## Memorial Garden



Valley Chapel's Memorial Garden was designed to bring glory to God through the creation of a beautiful outdoor space for visitation, prayer and reflection along with columbaria to provide a lovely memorialized final resting place for those who choose cremation.

Niches are available for purchase. To request an information packet please call or email us at MemorialGarden@valleychapel.us or 508 278-2315



**YOUR GIFT** to Valley Chapel for the Memorial Garden Fund helps maintain its beauty. Ask about opportunities for memorial inscriptions. Contact the church office at 508 278-2315

#### **OUR DESIGNER**

We are grateful for the vision and dedication of Bill Giatas in creating our Memorial Garden.

Owner of Giatas Landscaping, Bill used his extensive design experience, decades of landscaping expertise, and meticulous attention to detail to combine natural modern hardscape with lovely organic elements to create this beautiful and meaningful garden.

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We thank Erin Joyce of Murray Monument & Stone in Blackstone, MA for working closely with us to provide our beautiful custom cross, benches & engraving. http://www.murraymonumentstone.com

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reflection & remembrance



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## Columbaria



#### What is a Columbarium?

A columbarium (singular; columbaria, plural) is an 18th-century Latin word for "dovecote" or "dove nest." Today, it is a place where urns holding cremains (ashes) may be reposed in individual niches. Our Memorial Garden is designed to eventually accommodate seven columbaria each with 32 niches.

#### What does each niche hold?

Each companion niche holds one or two urns for cremated remains. Only human remains are permitted.

#### Who may purchase niches?

MA law says inurnment in the columbaria is for attendees of Valley Chapel and their families. Many people attend our services by watching online, and we have filed a bill with the MA legislature to allow others in the community to purchase a niche.

#### What do niches cost?

Currently each companion niche is \$3,000. Part of the payment is for the cost of the niche, and part is a tax-deductible contribution to Valley Chapel for maintenance of the garden and columbaria. We offer a discounted price of \$2,800 for niches paid in full by check or cash. A payment plan is available.

#### Do I own the niche?

You purchase a license for inurnment: the right to place cremated remains inside in perpetuity.

#### May I choose my niche?

Once Valley Chapel receives your full payment with a signed agreement, you may choose from available niches.

### Other than cremation and urn costs, what are other costs?

Engraving (name & dates) plus \$100 fee for opening and closing the niche at the time of inurnment.

#### How is engraving done?

To insure uniformity, Valley Chapel arranges engraving. Cost is based on number of letters & numbers; current average is about \$500. You may preengrave your niche so that only final dates will incur additional charge.

## What if I change my mind or move away?

As long as no remains have been placed in the niche, the church will buy back your niche at the niche cost price less an administrative fee. No transfer of niches is permitted without the express permission of Valley Chapel.

### What if something happens to the church?

In the event of the dissolution of the church and/or columbarium, the church will arrange for the transfer of urns to you or your heirs.

#### How do I apply for a niche?

Contact the church office for a document packet. Once you submit complete forms and payment, you will be issued a certificate of license to use the niche.



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