

MEMORIAL GARDEN DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

LONE OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3835 Old US Highway 45
Paducah, KY 42003

The Memorial Garden is intended to be a simple, dignified, well-maintained garden set aside as a place of peace, reflection, and remembrance. It is offered as a space to memorialize family members and persons or groups who have nurtured and sown seeds of faith and devotion through their lives. Appropriate plaques can be placed with names and dates of birth and death. Spaces are also provided for the interment for scattering of a person's ashes following cremation. The Board of Lone Oak United Methodist Church is responsible for oversight of the Memorial Garden, implementation of its policies, and its maintenance.

Background

In the spirit of the early Christian traditions where the Church and Church yard have been the final resting place for those who have completed their days on this earth, this Memorial Garden has been established to offer:

1. A place of reverence: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1) As the Church is a symbol of God's presence, so this Memorial Garden continues the tradition of providing a sacred and holy place for prayer, reflection and remembrance. This is holy ground, a place where God's unending love can be found and experienced.
2. A place of caring love: This garden is a visible way that we as a community of faith express love and care for others who have helped to form and shape our lives in Christ and in faith. It is a visible reminder of God's abiding presence with God's people and God's creation throughout all time and eternity.
3. A place celebrating life: This garden reminds us that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:31-39) We celebrate life lived among us and life lived among the "Communion of the Saints." We affirm that God holds this earthly life in His tender care and welcomes us into everlasting life in his kingdom.
4. A place of hope: God holds our present and future in the hope of renewal and transformation. This garden reminds of Christ's victory over pain and death and of his promise of eternal life for those who are faithful.
5. A place of remembrance: This garden provides a visible reminder of those who have gone before us in faith. Through memorial plaques and by providing space for interment or scattering of ashes, we are reminded of our forefathers in faith.

Scripture clearly tells us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Scripture and Christian theology continually remind us that life and death are woven together. As finite creatures we return to the elements from which God brought life in the beginning. Cremation is one method of returning to the elements, allowing our bodily form to return to original state more quickly with a sense of dignity and reverence.

Paul makes it clear in 1 Corinthians 15 that this earthly body is appropriate for this present life and that God has prepared for us a body appropriate for the life hereafter.

Location and Oversight of the Garden

The Memorial Garden is located at the southeast corner of the church. The garden is landscaped and has a concrete path for walking, three memorial/honorarium monument markers, interment spaces for ashes, benches, and two flag poles.

The Board of Lone Oak United Methodist Church is responsible for oversight of the Memorial Garden, implementation of its policies, and its maintenance. Persons placing plaques, memorial/honorarium stones, or interring ashes are to understand that the sites, plaques, individual memorial/honorarium stones and markers are not privately owned. The garden and its components are the property of the United Methodist Church held in trust by Lone Oak United Methodist Church.

Arrangements and placement of all plaques on monument markers, individual memorial/honorarium stones, and interment markers will be provided by the Lone Oak United Methodist Church in accordance with the materials, form, and design approved by the Board. They may be placed to honor living or deceased church members, family members, or friends.

Placing of Memorial/Honorarium Stones

Memorial stones may be placed to honor deceased church members, family members, or friends. The inscription on each stone shall include the name(s) and dates of birth and death. The inscription on each stone shall include only one person or family.

Honorarium stones may be placed to honor church members, family members, or friends. The names of the person or family being honored shall be inscribed on the stone. The inscription on each stone shall include the name of the person, persons, or family honored, and date of honorarium.

Memorial and Honorarium stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden at an appropriate time set in consultation with the pastor. A service of consecration for placement may be led by the Pastor if desired. Arrangements for placing these stones shall be made through the Church Board.

Placing of Plaques on Monument Markers

Stainless Steel plaques may be placed on the three monument markers to honor living church members, their family members, and friends, and to memorialize deceased church members, their family members and friends. The memorial plaque inscriptions shall include the person's name and dates of birth and death. Honorarium plaques are primarily intended for those church and family members who have or are serving in the military services of their country. Other honorarium plaques are subject to approval of the Church Board. Honorarium plaque inscriptions shall include the person's rank and name, branch of service, and may include dates of service if desired.

Arrangements for placing of plaques on the memorial/honorarium markers will be made through the Church Board. The plaques will be provided by the Lone Oak United Methodist Church in accordance with the approved materials, form, and design. A service of consecration for placement shall be led by the Pastor if desired.

Interment and Scattering of Ashes

Interment of cremated ashes is available only for church members and their family members. Interment markers shall include only the name(s) and dates of birth and death. Each interment marker shall include only one person or family. No marker will be opened after being permanently sealed. No objects other than cremated human remains and appropriate containment vessel, if desired, may be interred.

Members of Lone Oak United Methodist Church family may make use of the Memorial Garden for scattering of ashes following cremation. Only the remains of human bodies may be scattered.

Arrangements for interment or scattering of cremated ashes will be made through the Church Board.

Interment may take place immediately following the funeral or it may be scheduled at a convenient time.

A service of consecration for interment or scattering of ashes shall be led by the Pastor. A suggested time is following a Sunday worship service. All memorial stones and plaques, honorarium stones and plaques and interment stones shall be ordered after the passing of the individual or family.

Decorations, etc.

The intent of the Memorial Garden is to be a simple, reverent, and holy place. No additional decorations, plaques or seals, professional designations, or inscriptions may be added except designations and inscriptions approved by the Church Board, at the time of order. Only fresh flowers or plants may be placed in the garden in vases located in the garden.

Cost

Costs for memorial/honorarium stones, memorial/honorarium plaques, and interment stones are listed in the fee schedule below. Payments should be made to the **Memorial Garden Fund**. No real property right is created or transferred by agreement or payment. The contribution only allows for the privilege of using the space.

Costs for the stones include inscription lettering at Bell Monuments Company in Wickliffe, Ky. Cost for the plaques include inscription lettering at Lone Oak Trophy and Signs Inc. Anyone who purchases a stone or plaque may take it to the Bell Monument Company or the Lone Oak Trophy and Sign to be inscribed. If this is not possible for the family, please contact the church and other arrangements shall be made.

Bell Monument Company	Lone Oak Trophy and Sign
740 Phillips Drive	3413 Lovelaceville Rd
Wickliffe, Ky 42087	Paducah KY 42001
(270) 335-3503	(270) 554-2284

Costs for each plaque, memorial/honorarium stone or interment of ashes marker must be paid in full prior to its being ordered. After a plaque has been placed on a marker, it cannot be removed and no refund can be made. These prices may be revised as necessary.

Item Cost Description

Memorial Stone \$100 Gray Georgia Granite, 4"x12"x4"

Honorarium Stone \$100 Gray Georgia Granite, 4"x12"x4"

Memorial Plaque \$45 Stainless Steel, 2"x5"

Honorarium Plaque \$45 Stainless Steel, 2"x5"

Interment Stone \$300 Gray Georgia Granite, 12"x12"x4" base, 10"x10"x4" cap stone

An order form is attached to these guidelines.

Records

Records regarding the Memorial Garden shall be maintained by the Church Board and kept in the church office of Lone Oak United Methodist Church. The Board shall be responsible for maintaining the Memorial Garden, using the Memorial Garden Fund of the Lone Oak United Methodist Church. The Board shall also be responsible for promoting the use of the garden.

Donations and Gifts

The Memorial Garden is to be financially self-supporting. The Memorial Garden Fund balance, supplemented with income from the sale of stones and plaques is expected to perpetually fund the maintenance and improvements to the garden. Any addition to, or modification of the garden, must be approved by the Church Board. Any additional donations are to be in the form of contributions to the Lone Oak United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund.

Services offered by the Church

Lone Oak United Methodist will offer a service of consecration for the placing of memorial/honorarium stones, placement of memorial/honorarium plaques, and interment or scattering of cremated ashes. This shall be done under the leadership of the pastor at an appropriate time, such as following a Sunday worship service. A family may have other clergy participating through an invitation extended by the Pastor.

Permanent placement of Memorial/Honorarium plaques shall be arranged by the Church Board.

All services are under the supervision of the Pastor of Lone Oak United Methodist Church. There will be an annual dedication and rededication honoring all who have passed on the Sunday of All Saints Day week, following the morning service.

Lone Oak United Methodist Church

Memorial Garden Order Form

1. Place a check mark in the box next to the item you are ordering.

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Interment of Ashes

Georgia Gray Granite

Cost: \$300.00

Base 12"x 12"x 4"

Capstone: 10"x 10"x 4"

Up to 7 Lines available. Write information of the person to be honored or memorialized here.

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Honorarium Stone

Georgia Gray Granite

Cost: \$100.00 4"x 12"x 4"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

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Memorial Stone

Georgia Gray Granite

Cost: \$100.00 4" x 12"x 4"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

Birth ____/____/____ Death ____/____/____

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Honorarium Plaque
Stainless Steel
Cost: \$45.00 5" x 2"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

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Memorial Plaque
Stainless Steel
Cost: \$45.00 5" x 2"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

Birth ____/____/____ Death ____/____/____

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**Military
Honorarium Plaque**
Stainless Steel
Cost: \$45.00 5" x 2"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

Rank and Name
Branch of Service
Dates Served ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

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**Military
Memorial Plaque**
Stainless Steel
Cost: \$45.00 5" x 2"

Three lines available. Fill information here:

Rank and Name
Branch of Service
Birth ____/____/____ Death ____/____/____

Name and Address of person placing this order:

Phone # (____) _____

Make check payable to: **Memorial Garden Fund**

Date order received	____/____/____
Amount Due	\$ ____ .
Date Paid	____/____/____
Date sent to Company	____/____/____
Date received from company	____/____/____