

MIFFLIN AND RIVERSIDE CEMETERIES: RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- Persons desiring to purchase lots should contact the Cemetery Caretaker at the Cemetery Office, 218 Agler Road, Gahanna, Ohio (614) 471-4623.
- No Township resident may buy graves at Township rates to bury non-residents of Mifflin Township.
- Cemeteries will be open from 8:00 A.M. until one-half hour after dark
- Prospective buyers of a lot may, upon application at the office, secure a reservation of any one lot for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- No gatherings/parties allowed on the cemetery grounds other than funerals

DEEDS

- Sale of lots by owners are not permitted except by consent of the Township Trustees. Parties desiring to dispose of their lots may do so by transferring them to the Township Trustees at the price they paid for them.
- As a husband is not always an heir-in-law of his wife, nor wife of her husband, neither will necessarily inherit the lot from the other. To assure the survivor an interest in the lot, both names should be listed on the deed/certificate. The lot will descend to his or her heirs jointly and in equal undivided shares, subject to the same conditions if the proprietor expires intestate. We follow the **Ohio Revised Code** of statutes in force to determine who the heirs are at the time of death. The heir or devisees of such decedent are required to supply full proof of their ownership or proprietorship, for the purpose of being recorded in the books of the cemetery upon the decease of an owner or part owner of a lot in the cemetery. The right of ownership or burial of such person cannot be recognized by the officers of the cemetery without such proof and record.
- The Courts have held that a deed/certificate to a cemetery lot represents personal property, not real estate, and that a widow has no dower right therein, but her right of burial in the lot may not be denied.

BURIALS

- No interment will be permitted until graves are paid for and arrangements for opening and closing of the graves are satisfactory with the cemetery caretaker.
- The owner of a lot may, during his lifetime, designate in writing to the cemetery caretaker the names of those members of his family (or near relatives) whom he wishes to have interred upon his lot. Such writing will then be filed with the cemetery office.
- The following applies to cremations –
 - All cremations must be buried in ground at Mifflin/Riverside or in the Columbarium at Mifflin Cemetery. No privately owned niches or cremation benches permitted.
 - A vacant grave can have up to four cremations.
 - **No scattering of ashes at Mifflin or Riverside will be permitted at any time!**

MARKERS/DECORATIONS

- No monument or marker of any kind can be erected on any lot or grave before said lot or grave is paid in full.
- Only one upright headstone permitted and/or a maximum of two flat markers may be used on each lot
- The ownership of a deed/certificate to a lot does not confer any right to do planting nor erect a monument, mausoleum, vase, etc., upon said lot without the express written approval of the cemetery caretaker.
- As the deed/certificate to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein, the Township retains control and supervision of all lots which have been sold; and it shall be the duty of the caretaker to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any structure, object, improvement or adornment on such lot which may have been placed thereon in violation of the rules, or which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the lot or adjoining lots, or the general appearance of the cemetery..
- Artificial flowers allowed on the ground from December 1 to March 15 only, otherwise they will be removed.
- No stone mulch is allowed.
- Live flowers may be planted at the base of the stone and may include the side of the stone but no further than 8" from the stone. No planting at the back of the stone permitted at any time. No rose bushes to be planted at any time. All other plantings other than the permitted live flowers must be approved by the Cemetery Caretaker.
- Any items of obstruction that protrude from the ground that hinder cemetery maintenance or public safety such as, but not limited to: shepherd hooks, flag holders, light holders, etc. are not permitted. All small items must be secured on base of stone, not on or in the ground, from March 15 to December 1.
- No benches or statues permitted at the foot of the grave. They must be placed upon the adjoining grave at the location a marker would have been erected. The said Lot must be by the person making the request.
- Flag holders are to be put out two (2) days before Memorial Day and removed three (3) days after by the lot owner.
- Flags will be put out one (1) day before Memorial Day and removed two (2) days after by cemetery personnel.
- The Township will not be responsible for monuments, vases, eternal candles, etc., damaged as a result of vandalism and/or theft, nor be responsible for decorations and flag holders left out by lot owners.
- All bronze veteran markers must be mounted on a concrete or granite base by the Township or on the headstone by a monument company at the owner's expense. Mounted bronze veteran markers are placed at the foot of the grave if a headstone already exists or at the head of the grave if to be used as a headstone.

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These rules are subject to change without notice

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