

# Managing Your Nottingham Cemetery Plot



This pamphlet is to help manage your Nottingham Cemetery Plot and provide pointers after a loved one dies.

This lot of land is yours- for you and your family. Keep the deed in a safe place along with your will and make sure your family knows the location.

**Contact the Municipal Administration Office if you have any questions: (603) 679-5022.**

**Also, help the Cemetery Trustees and Town Staff by completing a new Contact Form!**

# “I have a cemetery lot, now what?”

**Burials:** The Cemetery Trustees MUST receive the Burial Notice Form before a burial takes place. Assistance can be provided with the burial, however, you are permitted to complete the burial on your own – once the form has been received.

**Military Honors:** let the funeral home know if you have a history of military service. They will notify the base or post of your service to arrange for military honors and notify the government so that a military footstone can be made. A copy of your DD214 will be required to prove your military service. Let the Cemetery Trustees know too, so that a flag can be set at your grave on Memorial Day.

**Headstones and Footstones:** Per policy there is only one family name headstone per lot. Family names and dates can be etched into this stone or you can have individual footstones marking burial locations. There are several stone masons in the area - they can contact the town to mark the location for delivery.

**Flowers, plants and other items:** Flowers, plants and shrubs can be placed upon the gravesite but must be maintained by those leaving them - this includes removing containers when appropriate.

***The town has contracts for lawn mowing, but it does not include trimming shrubs or removing dead flowers and plants. Also, if other offerings such as statues, wind chimes, toys etc., are left, they cannot interfere with mowing or your site won't be mowed.***

**See the Nottingham Cemetery Policies, below, for specific information.**

## **Other Helpful Information:**

**Wills:** If you don't have a will please consider making one or have a trust done, this will pass on your belongings to those you choose, rather than having others make decisions you wouldn't. Wills are easiest and there are many internet sites that help you with this process that cost little or nothing. If however, you have assets such as land, stocks or bonds you might consider contacting a lawyer and setting up a trust. This will allow your property to go to those you choose without probate.

**Funeral Homes:** Choosing a funeral home is another consideration that can be made ahead of time. There are several local homes that are familiar with our town and its cemeteries- but you can use any funeral home you wish. Consider contacting the director and meeting with them ahead of time to settle your arrangements now. Your loved ones would only need to contact them when the time comes. If nothing else please let those who love you know if you want a casket (and embalming, as this is not mandatory) or a cremation burial.

**Vaults:** Please note that vaults are currently not mandatory in NH and are not necessary with cremation burials, they do however; provide some stability to the earth around a casket.

**Please contact the Cemetery Trustees or the Town Administration Office with any questions.**

**[www.nottingham-nh.gov/cemetery-trustees](http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/cemetery-trustees)**

**Phone: (603) 679-5022**



The following list is for your convenience - it IS NOT all inclusive, nor is it in support of any company. Please use it as a starting point for reference only.

Brewitt Funeral and Cremation- Epping, NH 603- 895-3628

Kent and Pelczar Funeral Home-Newmarket, NH 603-659-3344

Purdy Funeral Home (and monument service) - Lee, NH 603-868-2100

Stockbridge Funeral Home- Exeter, NH 603-772-0400

Tasker Funeral Services- Dover, NH 603-742-4961

Hall Monument- Northwood, NH 603-942-7311

Marston Monuments-Northwood, NH 603-942-8219