The Gardens
Memory Gardens

President's Message & Easter Sunrise Service 2026

As Spring returns, we welcome this season of renewal and reflection at Memory Gardens. Nature's beauty reminds us of the treasured memories we hold close and the lives forever in our hearts. Please join us for the **Memory Gardens Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 5th, 2026 at 7 AM**. Together we will gather in quiet remembrance as the sun rises, celebrating hope and eternal peace.

Chaplain Claudia Meyer will preside over the service sharing her comforting words filled with compassion.

The 2026 Floral Placement Service will begin with the Easter Holiday. There are a few options available. You can read through the newsletter for the selections or visit our website at www.memorygardens.org. Orders can be purchased through our website, by mail, over the phone with a credit card, or in person. Our office staff is available at 518-869-9506 for any questions or to place an order.

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

We would like to remember Robena DeMatteo, Memory Garden's Office Manager, who sadly passed on New Year's Day. Robena was the consummate team leader and the heart of the office. You may have seen her knitting at her desk while answering questions or chatting about the gardens. You may even have experienced her warmth and compassion as you interacted with the office staff. We miss her greatly and we invite you to share your remembrances with the Memory Gardens office staff at info@memorygardens.org.

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*
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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.

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 Honors Our Veterans on Memorial Day

Volunteers are needed to place flags on graves throughout cemetery in the days before Memorial Day weekend. You can participate with a group or on your own. Stop by & pick up flags from in front of the office. Once in the garden, you would identify Veteran's markers and plant the flags. This activity can be done on your time schedule ensuring flags are planted by Friday morning, May 22, 2026. Gardens are open from dawn to dusk. If you wish to participate, let us know! If you are a member of a group that would like to participate, please contact us at 518-869-9506 or via email, info@memorygardens.org.

Flags are available for Flag Day, July 4th, and Veterans' Day for individuals to place on their loved one spaces 3 days prior and taken down 3 days after the holiday. Flags are in a green container near the office ramp.

MEMORY GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING OF LOT OWNERS

10 a.m. SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

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 22, 2026, to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2026 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 2, 2026 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) Cheryl Kowalski	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
2) Sharon Greenfield	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
3) Raymond Paradise	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
4) Janis Mitola	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
2026 Floral Placement Service

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

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 $425**
Fresh flowers each week from Easter through beginning of Fall

❑ **Plan B .....15 Fresh Bouquets $285**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan C .....10 Fresh Bouquets $200**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan D .....5 Fresh Bouquets $145**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan E.....1-4 Fresh Bouquets ..... $38 each**

❑ **Plan F.....Artificial Bouquets: ..... $38 each**
Easter _____, *Red, White & Blue* _____, Early-Summer _____, Mid-Summer _____, Fall _____

❑ **Plan G .....All Five Artificial Bouquets $155**

*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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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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Update your information! Call 518-869-9506 or email info@memorygardens.org.

Introducing the New Crystal Rock Urn Garden

$1830

"Lowest Price in the Capital District!"

2026 Promotions at the 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 $1830!

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!

Resurrection & Last Supper Urn Gardens – cremation niches are half off name plaques – a $415 savings!

Introducing the New Garden of Horizon

Nestled in the back corner of our 100 acres now lays our newest Garden of Horizon that overlooks the Garden's roaming hills to the south and our wooded natural area to the north and east. With over 1100 spaces available and a new rock garden feature, Horizon is our lowest price garden at just $650!