

# SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

Parish Office

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Gate of Heaven Cemetery is a Catholic cemetery operated by Saint Therese of the Child Jesus parish located in Kronenwetter, WI, and is overseen by the La Crosse Diocese of WI. It has been blessed and is considered a sacred place.

1. Any ornamentation on monuments and markers must be in keeping with the sacred character of a Catholic cemetery. All inscriptions and ornamentation; apart from the name of the individual, the date of birth and death, must be submitted to the caretakers of the cemetery for approval before they can be permitted.
2. The holder of burial rights is known as the lot holder. A lot holder must be Roman Catholic. The lot holder has title only to the burial rights on a given lot, but not to the land itself. The title to all cemetery land remains with Gate of Heaven Cemetery.
3. Burial lots must be paid in full before a burial or the placement of a monument or marker.
4. Gate of Heaven Cemetery does not buy back lots. Lot holders who wish to relinquish burial rights must inform the cemetery of this decision. Gate of Heaven may offer to help the lot holder with selling the lot, but does not guarantee a sale. The lot holder will be charged a \$50.00 administration fee to transfer the title to the new holder.
5. All lots are sold with perpetual care included. This does not include the watering of flowers or the trimming and maintenance of individual shrubs placed into adjacent U-rings at individual gravesites.
6. No iron markers, marble, cement, or wooden monuments are allowed. The only approved material is "Granite Stone."
7. All monuments are not to exceed a total of 42 inches in height from the top of the concrete foundation (placed in the ground) to the top of the granite stone. (See Monument/Foundation Guidelines.)
8. All foundations slabs and flower u-rings, along with government markers, will be approved and emplaced by the cemetery caretakers. Individual lot holders are not allowed to order or emplace these items.

9. Concrete vaults with plastic liners are required for all burials.
10. One plot may contain one full vault burial or two cremain burials.
11. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE SECURELY ATTACHED TO YOUR MONUMENT. ITEMS FOUND LOOSE ON THE GROUND WILL BE DISCARDED. The following exception is made: All loose items (tripod holders, floral bouquets, knick-knacks, etc) placed upon a grave (ground) at the time of burial, must be removed one week after the funeral.
12. Placement of living/artificial flowers, shrubs, or ornaments may ONLY be in adjacent concrete u-rings (\*see number 8) or in urns permanently attached to the monument. Artificial flowers may also be securely placed across the top of a monument in an approved manner or holding container. Anything placed into the ground outside of the u-rings will be removed. Any permanently planted flowers or shrubs planted in the adjacent u-rings must be maintained by the lot holder to allow for easy lawn mowing. Any found not being properly maintained by the lot holder, will be maintained or removed at the discretion of the cemetery. No weeds or refuse may be left at the gravesite.
13. Christmas wreaths are allowed, but must be removed by April 15th. Any remaining after this date will be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretakers. (\*see number 11)
14. Glass items (excluding those permanently attached), aluminum cans, containers of alcohol, and shepherds hooks allowing items to hang outside of the U-ring area ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. Any violation of this directive will be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretaker.
15. OPEN FLAMES OF ANY SIZE ARE FORBIDDEN AT ANY TIME WITHIN CEMETERY BOUNDARIES.
16. There will be NO DOGS ALLOWED ON CEMETERY GROUNDS. All dogs must remain in your automobile. The cemetery land is posted and no hunting, snowmobiling, parking, or camping is allowed on cemetery property.
17. Grass cutting and snow removal will be done by cemetery contracted persons only.
18. No trees may be planted by a lot holder.