

The Gardens

Memory Gardens

President's Message & Easter 2023 Sunrise Service

Many of you know that precautions for Covid had the Board postpone this annual event for several years to keep our community members healthy and safe. The 78th Annual service was in 2019. As President of the Board, I thank every one of you for understanding. Those who voiced your regrets about this, please know we heard you. Let's hope that was the last time it will have to be postponed.

With that said, we have great news! **The Memory Gardens Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 7a.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2023.**

The Reverend Bruce Cornwell of Community Reformed Church of Colonie will preside over the service. We are grateful to have him back with us. The service will be broadcast throughout the Gardens through the Schulmerich Carillon along with the beautiful chimes. We invite family and friends to join us from their loved one's resting place or your own favorite spot in the Gardens.

Our 2023 Floral Placement Service will begin in time for Easter. You may purchase a single bouquet of beautiful fresh or silk flowers for the Holiday or choose a plan for the Seasons through Fall. Please see the detailed order form for all your options.

Cheryl Kowalski
President, Board of Directors

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Guide to Regulation Dates at Memory Gardens

From **November 1 to Easter**, all Bronze vases must be emptied, turned down into their markers, and vase cones **may not** be used. Vases left upright and later hidden by snow and ice create a safety hazard and can be damaged. The cemetery is not responsible for these damages.

January 15

All Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations including the Mausoleums will be removed beginning **January 15** (weather permitting). If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

March 1 - Easter

Spring Clean-Up of Grounds and Mausoleums.

All remaining decorations will be removed beginning March 1. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

Easter- November 1

Bronze Vases and vase cones **may** be used. Fresh cut and artificial floral bouquets are permitted. Flowers will be removed when they become wilted, withered, or unsightly. Vase Cones are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge.

November 1 - November 15

Fall Clean-Up of Grounds and Mausoleums.

All decorations will be removed beginning **November 1**. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

November 15 - January 15

Wreaths must be placed on a stand.

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, & Halloween

Potted Plants are allowed for these dates only and may be placed three days before and must be removed three days after the holiday. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them.

Memorial Day

Volunteers place flags throughout the Gardens. You are welcome to place a flag for loved ones. Flags are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge, **for use in Memory Gardens ONLY**.

Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day

Flags are allowed for these days only and may be placed three days before and must be removed three days after the holiday. Flags are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge, **for use in Memory Gardens ONLY**.

Mausoleums:

Not allowed inside Mausoleums includes fresh flowers and wreaths. Signs, insignias, personal emblems of any type, shape, or form **may not** be affixed to **ANY granite and marble crypt fronts**. Violations will be removed without prior notice.



Honor our Veterans with Memorial Day Flags. Join the volunteers!

Every year volunteers place flags on Veterans' resting places here at Memory Gardens for Memorial Day. We are grateful for the time and effort made by them to honor our Vets. You can volunteer when it works for you and your schedule beginning about two weeks prior to the Holiday. We will assign you a Garden to walk & place flags. You can place a few flags or hundreds. Whatever works for you. We want everyone to feel welcome to participate.

If interested, please call the office at 518-869-9506 or send an email to info@memorygardens.org.

Flags are available to individuals to place on their loved ones space 3 days before & leave for 3 days after for Flag Day, July 4th and Veteran's Day.

MEMORY GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING OF LOT OWNERS 10 a.m. SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Memory Gardens Administrative Building, 983 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Albany, NY

NOTE: Voting and attendance are limited to Lot Owners (those listed on the deed or direct heir). Lot Owners may vote either in person OR by completing and returning the proxy form below. Please sign full name, including middle initial. **Joint owners should each sign.** When signing as attorney, executor, administrator or guardian, please give full title as such.

****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED****

Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 26, 2023, to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS. The undersigned hereby appoints the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors, with full power of substitution, to represent the undersigned and as proxies to vote, with all the power which the undersigned possess if personally present at the annual meeting of members to be held at the administrative building at 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 on May 6, 2023 at 10 a.m., or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy will be voted as specified by the undersigned. Further, the undersigned grants full power to the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors to act as the undersigned's proxy on any proposals arising other than Proposal 1.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote IN FAVOR OF Proposal 1. If no choice is specified, this proxy will be voted IN FAVOR OF Proposal 1.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

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| 1) Sharon Greenfield | Three-Year Term | IN FAVOR OF | / | NOT IN FAVOR OF |
| 2) Cheryl Kowalski | Three-Year Term | IN FAVOR OF | / | NOT IN FAVOR OF |
| 3) Raymond Paradise | Three-Year Term | IN FAVOR OF | / | NOT IN FAVOR OF |
| 4) Catherine Romano | Three-Year Term | IN FAVOR OF | / | NOT IN FAVOR OF |

Name(s) On Deed: _____ Garden: _____ Lot #: _____

Name: (print): _____ Name: (print): _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ check if new address

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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2023 Floral Placement Service

***** Placement service begins April 7 and ends September 22 *****

Each year from early April through end of September, Memory Gardens offers a floral placement service. For a donation, our staff will place a lovely bouquet in remembrance of your loved one. Fresh and artificial bouquets are available, and we offer a variety of plans.

Fresh bouquets include mixed flowers of bright colors. Take advantage of our weekly plans to ensure your loved one will have a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers from April 7 through September 22.

Artificial bouquets in seasonal colors are pictured below. We offer an Easter bouquet, a *Red, White & Blue* patriotic bouquet for placement from Memorial Day through July 4th, an early-summer bouquet, a mid-summer bouquet, and a fall bouquet.

MEMORY GARDENS FLORAL PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

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

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number or Money Order: _____

Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Card Number: _____ Phone: _____

Name(Print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____
 _____ Check if new address

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please select which plan you desire below:

- Plan A25 Fresh Bouquets – Once per week \$400**
 Fresh flowers each week from early April through September 22
- Plan B15 Fresh Bouquets – Every other week \$255**
 Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day
- Plan C10 Fresh Bouquets – Every three weeks..... \$180**
 Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day
- Plan D5 Fresh Bouquets \$135**
 Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day
- Plan E1-4 Fresh Bouquets\$33 each**
- Plan FArtificial Bouquets:\$33 each**
 Easter ____, *Red, White & Blue* ____, Early-Summer ____, Mid-Summer ____, Fall ____
- Plan GAll Five Artificial Bouquets \$135**

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays



Easter



Red, White & Blue



Early-Summer



Mid-Summer



Fall

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grounds Open

Dawn to Dusk



*Floral Order
Form Enclosed*

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Last Supper Features New Columbariums

The Last Supper Feature has a new addition of two columbariums available to you and your loved ones. The beautiful mural now centers the feature with polished black granite niche shutters with gold rosettes. This is perched atop of the highest hill in Memory Gardens and the Town of Colonie. Call today to speak to a Memorial Advisor to get more information at 518-869-9506.



Garden of Grace Lots Still Available for \$560

We are pleased to let you know there are still spaces available in our newest garden, the Garden of Grace. Pricing changes every year so take advantage of this offer now. A lovely garden toward the back of the Cemetery near the Gardens of Paradise and Love, it has a gentle rolling grade. Call us today at 518-869-9506 and speak to one of our Memorial Advisors to plan your family plot.

Update your Information

Moved, changed your name or email address?
Let Memory Gardens know.

Give us a call at 518-869-9506 or email your update to info@memorygardens.org.

Thank you for keeping our records current.