

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

RUMSON, NEW JERSEY



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In the spring of 1994, a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of having a Memorial Garden on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ. During the summer of 1994 a preliminary approval was granted by the session to continue the planning for the Garden. The site has now been landscaped to ensure an attractive setting at all seasons of the year. Any additions will be made according to a landscaping plan.

At one time, burial on church grounds was the most desirable location, but over the years church cemeteries were filled to capacity and the alternative was cemeteries located apart from the church. With an increasing concern about ecology and the crowded conditions, cremations has become a popular alternative. This method of burial has again allowed the churches to open their grounds for interment of loved ones as cremation makes possible the reverent disposal of the earthly body in an appropriate and dignified manner.

The interment of ashes next to the church is a greater comfort and a continual reminder that we share with those who have departed in the fellowship of the saints. A Memorial Garden on the church grounds is a fitting resting place for the remains.



GUIDELINES

1. Internment of ashes shall be limited to members and Christian friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ.
2. Only cremains are to be placed in the ground, and once interred cannot be removed.
3. In order to preserve the order and beauty of the Memorial Garden, no markers are permitted. All planting will be done with the permission of the Memorial Garden Committee. A memorial plaque will be placed within the Sanctuary listing the name of the deceased and the dates of birth and death. All name plaques will be uniform, provided by the church and paid for out of the interment fee. In this way, the Garden itself becomes a memorial rather than the exact burial site.
4. Arrangements can be made with the church office for Memorial flowers in the sanctuary in memory of the deceased.
5. When the cremains are received by the church they will be interred in the Garden. Lastly, at a time arranged by the minister and the family, a committal service will be conducted.
6. There shall be a fee of \$200.00 per interment to cover costs, plaque and perpetual care. The one time fee is payable to "The First Presbyterian Church of Rumson."
7. Any questions concerning these guidelines should be referred to the pastor or a member of the Memorial Garden Committee.