



Burial Policies of Andrew Chapel Cemetery Association

Andrew Chapel Cemetery has operated professionally in the Northern Virginia region for over 160 years. Our staff and service vendors are experienced with burial protocol, and we have established solid working relationships with most local funeral homes. The cemetery is highly regarded in Northern Virginia.

Please consider that we are not a large corporate cemetery with a full time staff and equipment, and our lower pricing reflects these cost savings. Instead, we are a non-profit entity, managed efficiently by a dedicated off-site staff that remains on-call and at the ready, on an at-need basis.

There are necessary logistics involved with coordinating a burial service. These burial policies reflect the needs of the cemetery regarding our operations, our staff, our service vendors and funeral homes.

Hours of Operation:

In general, cemetery operations are conducted **Monday through Saturday only**. Sunday and holiday burials are discouraged, and they carry premium pricing.

Lead Time Notice for Burials:

Per industry standard, the **lead-time for a burial is 72 hours, and it is weather dependent**. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate shorter notice burials, *but we cannot guarantee it*.

24 hour lead time burials will not be accommodated, no exceptions! This is not practical with our operational profile. We ask that you *please choose an alternative cemetery* if a 24-hour burial time is a requirement for your family. We cannot accommodate it and we make no offer to attempt it.

Grave digging is always weather dependent. For multiple reasons, graves will not be dug in hard rain, snow and ice conditions and burial services will be delayed if necessary, *at the discretion of the cemetery*.

Standard Vault/Liner Use and Lot Realignments:

For long-term ground stability, grave liners or vaults are required for all full body burials. No exceptions. Funeral homes will arrange this. Caskets are not required.

Andrew Chapel Cemetery lots are laid out by survey for maximum utility of the grounds, and lot positions within the grid cannot be altered or adjusted to accommodate vault-positioning considerations. No exceptions.

We will accommodate alternative vault positioning (such as perpendicular to the lot position) only if enough lots are purchased to allow a full-sized standard vault or liner (90 inches long) to fit within the lot boundaries. Typically, this will require the purchase of three lots, which provides 126 inches in width.

Grave Digging Costs: *(as of January 1, 2021, subject to change at any time)*

Grave digging costs are based on the *day of the burial*, and not the day of the actual digging.

- \$1150 for weekday, non-holiday burials.
- \$1300 for Saturday, non-holiday burials.
- \$1500 for Sunday and holiday burials.

Sunday and holiday burials are highly discouraged and are based on grave digger availability. They may be denied. Holidays are considered to be New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Payments:

Before *any* grave digging can occur, full payment for the lot, as well as the cemetery interment management fee and the grave digging fees must be secured. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Further, once payments for grave digging are received, they are considered to be work orders for service with our independent contractor. **Any payments made for grave digging are NOT REFUNDABLE once any on-site grave digging work is initiated.** Lot payments and management fees may be refunded.