

Mary Queen of Heaven
Catholic Cemetery
Malakoff, Texas

Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Rules and Regulations



Consecrated on November 2, 2007
Diocese of Tyler

If you have any questions please contact either:

Mr. Henry Tolusso, 903-675-8763,

or Mary Queen of Heaven Parish office: 903-489-2366

THE CEMETERY BOARD

Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery has been established as a corporation under state and canon law. Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery Corporation acts through the Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery Executive Board (Cemetery Board). The Cemetery Board is responsible for the daily activities of the cemetery.

I. AUTHORITY TO ACT

- A. All interment plots shall be governed by the Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery Corporation which exercises its authority through the Cemetery Board.
- B. All rules and regulations can be amended by a majority vote of the Cemetery Board.
- C. The price of plots shall be established annually at a meeting of the Cemetery Board.
- D. The Cemetery Board is not responsible for holding plots which have been 'saved' verbally or in writing without payment.

II. PLOTS

Plot size is 3-6 x 9-0. Read as (three feet-six inches) x (nine feet-zero inches).

III. PURCHASE OF PLOTS

- A. The Cemetery Board will convey plots to individuals. Any person of good will, irrespective of religious affiliation, may purchase plots. Plots purchased in Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery are conveyed by 'right of sepulcher' and secure to the purchasers, their family and their heirs the right of a human burial in the plot in perpetuity.

- C. All plots must be paid in full before any interment is permitted unless another arrangement has been made in writing with the approval of the pastor.
- D. Only one person is to be buried in each plot.
- E. In the case of cremation, the ashes of two persons may be buried in the same plot.

IV. TRANSFER OF PLOTS

Any individual has the right to convey a plot or plots to another party provided a valid copy of the transferred deed is registered with the Cemetery Board.

V. BURIAL

- A. The Cemetery Board must approve and mark the plot(s) before interment.
- B. No monument, marker or private mausoleum may be set on any unpaid plot(s) unless approved by special exception.
- C. After burial floral pieces and funeral displays may remain on the grave for 7 days.

VI. INGROUND BURIAL, MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

- A. The Cemetery Board has designated Mr. Scott McManus of Centex Grave Service as the only authorized gravedigger for Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery.
- B. The grave must be fitted with a steel box, 13 gauge or greater, to receive the casket.
- C. At the time of interment all graves must have a simple marker indicating the name of the deceased. A grave must be marked with a permanent marker within one year of interment.
- D. The choice of markers or monuments is left to the discretion of the family members of the deceased, but all plans and specifications must be submitted to the Cemetery Board for pre-approval.
- E. Flat markers or raised monuments are permitted. A footstone flush with the ground is permitted. Grave slabs will not be permitted.

G. All markers or monuments must be of earth tone in color, gray, white, brown or black. Markers or monuments are to be professionally made of marble, granite or other suitable stone.

H. A buried concrete foundation with sand topping for level adjustments (minimum of 0-4 concrete topped with white sand) will be required for setting all markers or monuments.

A foundation for a single marker shall not exceed an area of 3-6 x 1-6 and a foundation for a double marker shall not exceed an area of 6-0 x 1-6.

I. A monument or marker is limited to a maximum size as follows:

1. Single Marker: 2-6 x 2-0 x 0-6.

Base (optional): 3-0 x 0-6 x 1-0.

II. Double Marker: 5-0 x 2-0 x 0-6.

Base (optional): 6-0 x 0-6 x 1-0.

The overall height of any marker including its base is limited to 2-6.

J. The marker and foundation shall be placed at the head of the gravesite and within its 3-6 x 9-0 boundaries. The buried foundation may contact the boundary at the head and should permit the marker to be centered 0-9 from that boundary.

A single marker should be centered laterally on its gravesite. A double marker, the largest allowed, may be centered over two or more adjoining gravesites which it is intended to identify. A footstone should be centered laterally on its gravesite with the centerline of the stone 0-9 from the foot boundary.

K. One permanently attached matching vase will be permitted on a single monument. Double monuments may have two permanently attached matching vases. These vases must be on the monument itself so that the vases will not interfere with grounds keeping.

L. Language considered to be offensive, improper or injurious will not be permitted on markers or monuments.

M. Any grave marker or monument not complying with these rules as to size, design, material, and type will not be approved.

N. No curbs, walls, or corner markers will be allowed.

O. The direct supervision of the Cemetery Board is required for the controlled setting of all markers and monuments. A two working-day notice is required prior to installation.

P. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to relocate any grave marker placed in the wrong direction or location. Notice to the grave space owner is not required.

VII. PRIVATE MAUSOLEUMS

A. Rows VV and TT (plots 53-80 in each) are reserved for private mausoleums. Single, stacked double, or side-by-side double structures are allowed. The footprints of such structures will require multiple plots. Installation techniques may require additional open plots to the side of the mausoleum.

B. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to assure that they acquire enough adjacent plots to provide space for the mausoleum, its foundation and installation. The owner must ensure that said structure is in place prior to the need for burial. The Cemetery Board has no means of providing for temporary interment while a mausoleum is under construction.

C. It is the owner's responsibility to provide proof to the Cemetery Board that the proposed foundation is suitable for the mausoleum. This may require soil testing and engineering certification at the owner's expense. Installation may not begin without the Cemetery Board's approval.

D. All mausoleums must be of earth tone in color, gray, white, brown or black. They are to be professionally made of marble, granite or other suitable stone and professionally installed.

E. One permanently attached matching vase will be permitted on a single mausoleum. Double mausoleums may have two permanently attached matching vases. These vases must be on the mausoleum itself so that the vases will not interfere with grounds keeping

F. Language considered to be offensive, improper or injurious will not be permitted on mausoleums.

G. Mausoleums not complying with these rules as to fit to plot(s), design, material, and type will not be approved.

VIII. FLOWERS AND PLANTS

A. Cut flowers or plants are allowed in the vase on the monument.

Flowers and plant material are to be removed

when they die or become unsightly. Flowers or plants that have died or become unsightly will be removed by maintenance.

B. Neither the Cemetery Board nor maintenance personnel shall be responsible for the preservation of artificial flowers.

C. No permanent stands, holders, or framework for holders extending above the ground will be allowed.

D. Plastic flowers are permitted, but are to be removed once they become faded or damaged. Because the metal stems of plastic flowers are a real danger when struck by a mower blade, their use is discouraged.

E. Flowers (cut or plastic), plants, stands, holders not in conformance with these rules will be removed without notice.

IX. PLANTING

Only the cemetery maintenance person will be allowed to plant anything. Unauthorized planting will be removed.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Mary Queen of Heaven

Cemetery Board



For more information please fill out this form and mail it to the address shown or call one of the numbers listed below.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

I am interested in _____ plots.

(\$850.00 per plot)

Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery
2269 CR 1703, Malakoff, Texas 75148
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Henry Tolusso: 903-675-8763

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification.

Body of Christ, be my salvation.

Blood of Christ, fill all my veins.

Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.

Passion of Christ, my comfort be.

O good Jesus, listen to me.

In Thy wounds I fain would hide,

N'er to be parted from Thy side,

Guard me, should the foe assail me.

Call me when my life shall fail me.

Bid me come to Thee above,

With Thy saints to sing Thy love,

World without end. Amen

Amen.

