

White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

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APPLICATION FOR INTERMENT AND REGULATIONS

Name of Deceased _____
(Last) (First) (Full Middle) (Junior/Senior)

Date and Place of Birth _____

Date and Place of Death _____

Age at the time of Death _____

Current Address _____

Name of Applicant _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____

Please answer the following questions with a YES or NO answer:

1. Are you, or the deceased (at the time of death), a current member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church?
2. Are you or the deceased, an immediate family member of a current member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church?
3. Are you or the deceased, an immediate family member of a member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church who is already interred in the cemetery?
4. Is this an application for (circle one): BURIAL RESERVE A BURIAL PLOT
5. Have you read the Cemetery Regulations of the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery?
6. Unless exempt, are you aware and prepared to pay a one-time maintenance fee at the time of the opening the plot?
7. Are there plans to bury two or more bodies (including cremated remains) or objects in one plot?
If yes, please identify the person(s) with name and the date of death and/or the objects:

8. I acknowledge that the reserving of a burial plot is subject to the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery Regulations.

I hereby apply for determination of eligibility for interment in the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

Received By and Date _____ Date of Approval _____ Burial Plot # _____

WHITE OAK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY REGULATIONS

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

For the mutual protection and benefit of the dignity of the deceased, the following RULES AND REGULATIONS have been adopted by White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery located at 139 White Oak Church Road, Dallas, Georgia, 30157. All visitors within the Cemetery and all burial plots assigned shall be subject to said RULES AND REGULATIONS, and subject further to such other RULES AND REGULATIONS, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted from time to time.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

The terms “Lot”, “Plot” or “Burial place” shall be used interchangeably and shall apply with like effect to one or more adjoining graves.

The term “interment” shall mean the permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by burial.

The term “memorial” shall include a monument or marker.

A monument is above the ground and is placed at the head of the grave.

A marker is level with the ground and is placed at the head of the grave.

The term “management” or “cemetery” shall comprise of the person(s) constituting White Oak Springs Baptist Cemetery Association duly appointed by the Church Board in conjunction with the Pastor.

The term “care” shall apply to the entire Cemetery provided by either a permanent care fund or by White Oak Springs Baptist Church.

The term “immediate family” shall apply to the person’s parents, spouse, siblings, and children.

The term “inurnment” shall mean the permanent disposition of the cremated remains of a deceased person by burial.

3.0 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery is owned and operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, Ga. Code Ann., § 10-14-3(8), and the bylaws of White Oak Springs Baptist Church. It reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery and to refuse the use of any of the Cemetery’s facilities at any time, to any person or persons whom the Management may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery is intended for the burial of church members and members of their immediate family who are entitled to Christian burial according to the bylaws of White Oak Springs Baptist Church.

Any question of the burial of a non-member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church or of any other person not entitled to Christian burial, shall be decided by the Pastor.

Religious ceremonies other than those of White Oak Springs Baptist Church are not permitted in the Cemetery unless the consent of the Pastor has been obtained (Free-Mason, Wiccan, Pagan, Etc.)

4.0 BURIAL PLOTS:

A completed application for interment must be received and approved by the management before a burial plot will be opened or reserved.

Reserving of a burial plot is allowed. However, reserving a burial plot does not guarantee the grave's availability. When a burial plot is reserved, the management will make every effort to bury the qualifying person in the reserved plot but is not restricted by the reservation. For a burial plot to be reserved, the person's name must be recorded with the burial plot number and on file in the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Office. The reservation of a burial plot must be renewed in writing and recorded in the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Office every 5 years. The renewal of a burial plot reservation is the responsibility of the person to be buried in the plot, the next of kin, an immediate family member or a guardian of the person being buried in the plot. Failure to renew the reservation of a burial plot within 90 days of the end of the 5 year requirement will result in the expiration of the reservation without notice. A burial plot reservation that has expired will make the plot available for use by the management.

No burial plot will be sold. Instead, if the remains of a person qualify for burial, a one-time maintenance fee will be charged the estate. The one-time maintenance fee may be waived, if at the time of death, a person is a qualified member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church, and who faithfully attends church services, and has a documented tithe and offering record that is recorded in the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Office. The one-time maintenance fee may be waived, if at the time of death, a person is a qualified member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church, and is considered a home shut-in, or lives in a nursing home. The one-time maintenance fee may be waived in the case of an individual who, at the time of death, participates as a bus rider (up to the age of 18) in the bus ministry of White Oak Springs Baptist Church. The one-time maintenance fee may be waived in the case of an individual who serves as a missionary through the missions program of White Oak Springs Baptist Church. The waiving of the one-time maintenance fee in the case of any individual is at the discretion of the pastor.

No burial plot shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.

The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, explosions, insurrections, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

Those paying the one-time maintenance fee are granted only the right of interment of their loved one in a plot. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the interment of anyone who was not at the time of death a member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church or an immediate family member of a church member by blood or marriage.

5.0 CORRECTION OF ERRORS:

The Cemetery reserves and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterment or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property.

6.0 CARE OF GRAVES:

The Cemetery will give such care as it can. The care is to consist of cutting the grass and general preservation of the grounds.

The general care assumed by the Cemetery shall in no case mean maintenance, repair or replacement of any vase, basket, memorial, flowers, or other objects placed upon a plot.

BURIALS

7.0 INTERMENTS:

No burial plot for which the one-time maintenance fee has not been fully paid will be “opened”, unless the one-time maintenance fee has been waived according to Section 4.0. Pre-payment of the one-time maintenance fee is prohibited.

Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery, no funeral director or his embalmer, assistant, employee or agent shall be permitted to open the casket, or to touch the body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased, or of an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one plot except in the case of a parent and infant or two infants buried in one casket. Special care must be taken to properly mark the plot with the individual’s names when 2 bodies such as a parent and infant or 2 infants are interred in the same plot. No interment of a body may be made unless the remains are contained in a casket and vault.

At the discretion of Management, Management has the right to use a designated grave service for burial work.

Workmen employed in grave services shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so under permission from the pastor. No work may be done on any plot for which a signed liability release form has not been received. Independent contractors must provide their own worker’s compensation insurance.

8.0 INURNMENTS:

White Oak Springs Baptist Church holds the position that cremation is an un-Scriptural practice. The inurnment or burial of a set of cremated remains is prohibited with one exception.

If the death and cremation of an immediate family member of the person, who qualifies for burial, occurred prior to the adoption date of the Cemetery Regulations of White Oak Springs Baptist Church, those remains will be allowed to be buried in the same casket at the time of burial of the person who will be buried in the cemetery. For cremated remains to qualify for burial, a death certificate must be provided before approval of burial and placed on file in the White Oak Springs Baptist Church Office. Special care must be taken to properly mark the plot with the individual’s names when cremated remains are buried in a casket with another person.

The inurnment or burial of a set of cremated remains of a person who dies after the adoption date of the Cemetery Regulations of the White Oak Springs Baptist Church is prohibited.

9.0 CEMETERY DECORATIONS:

Natural decorations such as potted plants in a plant stand, cut flowers and evergreen wreaths are not permitted, however artificial decorations such as silk flowers are permitted. It is not permissible to plant anything on the plot, or to use any other decorations without permission of the management. The Management has the right to remove any or all decorations when deemed necessary.

10.0 PLANTING ON GRAVES:

The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all floral designs, flowers, shrubs or trees from the Cemetery as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous and/or diseased.

11.0 MEMORIAL WORK:

Monuments are prohibited.

No memorials may be placed on any burial plot for which the one-time maintenance fee has not been paid. Family members of the buried deceased may place proper memorial work on a plot subject to the approval of the Management. All memorials shall be built of granite and of the size and depth prescribed by the management in Section 12.0 of this document.

All memorials shall be constructed of natural stone. No artificial stone of any kind is permitted.

Memorials may be placed only in the designated areas.

No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any grave (s) and no walks or coverings of brick, cinders, tile, terra cotta, sand, cement, gravel or wood shall be allowed on any plot(s). White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery reserves the right to remove the same if so erected, planted or placed.

Epitaphs and symbols on memorials should be in the spirit of White Oak Springs Baptist Church. The management reserves the right to reject any epitaph or symbol. No secret society, clubs, demonic or pagan symbols will be permitted on memorials. Christian symbols must be approved by the Management.

Workmen employed in placing memorials and other structures or materials shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so under permission from the pastor. No work may be done on any plot for which a signed liability release form has not been received. Independent contractors must provide their own worker's compensation insurance.

The right is reserved to the pastor to refuse to permit such work, unless the grounds are thoroughly settled and in good condition.

No memorials may be delivered or installed between November 1 and April 15 without permission from the pastor.

White Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery reserves the right to stop all work of any nature, whenever, in its opinion,

- proper preparations have not been made;

- or when tools and machinery are insufficient or defective;
- or when work is being executed in such a manner as to threaten life or property;
- or when the memorial dealer has been guilty of misrepresentation;
- or when any reasonable request on the part of the pastor is disregarded;
- or when work is not being executed according to specifications;
- or when any person employed on the work violates any rule of the Cemetery.

Crosses, statues, monuments or other grave markers of wood, iron, cement, marble, granite or any like material are strictly prohibited.

When any memorial work has been set in place, it shall not be removed or modified without due process of law or written permission of the Management.

12.0 MARKERS

At each plot one single wide headstone is permitted or on two adjacent plots a double wide companion headstone is permitted.

- Single wide headstone shall be 24 inches long, 12 inches wide and not less than 4 inches in thickness.
- Double wide companion headstone shall be 42 inches long, 12 inches wide and not less than 6 inches in thickness.

Memorial designs may be carved directly onto a granite base or a cast bronze design must be mounted to the granite base. Epitaphs and symbols on memorials must be approved by the Management and are restricted to the description in Section 11.0 of this document.

Veteran headstones must be the standard flat bronze headstone, mounted to a granite base 24 inches long, 12 inches wide and not less than 4 inches in thickness, or the standard flat light gray granite headstone, measuring 24 inches long, 12 inches wide and not less than 4 inches in thickness, provided by Department of Veterans Affairs for the graves of veterans. The Latin cross will be the only emblem allowed on veteran markers.

Bottom markers (at the foot end of the plot), are prohibited.

The marker may not extend into the plot of another.

The marker must be installed flush to the ground on all corners.

A marker shall be readable from the foot of the plot.