

**Van Buren Township Cemeteries  
Mt. Pleasant \* Salem**

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**Van Buren Township Trustee  
101 S. Main St. Milford IN 46542  
574-658-9686**

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**Rules and Regulations  
Revised 01/01/2022**

TO: All Owners of lots, burial spaces in Mt. Pleasant and Salem Cemeteries

This cemetery is cared for and maintained by the Van Buren Township Trustee's office and the Van Buren Township Board.

1. Rules and regulations published herewith are subject to change without notice upon the passing of a resolution by the Van Buren Township Board.
2. Visitors are reminded that the Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and a strict observance of all that is proper in a place so dedicated will be required of all person entering the Cemetery.
3. All cemetery inquiries should be done by calling 574-658-9686, OR through the assistance of a funeral home
4. Any lot owner desiring to sell a burial space must do so through the Van Buren Township Trustee's office in order to keep records correct.
5. A burial permit conforming to requirements as specified by the Indiana State Board of Health must be furnished to the Cemetery Sexton at the time of interment. This is also required for cremation burial.
6. **Spring cleanup:** Decorations that are not on foundations or attached to headstones should be removed by April 15. Cemetery maintenance personnel will remove and dispose of them after that date. Decorations for summer may be placed after May 1. Decorations must be placed within the line of the headstone, on foundations or fastened to the headstone.

7. **Fall cleanup:** Remove all summer decorations by October 1. Winter decorations may be placed on gravesites beginning on November 15. All grave blankets must be removed by March 1.
8. If any trees or shrubs shall become detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient, the Trustee shall have the right to remove such trees or shrubs or such parts as are detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.
9. All cardboard or plastic containers placed on any lot for summer display must be removed by October 15. After that date the Trustee reserves the right to remove such containers.
10. The Van Buren Township Trustee reserves the right to remove any object, floral display or other decoration on any lot that might become litter or might be deemed in poor taste or in any other way becomes offensive. Boxes, broken glass, shells, toys, wire and screens, and designs of any description, unpainted or broken benches, seats and vases, alcoholic beverages and containers and similar articles scattered upon graves or lots inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds, will not be permitted. **Iron hooks (Shepherd's Hooks) from which baskets, bowls or flower pots are suspended are prohibited.**
11. **\*\*Any objects that interfere with cemetery maintenance (mowing, weed whacking) or access to another burial space should/will be removed.**
12. The planting of flowers within the limits of a burial lot must be done only with the approval and under the direction of the Van Buren Township Trustee's office. Leaf bearing trees, shrubs, and bushes should not be used. All plans for permanent planting or landscaping must be submitted to the Van Buren Township Trustee.
13. **\*\*Lot size is 48" wide. This constitutes one (1) burial space. The burial spaces run west to east in length. There should be no landscaping or decorations on the west side of the burial space as this can interfere with the excavation of a burial space in the row behind. Decorations and memorial objects should not be placed in a way as to interfere with cemetery maintenance.**

14. All concrete foundations for memorials shall be placed and constructed by an **approved contractor**. Contact with TWP Trustee’s office should be made prior to installing a foundation. Painting a foundation will not be permitted. In the best interest of lot owners, permanent memorials of cement, artificial stone, composition wood, tin or iron are not permitted.

15. Two cremations may be interred in one burial space. One cremation may be placed with a full adult burial. **Cremains cannot be scattered at the gravesite.**

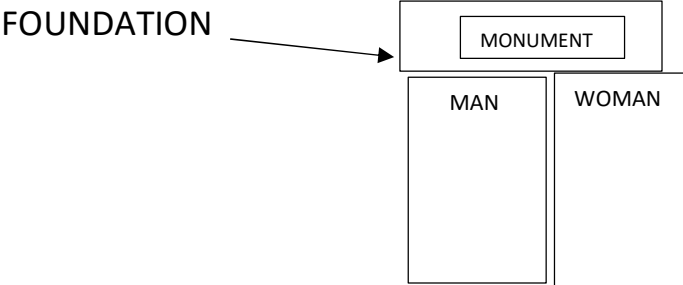
16. The Van Buren Township Trustee’s office will take every reasonable precaution to protect all private property of lot and grave owners, but disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage arising from fire, theft, vandalism, windstorm, hail and frost, whether damage be direct or collateral.

The following are recommended maximum sizes for foundations and memorials in Township Cemeteries. Variations beyond these can be made after approval from the Van Buren Township Trustee.

<b>Single graves:</b>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Headstone</u>
	Length	Length
One-piece memorial	up to 48”	up to 38”
Two-piece memorial	up to 48”	up to 38”
<b>Two grave spaces:</b>	up to 96”	up to 72”

Vertical type memorials are permitted

Overall Height  
Single graves                         48”  
Two graves                             48”  
(For taller monuments please contact cemetery)  
Traditional Placement



## BURIAL SPACE FEES

1. Burial plots are sold by individual spaces. Each space is 48” wide.
2. 2 Cremations can be buried in a burial space.
3. 1 full burial and 1 cremation can be buried in a burial space. Prior arrangements are to be made if this is the owner’s choice.

One burial space is \$200.00 for Van Buren Township residents and \$400.00 per burial space for non- residents.

Owner will be issued a deed with appropriate documentation of location of said burial space (s).

Burial spaces are for sale in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. There are no burial spaces for sale in Salem Cemetery.

## OPENING FEES

January 2022

### Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

1. Regular grave opening  
\$700
2. Baby grave opening not to exceed 18”  
\$150
3. Baby grave opening 18” to 30”  
\$250
4. Baby grave opening in excess of 30”  
\$250
5. Cremation container opening  
\$250

## Grave Opening Surcharges

(The following fees are in addition to all other fees and charges imposed herein and include opening for cremation containers)

1. Grave opening: Saturday,  
Sunday, holiday \$100
2. Grave closing after 5:00pm local  
time \$ 50
3. Winter charge – thaw charges  
\$100

(additional fee from Jan. 1 to  
April 1)

Billed through Funeral home or direct to  
grave excavator.

Grave excavator: Kline excavating