The Gardens
Memory Gardens

President's Message & Easter Sunrise Service 2025

Our Easter Sunrise Service will be later this year than it has been in the past few. Easter falls on April 20th so let's hope for a beautiful, warmer day!

The Memory Gardens Easter Sunrise Service will be on Sunday, April 20th, 2025 at 7 AM. Join us for the celebration while sitting in your car on the roads throughout the Gardens near your loved ones resting place. The ceremony is broadcast from the Carillon Tower.

Chaplain Claudia Meyer will preside over the service sharing her comforting words filled with depths of compassion. Nathaniel McKeever, trumpeter, will be uplifting the service with the rich and lyrical sounds from his instrument.

The 2025 Floral Placement Service will begin with the Easter Holiday. There are a few options available. You can peruse the newsletter for the selections or check on our website at www.memorygardens.org. You can order a single bouquet, fresh or silk, or choose an ongoing option for throughout the seasons until Fall. Orders can be purchased on our website, by mail, over the phone with a credit card or in person. Our excellent office staff is available for you at 518-869-9506 with any questions or to place an order. Do not hesitate to place your order if you do not have the location for someone. We review each order for locations. Simply place your order and we will take care of the rest.

Please review our Bylaw Proposals and elect our Board members up for renewal. We thank you.

Until next time...

Cheryl Kowalski
President of the Board of Directors

Board of Directors

Cheryl Kowalski, *President*

Frank Coluccio, *Treasurer*	Sharon Greenfield, *Vice President*	Andy Marino, *Secretary*
Michael Hennessey	Raymond Paradise	Donna Sipperly
Gary Lavalley	Catherine Romano	Michael Smith

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.

Monday after January 1
All Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations including the Mausoleums will be removed beginning the Monday after **January 1** (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 1
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.

MEMORY GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING OF LOT OWNERS

10 a.m. SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

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,

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

Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 23, 2025, to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2025 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 3, 2025 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

1) Frank Coluccio	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
2) Donna Sipperly	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
3) Gary Lavalley	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: _____

Memory Gardens
2025 Floral Placement Service

*** Placement service begins April 18 and ends October 3

Each year from Easter through beginning of fall, 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 Easter through beginning of fall.

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.), 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: _____

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

Card Number: _____ Phone: _____

Name(Print):_____ Signature:_____

Address: _____

_____ ❑ Check if new address

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please select which plan you desire below:

❑ **Plan A.....25 Fresh Bouquets – Once per week $405**
Fresh flowers each week from Easter through beginning of Fall

❑ **Plan B.....15 Fresh Bouquets – Every other week $275**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan C.....10 Fresh Bouquets – Every three weeks $195**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan D.....5 Fresh Bouquets $140**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan E.....1-4 Fresh Bouquets ..... $36 each**

❑ **Plan F.....Artificial Bouquets: ..... $36 each**
Easter _____, *Red, White & Blue* _____, Early-Summer _____, Mid-Summer _____, Fall _____

❑ **Plan G.....All Five Artificial Bouquets $150**

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays

Easter

Red, White & Blue

Early-Summer

Mid-Summer

Fall

Fresh flowers provided by Holland Flowers

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ALBANY, NY
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Office Hours
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Memorial Advisors by Appointment

Grounds Open
Dawn to Dusk

Floral Order Form Enclosed

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Are You a Great Candidate for Memory Gardens Board of Directors? We think so.

We are in search of Board Members to devote their knowledge and expertise to one of the area's premier cemeteries in the area. Backgrounds of Board Members vary from communications, teachers, business leaders and every day lot owners.

There is a long-standing tradition of Board Members actively maintaining the serenity of the Gardens and protecting its future. Perhaps you are just interested in the future of the Gardens and would like to share your thoughts and experiences.

Prospective candidates can download the application on our website at www.memorygardens.org or stop in for one. Send the completed application with your resume or a detailed letter that represents your background to Executive Director, Joe Mazmanian, Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 or email to info@memorygardens.org.

2025 Promos of Gardens

Please note Memory Gardens is a non-profit and non-sectarian memorial park providing a full range of cemetery services.

Several Gardens being featured are –

Crystal Rock Garden – a space, inurnment for cremation & bronze butterfly for only $1750!

Garden of Heroes was designed to host Heroes – First Responders, EMTs, Firefighters, Police, Veterans and more. Spaces in this garden are Buy One, Get One 50% off.

Reflection Urn Garden hosts cremations only. Package deal includes marker with an outstanding savings of $800!

Garden of Grace is our LOWEST price garden. Spaces are only $620. Take advantage of this promotion before it sells out!

Honor Veterans with Flags for this Memorial Day!

We would love to have you join a number of people who volunteer to place flags for Veterans for Memorial Day!

We provide the flags & you will be assigned a Garden, identify VA markers & place flags on the spaces. The flags can be placed 10 days prior to and no less than 3 days before Memorial Day, whenever your personal schedule allows (It is not done as a group on one particular day.). Gardens are open from Sunrise to Sunset. If you wish to participate and can only place a few flags, that is fine with us. Let us know!

If you are a member of a group & the group would like to participate, just give us a call at 518-869-9506 or email at info@memorygardens.org.

Flags are available for Flag Day, July 4th and Veterans Day for individuals to place on their loved ones space 3 days prior and taken down 3 days after each of these Holidays.