The Gardens
Memory Gardens

The Garden of Serenity: Our newest garden

Located in the heart of Memory Gardens in an area between the Devotion Garden and the Fraternal Garden is the cemetery's newest garden, Serenity. This small garden, directly across from the Briarwood Mausoleum, has 258 total spaces. Approximately 25 percent of the spaces have already been sold. Each space is available at an introductory price of $400 each. Many people are delighted that it is located near our chapel and in a very mature area of Memory Gardens. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.

Memory Gardens' board appoints new director

The Memory Gardens' Board of Directors has appointed Cheryl Kowalski of Clifton Park, NY to serve as a director.

Kowalski brings a wealth of business experience to the board. She is employed by GlobalFoundries as its risk manager. She is responsible for handling all of the company's losses of any type all over the world. She previously worked for more than 20 years in the insurance industry in management and analyst roles. She was also a co-owner with her husband, David, and his family of a of a Ben and Jerry's franchise in Colonie for 10 years. She served as marketing manager for the company.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Health Administration with a Minor in Geriatrics and Management.

Kowalski will run for a three-year board term on the May 2017 ballot.

Let Us Place Your Wreath

Cold, snow, ice and rainy weather. It's coming. Let us place a wreath for you for your loved ones. Please see page 3 for our wreath order form.

Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

2016

November 1
Bronze vases in markers not to be used

November 1 to November 15
Fall cleanup: All decorations are removed

November 15 to January 31
Wreaths on a stand allowed

December 9
Christmas Celebration and Remembrance at the Chapel, 6 p.m.

2017

January 31
Holiday decoration removal begins

March 1 to April 15
Spring cleanup: All decorations are removed

April 15
Bronze vases may be used until November 1

April 16
Easter Sunrise Service (park wide), 7 a.m.

May 6
Annual Lot Owners Meeting at Cemetery Office, 10 a.m.

For more details visit our website
www.memorygardens.org

Christmas Celebration and Remembrance

Memory Gardens' 2016 Christmas Celebration and Remembrance will be 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Chapel. Held each year on the second Friday in December, the evening features holiday music and readings plus the placing of ornaments on our Trees of Remembrance in memory of loved ones.

Rev. Paul Koehn of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is slated to officiate. For those who cannot attend or would like to place their ornament early, the Trees of Remembrance will be placed near the Chapel the weekend before the service.

We welcome all attending to join us in the Chapel for refreshments following the service.

President's Message

As we enjoy the arrival of fall, progress is being made on the Last Supper feature. The feature is nearly complete and is expected to be shipped by the end of the year. The manufacturer has shared pictures with us and your directors are thrilled with the outcome. Once in place, this feature will last for generations to come. Please visit our website for updates on our progress.

Keeping on the theme of repairs, if you have recently travelled throughout the Gardens you will note improvements to the roadways. Last winter took a toll on the roads and the most damaged areas have been repaved. Overall, 18 major sections of the roads within Memory Gardens had new paving added including the sidewalk leading to the recently renovated Chapel.

Finally, we welcome new board member Cheryl Kowalski. She is a wonderful addition to our board and will be a tremendous asset to the Memory Gardens' community. Please see the article in this newsletter to learn more about her. Look for the proxy in the spring newsletter to cast your vote in favor of her fulfilling her full term. We are still working to fill one more board vacancy. If you or someone you know could consider serving on the board, please contact the office expressing your interest. Though not required, a lot owner on the board has a vested interest in the beautification and serenity of Memory Gardens.

If there is anything you see while visiting the cemetery that needs attention, please be sure to drop by or call our office during business hours to notify our staff.

Please take a moment to review this newsletter for other important updates and information.

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Just a reminder

Many years ago, people who purchased a marker from Memory Gardens were given the option of storing their new marker in our basement and then having the marker placed at their time of need. Fast forward many years and our insurance carrier has drastically increased our rates due to the markers stored in our basement. We have been trying to contact all owners of these markers. Many people have selected to have their markers placed in the garden. If you know you have a marker in storage, please give our office a call at (518) 869-9506.

Cremation benches are available

Memory Gardens now offers family cremation benches. The granite benches are approximately 48 inches long, by 14 inches wide, by 20 inches high and weigh close to 800 pounds. Because the benches are made of granite, they are long lasting and durable. Since granite is a natural stone with unique graining and coloration, each bench is unique. The benches blend naturally into the surrounding landscape and offer an excellent place for rest and meditation. Each bench can hold four standard size cremation urns. A family plaque is included, and additional plaques can be obtained. Cremation benches can be positioned around the perimeter of any garden within the cemetery. Perhaps, you might need additional burial spaces near a family plot. A family cremation bench provides a beautiful memorial tribute to celebrate the memory of loved ones that can be treasured and enjoyed by generations to come. Please call our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.

(Detach and return this portion with your payment)

WINTER PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

❑ WREATH $38 ❑ POINSETTIA $24 (inside mausoleums only)

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

(LOCATION INFORMATION CAN BE LEFT BLANK IF UNKNOWN)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check or Money Order No: _____

Card Type: ❑ MasterCard ❑ Visa ❑ Discover ❑ American Express Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Please complete the above order form and return it to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 with payment, or call our office at (518) 869-9506, or select the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

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2016 Holiday Placement Service

Memory Gardens offers our Holiday Placement Service to those who wish for a beautiful holiday decoration to be placed in memory of a loved one. For outside burial spaces, we offer wreath placement. For inside the mausoleum chapels, we offer a silk poinsettia plant.

WREATH $38

A natural evergreen wreath beautifully decorated and secured to a tripod stand. Wreath placement will begin in early December. **Please place your orders early.** Orders will be taken until Friday, December 16, 2016.

Wreaths provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady

POINSETTIA $24

A beautiful silk poinsettia plant with card for placement inside the Mausoleum Chapels only. The quantity is limited for this item. Orders will be filled while supplies last.

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Memory Gardens offers an economical grave liner

The outer enclosure that protects the casket from the weight of the earth is commonly referred to as a "grave liner" or "burial vault."

Liners and vaults prevent caskets from being crushed when heavy equipment that is used to open and maintain graves passes over the grave. They also compensate by providing structure and support, while helping to keep the ground over the grave level and the cemetery looking beautiful.

Memory Gardens requires a concrete grave liner or vault for all in-ground casket burials. We offer a basic concrete grave liner that accommodates most caskets for $650. Oversize grave liners are also available. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.

Would you like to impress your children or grandchildren who have been searching for Pokémon all summer with their mobile devices?

Memory Gardens now offers a way for you to share more than just the information on your loved one's grave marker. With LifeMarker, visitors can immediately access your tribute – obituary, family history, photos, videos – by scanning a QR Code with their smartphones.

Memory Gardens was the first cemetery in the Northeast to offer the LifeMarker service, which provides you an online account to host information about your loved one. Memory Gardens' staff will permanently affix a small chip containing the QR code to the granite or concrete base of your loved one's grave marker. Equipped with the appropriate web app, visitors with smartphones simply scan the chip to access your tribute.

This adds another dimension to customer service using cutting-edge technology. A child who never knew his grandfather can learn all about him while visiting his resting place. Distant relatives and friends can view your tribute page from the LifeMarker website using the ID number or archive name.

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