



Lake Junaluska

Columbarium & Garden of Memory



Memorial Chapel and Room of Memory

Preface

The Board of Directors of the Lake Junaluska Assembly approved the construction of a Columbarium in 2012. It is located in the Room of Memory at the Memorial Chapel. A Garden of Memory adjacent to the Room of Memory on the lake side has also been dedicated as an area for scattering cremated remains back into the earth.

The Columbarium and Garden of Memory stand as a reminder that those who have gone before us are not forgotten and have found peace and rest with God. We offer this place of comfort at the end of life for all who love Lake Junaluska.

A Glossary

The "Columbarium" is housed in the Room of Memory adjacent to the Memorial Chapel, and is called The Room of Memory Columbarium.

"Columbarium Niche" is the term used for the space into which the cremated human remains (cremains) are placed and sealed.

The "Niches" in the columbarium may be used for one or two persons.

The Garden of Memory is the stone wall enclosed area adjacent to Room of Memory on the lake side dedicated as a place for cremains to be deposited in the ground.

"Urn" is the sealed container holding the cremated remains of a person that is placed in a niche.

"Inurnment" means the placement of an urn or urns containing cremated remains in a niche.

Policies pertaining to The Columbarium and Garden of Memory

The Columbarium and Garden of Memory belong to the Lake Junaluska Assembly and all the records related to them shall be maintained by the Lake Junaluska Assembly. These records are to be kept current at all times. A Columbarium Committee coordinates the proper use and care of the Columbarium and the Garden of Memory under the direction of the Executive Director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

The Columbarium Committee shall receive applications for the purchase of niches and for scattering ashes in the Garden of Memory. Applicants may request to purchase specific niches either individually or in groups. If a group purchase is requested, there must be a separate application for each niche and a Certificate of Reservation Contract will be issued for each niche. Niches may be single or double. The capacity of each niche is limited to the cremains of two persons.

The established prices for the columbarium niches and the garden of memory scattering area are:

\$2,000.00 for a single niche, \$3,500.00 for a double niche, and \$1,200 for the Garden of Memory.

These prices include, of course, a niche or niches, a granite nameplate, the inscriptions on the nameplate, opening and closing of the niche, a location in the Columbarium Index Book, a page in the Book of Remembrance, the use of the Chapel and/or Room of Memory for a memorial and/or a committal service and the perpetual care of the Room of Memory Columbarium and the Garden of Memory.

The Garden of Memory space and price includes all of the above, except a niche, and comes with an inscribed bronze nameplate to be mounted inside the Garden of Memory.

The legal title to the Columbarium and all niches contained therein as well as the Garden of Memory shall at all times remain the property of the Lake Junaluska Assembly. No property rights are created by or transferred as a consequence of the Certificate of Reservation Contract. Payment for niches in the Columbarium and/or space in the Garden of Memory involves no ownership in the Columbarium and related properties and only provides the right to use the niche, niches or garden space for the person or persons designated in the Certificate of Reservation Contract.

The right to inter is personal to and retained by only the person(s) designated on the Certificate of Reservation Contract. No sale or other transfer of a Certificate of Reservation Contract for niches may occur by will, intestate succession, gift or otherwise, except upon approval of the Executive Director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, which has no obligation to approve a transfer or to repurchase niches, although the Columbarium Committee will endeavor to resell niches upon written request and upon approval by the Executive Director. If any niche is not used within 90 years of allotment, the Lake Junaluska Assembly shall be free to re-allot said niche, after publication of notice at least once a week for three successive weeks.

Modification and decoration of niches or any other area of the Columbarium and Garden of Memory are specifically and expressly prohibited. Niche covers shall be inscribed in a uniform manner. Inscriptions shall be limited to the name of the deceased, together with the month, day and year of birth and death. There shall be no flowers or other decorations placed near or affixed to the niches.

All holders of Certificates of Reservation Contracts, as well as all other persons with direct interest in the Columbarium and Garden of Memory, shall be subject to these policies and procedures and any amendments thereto. All holders of Certificates of Reservation Contracts, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors and assignees, release the Lake Junaluska Assembly from any and all liabilities arising as a result of unauthorized removal or vandalism of cremains.

Procedures pertaining to The Columbarium and Garden of Memory

The original Certificate of Reservation Contract will be on file in the Office of Development at the Lake Junaluska Assembly as proof that a Columbarium niche/niches or Garden of Memory space/ spaces have been paid for and reserved.

A copy of this Contract will be provided to the purchaser. A copy of this brochure of policies and procedures and the copy of the Certificate of Reservation Contract will need to be maintained by the spouse, lineal descendent or family/legal representative. The holder of the Certificate of Reservation Contract is obligated to keep the Office of Development at the Lake Junaluska Assembly notified of his or her current address, phone number, email address and any other related information.

Preferred location of niches will be assigned in the order they are purchased and must be requested in writing. Niches will be assigned based on the availability at that time. A niche layout chart, indicating what is available, will be provided with every Certificate of Reservation Contract issued.

A Book of Remembrance will be provided in the Columbarium which will contain a one sheet obituary for every person whose cremains are placed in the Columbarium or Garden of Memory. It will be the responsibility of the next of kin to provide this obituary.

When the death of a person occurs whose cremains are to be placed in the Columbarium or Garden of Memory the spouse, lineal descendent or family/legal representative should contact the Events Manager (828-454-6791 or 828-452-2881 ext. 791) to schedule a time for a Committal Service, which will need to be coordinated with the many scheduled events which happen at Lake Junaluska. Every effort will be made to accommodate a family's needs and desires, but their cooperation is expected and needed to accommodate the schedule of the many programs and activities at Lake Junaluska.

A member of the Columbarium Committee will be available, when possible, to assist a family. But any committal service in the Memorial Chapel and/or the Room of Memory, a bulletin for the same, any music and any participants, clergy or otherwise, will be the responsibility of the family of the deceased.

The overall dimension of each niche is 9 X 9 X 12 inches, so the dimensions of an urn or other container for a single niche is limited to 11" (length), 8" (width) and 6 3/4" (height). The dimensions of an urn or other container for a double niche is limited to 5 1/2" (length), 8" (width) and 6 3/4" (height) for each. All cremains shall be enclosed in a sealed container or urn which will fit these respective spaces. Each container shall be of a material suitable for permanent storage, such as plastic or sheet bronze. It is the responsibility of the family or other responsible party to pay for and provide the urn or container for inurnment. This information should be shared with your funeral director.

Regarding the Garden of Memory, the cremated remains will usually be scattered in a bed of earth prepared for this purpose, but if the request is to 'bury' the cremated remains this can be done in a biodegradable container.

The cremated remains should be kept by the family or the funeral director until the date for the committal service and brought by them to the Chapel or Room of Memory. The niches in the Columbarium and space in the Garden of Memory may not be used until full payment for them is completed.

If there are questions regarding these policies and procedures, please contact the Office of Development at the Lake Junaluska Assembly (828-452-2881 ext. 680) and a member of the Columbarium Committee will return your call and attempt to clarify your concerns.