

Columbarium

A Columbarium is a permanent resting place for cremated remains. Columbarium is derived from the Latin word *devocate*, or “a nesting place for doves.”

Cremation is not new to the world. Archaeologists discovered urns for cremains in Southeast Asia that date back 1500-2000 years. Native Americans used cremation well before the Europeans arrived in North America. There is nothing in the Christian or Jewish traditions that forbids cremation.

Cremation is one of the fastest growing methods for final disposition and has taken place for many centuries in other countries. In 1975, cremation accounted for 6% of all final disposition in the U.S. In 2010 estimates are that cremains will account for 39% of burials.

Cremation is increasing by more than 20% a year in the United States and Canada. Cemeteries are running out of space; land is becoming scarce and more expensive; Pinckney Cemetery is landlocked and unable to expand to meet the needs of future generations for traditional burials.



*A resting place in the journey of
a life everlasting.*

Pinckney Cemetery
647 W. Main Street

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220 S. Howell St.
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Frequently Asked Questions

The Pinckney Cemetery Columbarium is approximately 8 feet long and 5 feet tall. It is made of Moonlight Grey granite manufactured in St Cloud, Minnesota. Niche fronts are made out of polished carnelian, a strong semi-precious stone.

There are 24 niches available for sale in the Columbarium.

The Columbarium will be maintained by the Village of Pinckney under the direction of the Cemetery Board.

Family members and friends are welcome to visit the Columbarium at any time. A bench near the planned perpetual garden will be available for reflection during your visit.

The Village will remove any objects that it considers detracting from the beauty of the Columbarium. Columbarium regulations will apply.

Purchasing Process

Niches can be pre-purchased for future use. Purchase price is for the niche space and perpetual care only. Burial Rights certificates, along with Columbarium regulations, will be issued once payment in full is received.

These papers should be kept with other personal papers.

Where will the Columbarium be located?

The Columbarium, will be located along the South side of the cemetery along the Mill Pond.

What will the space look like?

Initial plans include planting a perpetual flower garden between the cemetery road and the Columbarium. Future plans include the construction of additional granite columbarium units that would provide a semi-circle private sitting area.

What is the size of a niche?

Niches measure 11.5" x 11.5" x 10.5"

How many cremains can go in each niche?

2 sets of cremains can be placed in each niche when not in urns.

How will we be able to pay our respects?

Bronze plaques will be placed on each niche indicating the name and other pertinent information. Also, spots for veteran flags will be available.

Donations can also be made to the maintenance of the perpetual garden and sitting area in your loved ones memory.

What is the estimated completion date?

Estimated completion date is January 31, 2010. Pre construction pricing available until February 28, 2010.

What is the cost associated with a niche purchase?

The pre-construction sale price for a niche is \$1200. Regular price for a niche is \$1500.