

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CEMETERY

PO Box 195 ☩ BANCROFT, IA 50517

RULES & REGULATIONS

To preserve the integrity of our cemetery, to protect the sacredness of its grounds, to promote order and safety and to keep our cemetery beautiful, we respectfully request your cooperation in following these rules and regulations.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in adhering to the rules and regulations!

1. Cemetery Spaces

- a. All spaces are 3 feet 6 inches wide - length varies. Cost per cemetery space is \$300.00 - payable to St. John Cemetery.
- b. When purchasing a cemetery space, you do not receive title to that space. You pay for the privilege to be buried there, or burial space rights. You will receive a receipt upon full payment of your spaces with a description of the spaces for your records. We permit the burial of any such owner's immediate family - i.e., parents, children or grandchildren, and/or brother or sister of owner or spouse, but not other lateral relatives.
- c. In no event can any such owner or heir or other relative sell or give any unused spaces to any person of their own choosing. The owner of the cemetery space must turn back such spaces to the cemetery at the same price, but without interest. All changes of ownership must be recorded in the cemetery records.
- d. After 50 years, and/or in the event there are no owners or immediate family members remaining, the cemetery may take over and resell such unused spaces, as seen fit, without any notice of any kind whatsoever to anyone.

2. Burials

- a. It is required that caskets be buried in a concrete liner or a sealed vault. Cremains containers do not need to be in a concrete liner or sealed vault.
- b. Opening of graves, for both casket & cremation burials, will be done by authorized personnel only. Filling of graves and seeding grass will be done by the cemetery at the proper time.
- c. No more than two cremation burials per space or one full casket burial with cremation to follow. A full casket burial cannot be done after a cremation burial, because by law, buried remains may not be disturbed.
- d. All cemetery spaces shall be paid for and all permits and fees must be taken care of before a monument is installed. A permit of \$40.00, payable to St. John Cemetery, is required to place a monument on a grave space. All monuments are to be at the head of the grave space. A concrete wash of 6 inches will be on all sides of the monument. The wash on the monument front shall be on the lot line. No monument may exceed the lot size. Monument size for one grave space is 36 inches wide; for two grave spaces - 7 feet wide; and for three grave spaces - 11 feet wide. Monument height may not exceed 48 inches tall.
- e. No animals are allowed to be buried in St. John Cemetery.

2. Flowers & Decoration

- a. No flowers or shrubs are to be planted.
- b. All trees, donated or purchased, shall be approved by the cemetery board before being planted.
- c. Metal plant hangers must be located in the cement base next to the monument. Flower pots and all other decorations must be on the monument or on the cement base of the monument. None of these items may be on the grass near the monument.
- d. Flowers and decorations can be placed in the cemetery 10 days before Memorial Day, if out of the way of mowing. Any decorations not within the cement marker area must be removed by June 15th. After June 15, decorations in vases, either on top of the monument or tied to the monument, are acceptable as long as they do not detract from the appearance of the cemetery. All others will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery custodian.
- e. St. John Cemetery is not liable for loss of flowers or decorations.

St. John Cemetery Board is authorized to make, without notice, temporary additional rules which may be needed from time to time as issues arise which are not covered by these rules and regulations. Additionally, St. John Cemetery Board reserves the right to make, amend, alter, suspend or repeal any part or all of these rules and regulations if needed.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Judy Vaske, Cemetery Business Manager & Caretaker - 712.899.0336 (Cell) bkbancroft@scdiocese.org

Fr. Steven J. McCloud, Pastor - 515.885.2462 ☩ Vic Garry, Oakcrest Funeral Services - 515.885.2521