

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Monument and Foundation Guidelines

All monuments/headstones will be placed in accordance with each Block (1-12) layout within the cemetery and will be placed at the head of the gravesite and centered within the assigned lot(s).

- 1) Gate of Heaven Cemetery requires all monuments to be approved before placing in the cemetery. Gate of Heaven recommends waiting to order a headstone until approval is granted to ensure all guidelines are met. Exceptions to our rules will not be made and Gate of Heaven is not responsible for any financial loss incurred for ordering stones not permitted in our cemetery.
- 2) Gate of Heaven Cemetery requires a 6-inch lip on each side of the foundation that will be set in the cemetery, i.e. a granite base measuring 2'10" (34") x 1'0" (12") requires a foundation of 3'10" (46") x 2'0" (24").
- 3) A single lot foundation will not exceed 3'10" (46") in length and the maximum height of the base and monument combined will not exceed 2'10" (34").
- 4) A double lot foundation will not exceed 7'10" (94") in length and the maximum height of the base and monument combined will not exceed 3'6" (42").
Maximum foundation with U-Ends 4'10" (58") plus 36" for U-Ends = 94" total
- 5) A three or four lot foundation will not exceed 11'0" (132") in length and the maximum height of the base and monument combined will not exceed 3'6" (42").
Maximum foundation with U-Ends 8'0" (96") plus 36" for U-Ends = 132" total
- 6) Foundations for above ground flat markers in Block 4 (Little Angels-Baby Section) will be no larger than 2'0" (24") x 3'0" (36"). The monument will not exceed 6" in height and be no larger than 1'0" (12") x 2'0" (24"). Slant or bevel markers are allowed if not exceeding 10" in height. A four-inch lip on each side of the foundation is required for baby monuments.
- 7) Monuments in Block 6 (Cremation Section) must be flush to the ground and can be either bronze or granite with a 4-inch lip on each side of the marker. A single monument must not exceed 1'0" (12") x 2'0" (24"). A double lot monument must not exceed 1'0" (12") x 3'0" (36").
- 8) Monuments in the above ground urn cremation section in Block 12 will not exceed 42" in height above the foundation. Monuments are set directly on the foundation, there is no base. Length and width measurements to be reviewed on a case by case basis dependent on a 2, 4, 6 or 8 person monument. Opening and closing for burial will only be done by approved Cemetery personnel or private company approved by the Cemetery Board. The parish office must be notified to ensure proper documentation and record keeping of the burial. Interment fees will be the same as cremation burials in the Columbarium.
- 9) Government markers may be attached to the back of a vertical monument, or on the face of a slanted or bevel monument by a certified monument company. Government markers, when used as a headstone, require a concrete foundation with a five-inch lip on each side of the foundation and must be placed and aligned within the row of monuments.
- 10) Government markers in the Military Section will be authorized and installed by Gate of Heaven Cemetery. A separate charge for the foundation and installation will apply.

Total monument height and government marker regulations are non-negotiable.