The Gardens
Memory Gardens

Holiday Celebration!
Come Join Us – President's Message

As the chilly air begins to swirl around us and the leaves begin to dance, remind yourself to look up to the skies and take in the stars! After enjoying a mug of hot chocolate or mulled cider (with a few cookies, of course!) you will begin to make some Holiday plans. Don't forget to pen in the Memory Gardens Holiday Celebration on your calendar!

We will gather on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 10 AM in the Chapel. Chaplain Claudia Meyer will share thoughts that spiritually touch us of our memories of the Holidays. Trumpeter, Nathaniel McKeever will ring cheers of notes to wrap around us all. Bring an ornament to honor your loved ones to decorate our festive lit trees! Light refreshments will be served.

Wishing you a peaceful and warm Holiday Season from all of us here at Memory Gardens. Cheers!

Cheryl Kowalski
President, Board of Directors

Memory Gardens' Holiday Wreath Program

Have you had the chance to see the Gardens during the Holiday Season? There is nothing like hundreds of wreaths with beautiful red bows and a dusting of snow to take your breath away.

Take part in our Holiday Wreath Program and honor your loved ones. Let us place a 24" double-sided fresh pine wreath with pinecones & berries trimmed with a Holiday red bow on a tripod easel delivered locally by George's Market.

You can order online at www.memorygardens.org, call us at 518-869-9506 or mail it to 983 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205.

See page 3 for our wreath order form.

Guide to Regulation Dates at Memory Gardens

November 1 Fall Clean-Up Begins
ALL flowers and decorations will be removed. If you wish to save your decorations, **please remove them prior to this date**.

After **November 1** 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.

November 15 – January 1
Wreath must be placed on a stand. Poinsettias allowed **ONLY INSIDE** Mausoleum.

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 Spring Clean-Up of Grounds and Mausoleums Begins

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.

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 or marble crypt fronts**. Violations will be removed without prior notice.

Seasons

Many people relate to life similar to the Seasons throughout the year. As we approach the Fall into the Winter, it may be time to start preparing for the next Season of your life.

Did you know you can prepay for your future plans at Memory Gardens and lock in the prices? You can purchase spaces, pay for the graveliners, the interment, inurnment or entombment fee, marker or lettering-all but the date of death. The prices do go up every year and there is no sales tax. This also saves your family members or friends from having to make decisions during a difficult time and allows your wishes to be in place.

Call today for an appointment with our Memorial Advisor at 518-869-9506 to gather all the information you will need to review as the crow flies!

Memory Gardens Concrete Grave Liner – $1030

Memory Gardens continues to provide a standard concrete grave liner for our customers. This outer container is made of reinforced concrete on all 5 sides with a beveled form fitting lid. This grave liner serves the purpose of keeping the grave flat and safe without the need to continue to back fill while keeping the earth away from your loved one's casket. Grave Liners can be pre-paid to lock in pricing. Please see a Memorial Advisor for more information.

Limited Space Still Available in the Garden of Grace for $620

The Garden of Grace has sold almost all of its 768 spaces in a short amount of time.

This peaceful garden is located in the rear of the gardens between Paradise and Love.

If you are interested in the Garden of Grace please contact our Memorial Advisors at 518-869-9506 before it sells out.

Benches

If you have visited the Gardens, did you notice the beautiful benches throughout the park? Some of them are just that – Memorial benches. Also our cremation benches are designed to lay to rest cremains. Only so many can be placed in the Gardens, so make an appointment TODAY with one of our dedicated Memorial Advisors to gather more information.

Crystal Rock and the Butterflies

The Crystal Rock Garden is a delight of whimsy with Butterflies as markers on a natural stone boulder. Butterflies as a group are known as a Kaleidoscope. Did you know that? Symbols of freedom and beauty each and every one of them! Honor your loved ones with an inscription of their name and dates of life as we create our own Kaleidoscope to grace the Gardens. A cremation only Garden.

Horizon

Just over the Horizon at Memory Gardens is a new addition for 2026! We are almost ready to unveil this lovely Garden set in a beautiful pastoral setting overlooking the Horizon. Truly. Take advantage of the opening prices. Make an appointment with a Memorial Advisor TODAY!

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION
(Detach and return this portion with your payment)

WINTER PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

❑ **FRESH NATURAL EVERGREEN WREATH $55** ❑ **SILK POINSETTIA $28 (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: _____ Approval Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

_____ Date: _____

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 "Flowers and Wreaths" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

2025 Holiday Placement Service

Memory Gardens offers our Holiday Placement Service to those who would like a beautiful holiday decoration to be placed in memory of a loved one. Placement will begin in early December. Please place your orders early. Orders will be taken until Monday, December 8, 2025.

1. For **outside** burial spaces, we offer a Fresh Natural Evergreen Wreath for $55. It is beautifully decorated with pine cones, red berries and a red ribbon and is secured to a tripod stand.

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Wreaths provided by
George's Market and Nursery

2. For **inside** the mausoleum chapels only, we offer a Silk Poinsettia Plant for $28. Quantities are limited for this item and orders will be filled while supplies last.

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Dawn to Dusk

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Think About It

There is a long-standing tradition of Board Members actively maintaining the serenity of the Gardens and protecting its future. Perhaps you would like to share your thoughts and experiences as a key member of the Board of Directors here at Memory Gardens. Have you ever given it a thought?

Are you aware that Memory Gardens is one of the area's premier cemeteries? The possibilities are endless for the future of the Gardens. With community members such as yourself, with various backgrounds such as from the technology field, teachers, business leaders, and neighbors as well as lot owners, the Gardens will continue to flourish as you are part of making valuable decisions for the future.

Think about it. Please. Prospective candidates can download the application on our website at www.memorygardens.org or stop in for one. Send the completed application with a detailed letter telling us what gave you pause for thought on becoming an active member of the Board. Include your resume if available.

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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.