

## The Memorial Garden



The acceptance of cremation for Christian burial has never been higher. In response, Pohick Church has reserved a portion of its grounds as a perpetual Memorial Garden. The Garden is laid out in ten sections, each approximately ten feet by ten feet. Within each section, the first of which is currently in use, one hundred square sites are scribed.

The Garden is perpetual in that when the day comes that all spaces have been filled, interments will begin again at the first location. That day will not come for some hundreds of years. Those resting in the Garden are thus not to be thought of as interred at an exact location but rather “in the Garden.” Interments may only be conducted in special fiber cylinders furnished by the Church. These cylinders will decompose naturally over the course of time.

Burials were originally conducted in the first, or “Dogwood” section at a depth of about three feet. That level is now filled, and so interments are presently being done at a depth of two feet. When those are filled, they will be done at a depth of one foot. Only then will a new section be opened. There is therefore sufficient space to accommodate the burial of some three thousand sets of remains before returning to the Dogwood section.

The fee for interment in the Memorial Garden is currently \$450 for parishioners. Non-parishioners incur a slightly higher fee. The fee includes perpetual care and the installation of a commemorative name plate on the large marker at the head of the section.