

Burial Services in the Cemetery



Fees for burials are normally, but not always, included in the fees collected by the funeral home with which the family is engaged. This is a convenience to the family.

Please note that these fees are associated **only** with the cemetery and **not** with the churches or ministers (including Pohick Church clergy) conducting the service. Upon the death of a loved one, family members are strongly encouraged to promptly contact those members of the clergy who have had the most recent pastoral relationship with the deceased so that arrangements can be made for services to be conducted by that minister in his or her home church, at a funeral home chapel, and/or at the graveside. **Accordingly, burials in the Historic Church are reserved for those who, at the time of death, were active members of the congregation. Such services are normally presided over by the clergy of Pohick Church with the support of church staff and volunteers.**

Cemetery fees are on a sliding scale that considers a number of factors. First of all, the day of week affect the rate. Burials on Saturdays have a higher fee associated with them.

A second factor affecting the burial price is whether the burial will be the only burial carried out in the plot, or if two burials will eventually take place. It is a common and proper practice to conduct two burials in the same plot, one above the other. But since the lower burial is at a greater depth, the fee for that first burial is accordingly higher. The second burial in such a plot has the same fee as a single burial. In general, such double burials may be conducted in any plot, as long as the slope across the site does not inhibit the work of the gravedigger. Consult the Cemetery Warden on this matter when considering the purchase of plots on sloping ground.

Lastly, the size of the casket and vault/liner to be interred will affect the burial fee. Burial of infants carries a fee less than half of that for adults. In turn, the burial of persons of exceptional size carries a somewhat higher fee.

For all burials, the casket must be placed in either a concrete liner or burial vault. In both cases the purpose is the same. Since all caskets are eventually subject to structural failure, a vault or

liner will support the casket and prevent the sinking of the ground above. Both liners and vaults are purchased through one's funeral director. A concrete liner typically costs several hundred dollars. In contrast, burial vaults can easily cost thousands of dollars, particularly when ornately decorated and lined with solid bronze.

The liner meets all requirements of the cemetery. Use of a liner or vault may be waived at the discretion of the Cemetery Warden for the burial of infants and children under the age of two.

In lieu of burial in full caskets, one may choose to bury cremated remains in one's own deeded plot. The fees for such burials are in the range of several hundred dollars. One advantage to burying cremated remains in one's own plot is that the family may select and use a container of their choice for the interment.

Interments of all types require at least 48 hours notice. Burials may not be conducted on Sundays or on Christmas Day.