



# ***Town of Arkwright-Cemetery Rules***

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- 1. Scope:**
  - a. Applies to Cowdens Corners and Christian Meeting Cemeteries maintained by the Town of Arkwright.
  - b. The sale of all lots and internments therein shall be in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York and the Regulations of the New York State Cemetery Board.
- 2. Pricing:**
  - a. The price of a single grave lot is \$500.
  - b. Grave opening prices:
    - i. Full casket \$600
    - ii. Cremated remains \$300
    - iii. The Town reserves the right to add an upcharge for Saturday or Holiday burials, based on equipment and operator pricing. No Sunday burials.
- 3. Markers:**
  - a. All markers must be on a foundation. Contact Riles & Woolley in Forestville to arrange pouring the foundation. No other source is currently authorized.
  - b. Gravesite markers may be purchased from any reputable source. The Town does reserve the right to regulate the size, placement and aesthetic nature of markers, including inscriptions, in order to preserve a respectful resting place for all.
  - c. Up to two markers may be placed on one grave site under these conditions:
    - i. The markers must be on a common foundation.
    - ii. The total footprint must be contained within the width of the lot.
    - iii. The information on the markers must match the actual burials on the site.
- 4. Burials:**
  - a. All burials (including cremations) must be arranged through a NYS Department of Health licensed funeral home and director.
  - b. The Town of Arkwright will arrange the grave opening.
  - c. All burials (casket or cremated) must be in a concrete vault or urn.
  - d. The Town allows up to three burials on one lot, either a casket and up to two cremations or up to three cremations when there is no casket burial.
  - e. Cremated pets are allowed (only cremated) with the same opening pricing and restrictions as any other remains, with the exception of requiring a funeral director's involvement.
- 5. Plantings:**
  - a. The planting of shrubs, trees or bushes is expressly prohibited. The Town reserves the right to immediately remove any such plantings.
  - b. Flowers are permitted adjacent to the marker foundation with the flower bed extending up to one foot in any direction. It is expected that the lot owner will care for these flower beds.
  - c. The planting of ivy or myrtle is prohibited.
- 6. Decorations:**
  - a. Decorations should be placed with consideration of the mowing effort undertaken by the Town's contractor.
    - i. No fencing or coping is allowed.
    - ii. Urns should be placed as closely to the marker foundation as possible and be made of a material durable enough to not be damaged by a string trimmer.

- iii. Solar lights are only allowed in a flower bed maintained by the lot owner or in an urn.
  - iv. No glass containers or decorations.
  - v. No decorations or flower arrangements that contain wire unless contained in an urn.
  - vi. Any extra signs or flags or other mementos should be as close to the marker foundation as possible and not present an impedence to trimming.
  - b. Exceptions can be made from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup> when there is no mowing activity. Plastic flowers, wreaths, tasteful signs, etc. are fine, provided they are removed before mowing begins.
  - c. The Town will remove any decoration not meeting these guidelines before Spring mowing begins. The Town will not be responsible for any items damaged or removed.
7. **Flags:**
- a. The Town will provide American Flags and place them on all veterans' graves.
    - i. If there is a military veteran grave that is overlooked, please contact the Town to remedy the situation.
  - b. Flags should be placed as closely to the marker foundation as possible,
  - c. Flags should be placed in a holder (not directly in the ground). The Town provides holders for any veteran grave that doesn't have one.
  - d. Service type or entirely decorative flags only are allowed.
8. **Acceptable Uses:**
- a. Motor Vehicles are only allowed for visitation to a gravesite and must remain on the driveway surface.
  - b. No recreational vehicles are allowed.
  - c. Recreational horse back riding is prohibited. The use of a horse as transportation to visit a gravesite is allowed but only on the driveway surface.
  - d. Dogs are not allowed to run freely in the cemetery.
  - e. Cemeteries are open from dawn to dusk.