

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church
Revised December 2022
Cemetery Policy – Effective January 1, 2023

1. All members and children, 21 and under, are given burial rights free of charge.
All associate members and children, 21 and under, are given burial rights for a fee of \$200 per burial.
2. All burials in private family plots are subject to these same cemetery policies.
3. Requests for burial and reservations from outside the church membership need to be approved by the cemetery committee chair and cemetery historian, as this is not a public cemetery. Generally, requests are honored from those with ties to Alexanderwohl. The cost for non-members is \$400 per plot -- payable to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.
4. Out of respect for our church's peace stance, it is requested that there be no military style ceremony as part of the graveside service.
5. Vault. A concrete vault or better is required. The grave will be backfilled with sand to the point 18 inches below grade. The balance of the grave will be filled with topsoil so that the grave is completely covered and some allowance for settling is provided. No flat surface vaults or individual mausoleums are allowed.
6. Spacing. East-West Spacing of rows at 12 feet. Spacing between plots is 60 inches, center to center. Each grave is 8 feet long.
7. Monuments. The church will provide the foundation of 18.5"x 60"(single monument) & 18.5"x 120"(double monument) as long as the burial is in the section of the cemetery where the new continuous foundations are in place. There is a monument permit fee to cover the cost of the foundation of \$100 per single monument and \$200 per double monument that the monument company will pay to the church before they can set the monument. If the burial is in a reserved plot in another part of the cemetery where foundations have not been constructed, the foundation must be constructed according to the monument company's specifications so that it is of adequate size for the monument being placed. This foundation should not include any piers so that future foundation work can be handled more easily. The church cemetery chair and cemetery historian must approve the location of the monument so that all monuments line up.
8. A \$50 fee will be assessed to mark the location of the monument. This fee is payable to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.
9. Location & Reservations. Unless there is a previous reservation in a family plot or next to a deceased family member, the location of the grave may be selected from the next available spot in one of the rows of continuous foundations. Reservations for a spouse next to a burial plot will be allowed.
10. Cremation burials. Cremation plots are subject to the same guidelines as traditional burial plots. No specific location is planned for cremation burials. A maximum of three cremation burials are allowed per plot. Arrangements for digging cremation burials need to be arranged with the cemetery

committee chair and cemetery historian. The hole shall be 24 x 24" by 28" deep. These burials will be back filled with sand and covered with top soil. The family will pay digging fees. Cremations will be noted in the cemetery records with a "C" after location. Cremation burial is not allowed over an existing vault.

11. In an end-of-life planning situation, the church cemetery chair and cemetery historian will work closely with the family in a best effort attempt to honor the family's plans.

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