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## MEMORIALS (CONTINUED)

Memorials are placed directly on the foot of the grave. When reading the memorial you will not be standing on the grave. The grave must be done “settling” before the memorial may be placed. A temporary marker is allowed and will be removed once the grave is seeded.



## GRAVE SETTLING

Grave settling is a natural process and may take some time. Depending on the time of year it may take from six to eight months. We are constantly in the memorial sections and will keep adding soil when it is possible to access the site without damaging adjacent lots. We plant grass seed in the spring and fall. Topsoil will be added to the grave at the time of seeding.

A cement burial vault is required. This helps insure that we will be able to maintain the park in the future. In New Jersey cemeteries are prohibited from selling these vaults. They are only available through Funeral Homes. The vault company may also provide tent and chairs for your service.

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Franklin Memorial Park is not a traditional cemetery it is a Memorial Park. There are basically two types of Cemeteries in the United States. Traditional cemeteries that use upright monuments or head stones to mark the graves and Memorial Parks that use Bronze Memorials that lay flush to the ground. Memorial Parks were established in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and quickly caught on. Some of the benefits of a Memorial Park are that they provide a peaceful park like setting, typically they are non-sectarian welcoming everyone,. All people are treated equally in that one memorial is not larger or taller than another. By virtue of their design, maintenance costs can be kept down helping ensure that the perpetual care fund will be able to keep the park looking nice indefinitely.



## PERPETUAL CARE

There is a Perpetual Care and Maintenance fund that is audited by the New Jersey State Cemetery Board. The interest from this fund helps pay for the general maintenance of the entire cemetery. This includes grass cutting, road work, snow removal etc. With every grave sale, memorial installation and grave opening, money is placed in this fund. Money from this fund is not to be used to care for individual grave sites.

## GRAVE DECORATIONS

During the grass cutting season only fresh flowers are permitted on the graves. Dead flowers will be removed during mowing allowing the grass to be cut.

At other times artificial flowers and small decorations are allowed. These may have to be removed to open or maintain adjacent graves. (We will try our best not to damage these and replace them after our work is completed. This can be difficult if items are frozen to the ground or covered in snow and we cannot see them.)

Never leave anything you value on the grave site.

At no time is glass or any item allowed that could be injurious to our grounds crew or equipment and will be removed immediately. Flags and flag holders placed on Memorial Day will be allowed to stay up through the following weekend so families may remove them themselves and use them again next year. Palm crosses placed for Easter will be treated the same way depending when the holiday falls.

Items removed from grave sites will be available for one month for families to reclaim them. Just come to the office and we will show you where they are.

To help you place flowers there are "Cemetery Cones" on our front porch for you to use.

If you or your family ever needs help locating a grave site we will be happy to show you where it is. Just come to our office Monday – Friday, between the hours of 9AM to 3PM.

**We have wildlife in the park so please do not be surprised if your flowers become someone's Snack!**

## Welcome to Franklin Memorial Park

Founded on the principles of providing permanent care in a park like setting for families of all denominations, this 60 - acre Memorial Park offers a wide range of services including Ground Burial, Mausoleum Entombment and Cremation.

Park Visiting Hours are from Dawn until Dusk  
Flower Regulations are as follows:

From Easter to Thanksgiving  
Only Cut Flowers may be placed on Plots.  
No artificial Flowers, Wreaths or Decorations of any kind are permitted during the grass growing season.

Any of the above will be removed.  
Christmas Decorations and Grave Covers will be removed February 1st weather permitting

Please visit the Office for further information.

Hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Mon - Fri  
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Only certain types and sizes of memorial are allowed in the park. A permit signed by the lot owner is required before a memorial will be placed. Permits are available at the office. In New Jersey Cemeteries are prohibited from selling memorials, only Funeral Homes and Monument Companies may sell them.

If your loved one qualifies for a Memorial from the Veterans Administration please contact our office and we will be happy to help you with the paperwork.

If a family chooses to place a Memorial the family retains ownership of it and is responsible for it. If it becomes over grown please trim around it. You may move the trimmings to the edge of the section and we will dispose of them for you.