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Father of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner of the deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Children of the deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Committal (if at All Saints): \_\_\_\_\_

If buried elsewhere, location: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I have read the Memorial Garden Policy. On behalf of myself and my heirs, I release All Saints Episcopal Church of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, its members, employees, priests, deacons and Mission Committee members, from any liability arising out of the operation and administration of the Memorial Garden. I recognize that the Garden is not a cemetery, and, as outlined in the Policy, waive all claims to the Memorial Garden.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to All Saints Episcopal Church)

Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Priest / Mission Committee Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Data for Plaque:**

\_\_\_\_\_

full name (as it is to appear on the plaque)

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
year of birth    year of death