

Urn Information

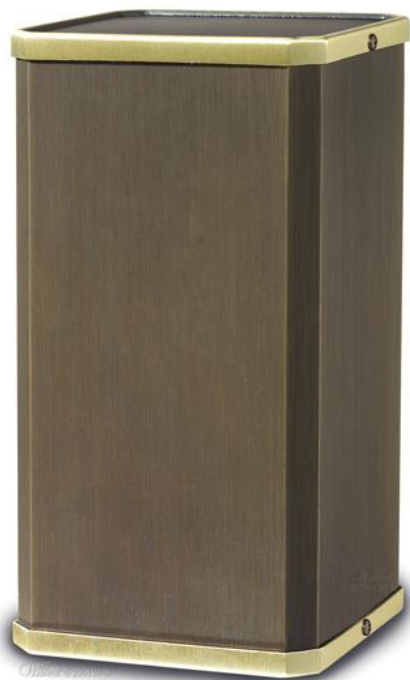
Families preferring a simple traditional memorial will appreciate the Tranquility cremation urn's dark, rich, and prominent bronze with a long grain satin finish. The urn has a drawn bronze tube alloy body and a sheet bronze alloy cap. The niches at St. Mark's are able to hold two of these urns. A picture of the Tranquility urn is shown below with its dimensions.

Height: 9 1/2"

Width: 5"

Depth: 5"

Cubic Inch: 207



St. Mark's Episcopal Church *Columbarium*



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St. Mark's Columbarium

If cremation is the path you are pursuing, St. Mark's Columbarium is one of the most peaceful and affordable resting places in the area. It is an excellent choice for any of St. Mark's parishioners and we can reserve a space for you and your loved ones.

Throughout history it has been the function of the church to baptize us when we are born and to bury us when we die, but as the cemeteries of churches filled up and as land everywhere became more expensive churches largely abandoned the accustomed role of providing a place for burial. Commercial cemeteries began to fill this void and soon even the sacrament of burial began to be conducted in funeral parlors, totally removed from the context of the church. As burial of the dead became more and more commercialized, it also became more and more expensive until it was in danger of losing all religious meanings.

Concerned with its ministry to our community and wishing to provide dignified Christian burial at a reasonable cost, St. Mark's decided to offer the privilege of a burial within a parish chapel/columbarium for members of the parish family and members of their families who qualify.

The practice of cremation is totally consistent with our understanding of the Christian faith, and the beauty of this facility will be a proclamation of our faith in the resurrection of the dead.

The columbarium is connected to St. Mark's Church and is comprised of niches set into masonry walls. Simple and dignified in concept, the structure expresses the ideal of Christian burial that the church has always upheld.

The structure was dedicated and consecrated by Suffragan Bishop Arthur Williams on Sunday, June 25, 1989. This allowed the structure to be set aside as a holy and consecrated part of the church and thus required us to make due consideration of this special aspect of the chapel/columbarium use.

Terms and regulations relating to the allotment of the columbarium niches:

- a. The use of the columbarium, its coverings and doors, and any and all other parts of the chapel/columbarium itself, is subject to the control of the "Lazarus Committee". This committee operates under the charge of the parish Vestry and Trustees of St. Mark's. The Vestry reserves the right without notice from time to time to make, amend, and repeal such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as are in the best interest of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.
- b. St. Mark's will provide, at no additional cost, the engraving on the stone facing of the name of the person whose ashes are committed to its care on the columbarium niche where such ashes rest. The engraving will be done on a standard basis to make the chapel uniform in appearance.
- c. All ashes will be contained in a container (usually called urns). These will be purchased separately from the columbarium niche. Ashes of more than one individual may not be placed in a single urn, vessel, or container. The one exception to this rule is to allow a husband and wife to be placed in a double urn designed for this purpose. Please note that the cost of the urn is not part of the contract.
- d. The columbarium niche is an eleven (11) inch cube. Care should be taken in selecting urns that fit the columbarium niche. The "Lazarus Committee" will be happy to make recommendations and provide specifications as to the size and availability of urns from reputable funeral homes within the community.
- e. The use of the columbarium niche may not be assigned by anyone other than the "Lazarus Committee" working under the authority of the Vestry of the parish. Columbarium niches remain the property of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The cost of reserving a columbarium niche entitles one the privilege of use, not the right of ownership. Niche ownership is always retained by St. Mark's.
- f. If a person moves from the area, the use privilege of an unused niche can be returned to the church at the original reservation cost and the money will be refunded only if engraving has not taken place.
- g. Any niche containing ashes under an agreement for their permanent disposition shall be appropriately sealed and the stone facing engraved.
- h. While St. Mark's endeavors to protect ashes deposited in the columbarium, it assumes no responsibility with respect to such ashes other than to afford them such protection as it affords its own property. Such ashes and the receptacles in which they are placed are not covered by the church's insurance.
- i. The columbarium is available for the cremated remains of any member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and relations of the first degree (spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, children and grandchildren). Others desiring a niche may be referred to and be considered by the "Lazarus Committee" for its judgment. This determination shall be final.
- j. No ashes will be interred without a Christian burial service.
- k. Any questions may be referred to the church office.
- l. The present cost of each niche is \$1,200.00. Monies from the purchase of columbarium niches are placed in the St. Mark's Endowment Funds and a portion shall be set aside for the perpetual upkeep of this structure.