



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GRAND LAKE AREA CEMETERY**

1. The Grand Lake Area Cemetery is within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Congress, by Section 813 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, 110 Statute 4189, P.L. 104-333 authorized the Town of Grand Lake to maintain permanently, under appropriate terms and conditions, the Grand Lake Cemetery and to establish Rules and Regulations for the use of the Cemetery. Rocky Mountain National Park and Town of Grand Lake regulations are enforced.
2. The Grand Lake Town Clerk is to be the contact person for all questions regarding the cemetery. The Town Clerk, along with a member of the Cemetery Committee, are the only persons authorized to assign grave plots. The Town Clerk will be responsible for updating the Cemetery Plat and will be custodian of all cemetery records.
3. All traditional burials will be performed by the Town of Grand Lake. Family may choose to conduct burial of cremations or coordinate with the town. **The Town Clerk must be contacted a minimum of five business days in advance of the proposed scheduled time of the funeral service to allow sufficient time to schedule grave openings. Friday and Saturday burials, available upon request. No burial services are offered on Sundays or federally recognized holidays.**
4. There shall be a perpetual care fee assessed according to the Town of Grand Lake Fee and Deposit Schedule in effect at the time of burial. A reservation fee for an additional site, if requested, shall be assessed at the time of the initial burial, according to the Town of Grand Lake Fee and Deposit Schedule in effect at the time of the initial burial.
5. There are no new plots available in the older sections for traditional burials as of June 1, 2020.
6. A single grave site for a traditional burial is 4' by 8' in the East and West Sections, and 4' by 10' in the New Section. A grave site for a cremation burial is 4' by 4' in the East and West Sections, and 4' by 5' in the New Section. Upon burial at the Grand Lake Area Cemetery, there is the option to reserve one (1) additional grave site of the same size next to the original grave. **Polyguard Top Seal Burial Vaults for all traditional burials are required. Only burial vaults approved by the Town Clerk are allowed.**

A cremation site can accommodate the remains of more than one (1) person. However, the perpetual care fee and the grave marker deposit must be paid for the cremated remains of each person buried in the cremation site, pursuant to the fee schedule in effect at the time of burial. Cremated burials do not require a vault, **but a hard-sided closed container is required.** Remains must be buried at a depth of no less than eighteen (18) inches. Surface scattering of ashes is prohibited.

One or more cremated remains can be buried on top of a traditional burial. However, the perpetual care fee and the grave marker deposit must be paid for the cremated remains of each person buried in the site, pursuant to the Town of Grand Lake Fee and Deposit Schedule in effect at the time of burial.

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7. **No burial, or placement of any monument, will be permitted during the winter months. The winter period is defined as October 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting.**
8. Services are to be held in designated areas.
9. All interment costs must be paid prior to the time of burial. (Interment costs include, but are not limited to: perpetual care fee, reservation fee, refundable monument deposit, opening and closing of grave, etc.)
10. The family has two years from the date of burial to have a headstone placed. Only grave markers similar in size, composition and height to those now existing are allowed, provided the markers do not exceed **three (3) feet in height. All markers must be approved by the Town Clerk or Cemetery Committee.** No new fences are allowed. Fences existing prior to May 27, 1997 are allowed if properly maintained. If not maintained, the Grand Lake Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove. A refundable deposit for a grave marker, pursuant to the Town of Grand Lake Fee and Deposit Schedule in effect at the time of burial, is required prior to the time of burial unless a copy of a paid receipt from a monument company is provided. If a permanent grave marker is placed on the grave site within one (1) year from interment, said deposit shall be refunded, without interest. If a permanent grave marker is not placed on the grave site within one (1) year from interment, the deposit will be used by the Cemetery Committee to purchase and place a grave marker on the grave site.
11. Lighting of any kind; flame, artificial, solar or otherwise **IS PROHIBITED.**
12. **Only plants that have been approved by the National Park Service in this locale shall be permitted to be used within the cemetery.** No turf grass shall be used within the cemetery. All plans for planting or landscaping shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park or his representative for review and given approval prior to commencing any work. **NO ARTIFICIAL PLANTS OF ANY TYPE SHALL BE ALLOWED.**

Topsoil removed during the opening of the grave shall be stockpiled and replaced on top of the grave after interment.
13. The perimeter of the plot will be marked by the Town Clerk/Grand Lake Cemetery Committee at the time it is assigned. Any further marking of the grave site must be at ground level and be entirely within the marked perimeter. Persons utilizing the Grand Lake Area Cemetery understand that an agreement exists between the Town of Grand Lake and the National Park Service which provides for the use, maintenance and administration of the cemetery. Persons obtaining grave sites understand they have the perpetual right to use the cemetery but in no way obtain specific ownership to the grave sites and have no right to sell an unused site. **Persons understand they are responsible for the maintenance of the grave site.** The grave site may be tended to by volunteer organizations. Prior approval from the Town Clerk is required for burials, **any excavation or ground disturbance**, planting, and any alteration or addition to the natural or historical condition of the area.