



## **Grand Lake Area Cemetery**

### **Rules and Regulations for Operation**

#### **1. Authority and Enforcement**

The Grand Lake Area Cemetery is located within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park. Pursuant to Section 813 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (110 Statute 4189, P.L. 104-333), the Town of Grand Lake is authorized to maintain the cemetery permanently under appropriate terms and conditions and to establish rules and regulations for its use. All operations are subject to both Rocky Mountain National Park and Town of Grand Lake regulations.

#### **2. Pre-Planning Not Allowed**

Grave plots cannot be reserved in advance. A plot may only be assigned for an individual who is deceased at the time of reservation.

#### **3. Administration and Contact**

The Grand Lake Town Clerk serves as the primary contact for all cemetery inquiries. Only the Town Clerk, in coordination with a member of the Cemetery Committee, is authorized to assign grave plots. The Town Clerk is responsible for updating the Cemetery Plat and maintaining all cemetery records.

#### **4. Burials**

All traditional burials are performed by the Town of Grand Lake. Families may conduct cremation burials themselves or coordinate with the Town. The Town Clerk must be contacted at least five business days prior to the proposed funeral service to allow adequate scheduling. Burials are available on Friday and Saturday by request; services are not offered on Sundays or federally recognized holidays.

Families are allowed to be present during the excavation process; however, they must maintain a safe distance of at least 30 feet from the burial site during traditional burial excavations.

#### **5. Fees**

A perpetual care fee, as outlined in the Town of Grand Lake Fee and Deposit Schedule in effect at the time of burial, is required. All fees apply per burial. If an



additional site is reserved at the time of the initial burial, a reservation fee will also apply.

## **6. Plot Availability**

No new plots are available in the older sections for traditional burials as of June 1, 2020.

## **7. Grave and Cremation Site Dimensions**

- Traditional burial: 4' x 8' (East and West Sections) | 4' x 10' (New Section)
- Cremation burial: 4' x 4' (East and West Sections) | 4' x 5' (New Section)

Upon burial, one additional adjacent site of the same size may be reserved. Polyguard Top Seal Burial Vaults are required for all traditional burials; only vaults approved by the Town Clerk are permitted.

Cremation sites may accommodate multiple remains; perpetual care fees and grave marker deposits must be paid for each individual interred. Cremation burials do not require a vault but must be placed in a hard-sided container buried no less than 18 inches deep. Surface scattering of ashes is prohibited. Cremated remains may be buried above a traditional burial, with fees applied per person.

## **8. Seasonal Restrictions**

No burials or monument placements are permitted during the winter months, defined as October 15 through May 31, weather permitting.

## **9. Service Areas**

All funeral services must be held in designated areas.

## **10. Payment of Interment Costs**

All interment costs, including perpetual care fees, reservation fees, refundable monument deposits, and grave opening/closing fees, must be paid prior to burial.

## **11. Grave Markers and Monuments**

Families have two years from the date of burial to place a headstone. Grave markers must be similar in size, composition, and height to existing markers and may not exceed three (3) feet in height. All markers require approval by the Town Clerk or Cemetery Committee. New fences are not allowed; existing fences (pre-



May 27, 1997) must be properly maintained, or the Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove them.

A refundable grave marker deposit, as outlined in the Fee and Deposit Schedule, is required prior to burial unless a paid receipt from a monument company is provided. If a permanent marker is placed within two years of interment, the deposit will be refunded; if not, the deposit may be used by the Cemetery Committee to place a marker.

## **12. Prohibited Items**

Lighting of any kind, including flame, artificial, or solar lights, is prohibited.

## **13. Landscaping and Planting**

Only plant species approved by the National Park Service for this locale may be used. Turf grass and artificial plants are prohibited. All planting or landscaping plans must be submitted for review and approval by the Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park or their representative. Topsoil removed during grave opening must be stockpiled and replaced after interment.

## **14. Plot Boundaries and Rights**

The Town Clerk/Cemetery Committee will mark plot boundaries upon assignment. Any additional markings must remain at ground level within the designated perimeter. Use of a grave site provides perpetual use rights but does not convey ownership or the right to sell the site. Families are responsible for site maintenance; volunteer organizations may assist with prior approval from the Town Clerk. No excavation, planting, or alteration may occur without authorization, preserving the historical and natural condition of the cemetery.