



Cemetery Etiquette

When visiting the cemetery, there are several basic rules you should keep in mind in order to show respect to both the living and the dead. These tips will help to keep you out of trouble and make sure you and your fellow visitors enjoy a courteous, peaceful experience.

Follow the Rules

Signs are posted near the entrances and list rules specific to the cemeteries. Follow the rules and observe the decoration regulations.

Obey the Hours

Signs posted near each entrance list the cemetery hours. Try not to remain in the cemetery after the posted hours and plan your visits accordingly.

Drive with Care

Make sure to follow the roadways and remain off the curbs and grass. Drive slowly and watch for people who may not be paying attention.

Respect the Graves

Please don't touch any monuments or headstones; this is not only disrespectful, but may cause damage to the memorials, especially older ones.

Look After Your Children

If you bring children, make sure to keep a close eye on them and keep them from running, yelling, and playing or climbing on graves and headstones. Teach them to act in a respectful and considerate manner.

Speak Softly & Politely

Be respectful to other mourners; remember to keep your voice down when having conversations and avoid using bad language.

Lower the Volume

If you choose to bring it with you, take a moment to ensure that your cell phone volume is turned down. Make sure to turn off your car stereo while driving or parking in the cemetery.

Be Respectful of Services and Other Mourners

If a funeral is occurring, take care not to get in the way of the procession. Respect their privacy and give them their space.

Do not Leave Trash Behind

Litter creates work for the groundskeepers and is disrespectful to both other visitors and those who are buried there. Please use the designated trash receptacles that are places throughout the cemetery or hang on to your trash and take it with you when you leave.

Pets are Allowed on Leashes ONLY

Pets and service dogs are allowed on the cemetery grounds however they **MUST** be on a leash at all times. Please promptly clean up after them. It is disrespectful to leave dog poop on the cemetery grounds.