

THE FOREST LAWN

CEMETERY AND CREMATORY GROUP

New Fees for Services

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023

Approved by the NYS Division of Cemeteries on January 4, 2023. Fees adjusted by the amount provided for by the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for the period ending September 20, 2022.

This new fee schedule applies to the following Forest Lawn Group properties:



1990 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208
(716) 885-1600
forest-lawn.com



180 French Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 822-1960
stmatthewscemetery.net



4810 Camp Road
Hamburg, NY 14075
(716) 649-5507
lakesidecemetery.com



5402 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 885-1600
williamsvillecemetery.com



201 Reist Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 885-1600
gethsemane-cemetery.com



901 West Delavan Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 885-3079

Note: **Lancaster Rural Cemetery** is also part of the Forest Lawn Group, but its service fees differ from those of the rest of the group and are provided on a separate fee schedule.



THE CEMETERY SERVICE FEES

EXPLAINED

The Cemetery's Service Fee is applied toward the cost of our basic services and overhead relating to the final disposition of the deceased, as well as the general care and operations of the cemetery.

The Service Fee includes:

- Use of the Cemetery's/Crematory's professional staff, facilities, and equipment to respond to and complete the request for interment/entombment/inurnment or cremation services, as well as maintain the Cemetery/Crematory.
 - Upon completion of the service, entering all required information with the many duplicate permanent electronic and paper files, log books, registers and other documents.
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In a Cemetery Interment / Entombment / Inurnment Service:

- Verification of ownership, right of burial privileges, and confirmation of permanent interment location.
 - Coordination between Cemetery administration and grounds with the funeral director and/or family members requesting and authorizing the burial service, securing and issuing necessary permits and authorizations for the service, preparation of the space for the burial, and restoration of that space following the service.
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In a Cremation Service:

- Coordination between administration and certified crematory operators and the funeral director; securing and issuing necessary permits and authorizations for the cremation service.

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CREMATION SERVICE



**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK: Mon-Fri 6:00am - Midnight
Sat & Sun 6:00 am - 6:00 pm**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

TYPE	COST
ADULT, FINISHED CASKET OF WOOD	\$383
ADULT, UNFINISHED COMBUSTIBLE CONTAINER OF WOOD, PLYWOOD, FLAKEBOARD OR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD	\$327
SOCIAL SERVICE	\$265
CHILD (CONTAINER 3' TO 5')	\$95
INFANT (FETUS TO 3')	\$56

**DELIVERY OF CREMATED REMAINS
TO FUNERAL HOME AT NO CHARGE.**

- Due to the NYS Department of Health guidelines, only essential crematory, cemetery and funeral home staff are allowed in the crematory at any time (public viewings are not allowed.)
- All U.S. Military veterans are honored with the use a very special veterans mailer that recognizes and pays tribute to the veteran for his/her service to our nation at no additional charge.
- The current NYS-mandated Cremation Authorization form must be signed and submitted before the cremation can take place.
- All battery-powered medical implants must be removed by a licensed funeral director or medical professional before cremation. Only wood or combustible caskets will be accepted.

EXPANDED BURIAL RIGHTS

**YOUR FAMILIES MAY HAVE A *FREE* GRAVE/CRYPT SPACE.
HERE'S HOW:**

In-Ground

We allow up to 4 burials in a single grave with no additional accommodation or “bury over” fees.

(1 casket and up to 3 cremation urns, or a total of 4 urns)

Please note: Standard service fees would still apply.

The full body interment right cannot be used if more than one cremated body interment has already occurred in a single grave.

Above-Ground

We now allow 4 to 11 additional inurnments in crypts, depending on crypt configuration and caskets present with no additional accommodation or “bury over” fees.

Please note: Standard service fees would still apply.

If a family you're serving has a direct heir (line of consanguinity) of someone who is the owner of burial space at any of the Forest Lawn Group of Cemeteries the members of the family may be entitled to a FREE burial space with their ancestor at that cemetery.

Please note that standard interment fees would still apply.

**Call us and we'll be happy to assist you in answering questions about expanded burial rights.
Call (716) 885-1600**

INTERMENTS

- A concrete or other permanent outer burial container is required except in situations of religious necessity.
- A 15 minute committal service by the Forest Lawn Group Chaplain if requested is also included.
- Forest Lawn reserves the right to move a brief memorial service or committal service (15 minutes or less) from the site of the burial to a road side or an indoor venue of its choice, if in the cemetery's sole opinion, weather conditions or other circumstances make such a service at the site of the burial impractical.

TYPE	NOTES	COST
ADULT, SINGLE DEPTH	Assumes a casket and vault are being used.	\$1,697*
ADULT, MULTIPLE DEPTH	Where such interments are allowed, the complete service & recording fee for the first interment.	\$1,697
SOCIAL SERVICE	Paperwork from Erie County or an affirmation in writing from the funeral director or family that the decedent while living, was a recipient of Social Services to be eligible for this fee. Otherwise the standard fee applies. In the event of overtime, the standard overtime charges apply.	\$900
INFANT / CHILD	For outer cases up to 5 feet. For outer cases over 5 feet, the adult interment fee shall apply. Space may be purchased especially for infant interments in special sections at Forest Lawn, Lakeside and St. Matthew's.	\$501
CREMATED BODY	The cremated body, like a casketed body, must be placed in a suitable permanent outer container. A suitable permanent container for the interment of a cremated body is an urn vault (with or without an urn). A temporary container furnished by a crematory is not permissible as a suitable permanent container. NOTE: Urn vaults are prohibited in Forest Lawn, Section 18, Lot 420.	\$1,135 <i>If cremated in New York State[†]</i>
		\$1,140[†] <i>If cremated outside of New York State[†]</i>
PRIVATE SCATTERING	Scattering, placement of cremated remains in the earth of a private grave with or without a biodegradable container.	\$1,135* <i>If cremated in New York State[†]</i>
		\$1,140[†] <i>If cremated outside of New York State[†]</i>
CO-MINGLED SCATTERING VAULT AND/OR SCATTERING GARDEN	Scattering in a designated community scattering garden co-mingled directly in the earth or scattering of cremated remains in a common below ground concrete vault and the recording thereof in either Forest Lawn or Lakeside.	\$286* <i>If cremated in New York State[†]</i>
		\$291[†] <i>If cremated outside of New York State[†]</i>

DUAL INTERMENTS

When one or more cremated bodies are interred at the same time in the same location as one full body or one or more cremated bodies, a Dual Interment Fee will be charged for each additional cremated body, in addition to one regular Full Body or regular Cremation Interment Fee.

TYPE	COST	
DUAL INTERMENT	\$363* <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$368† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>

OVERTIME FUNERAL CHARGES

TYPE	NOTES	COST
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	For funerals arriving after 3:30 p.m., there is a fee added to all Interment fees.	\$92 per ½ hr
SATURDAYS	For funerals arriving on Saturdays, there is a fee added to all Interment fees.	\$326 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		\$469 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	For funerals arriving Saturdays after 4:00 p.m., in addition to the flat overtime fee listed above and the standard Interment Service Fee	\$92 per ½ hr AFTER 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS	For funerals arriving on Sundays, there is a fee added to all Interment fees.	\$614 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		\$746 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	For funerals arriving Sundays after 4:00 p.m., in addition to the flat overtime fee listed above and the standard Interment Service Fee	\$92 per ½ hr AFTER 4:00 p.m.

Burials are not conducted on the following holidays except for religious reasons. If they must take place, then **SUNDAY FEES APPLY**; New Years Day; Easter Sunday; Memorial Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day.

* Includes New York State Division of Cemeteries mandatory fees of a \$35 contribution to the cemetery's Permanent Maintenance Fund and \$8 to the Division of Cemeteries.

† The \$5.00 difference in the interment and/or inurnment cremation service fee relates to the \$5.00 fee collected and paid by every New York State crematory, as required by the NYS Division of Cemeteries, to the "Vandalism Fund". This same fee is collected and paid by the cemetery for every interment, as a mandatory requirement by the NYS Division of Cemeteries, and because the \$5.00 "Vandalism Fund Fee" has already been collected at the point of cremation, the cemetery does not collect it at the time of the burial.

MAUSOLEUM | COLUMBARIUM

A 15 minute committal service by the Forest Lawn Group Chaplain if requested.

TYPE	COST	
ENTOMBMENT – GASKETED CASKET & EMBALMED BODY REQUIRED	\$1,457* <i>End Enclosure</i>	\$1,611† <i>Deluxe Enclosure</i>
INURNMENT IN NICHE	\$1,078* <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$1,083† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>
INURNMENT IN CRYPT/END ENCLOSURE	\$1,457* <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$1,462† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>
INURNMENT IN CRYPT/DELUXE ENCLOSURE	\$1,611* <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$1,616† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>

PRIVATE MAUSOLEUM OR SARCOPHAGUS OPENING

Opening, placing the casket or urn, and sealing the space

TYPE	COST	
CASKET SPACE – CASKET OR URN IN A CASKET SPACE	\$1,874 <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$1,879† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>
URN ON A SHELF, WINDOW SILL, NICHE, ETC.	\$1,271* <i>If cremated in New York State†</i>	\$1,276† <i>If cremated outside of New York State†</i>

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DUAL INURNMENTS

When one or more cremated bodies are entombed or inurned at the same time in the same location as one full body or one cremated body, a **Dual Inurnment Fee** will be charged for each cremated body, in addition to one regular Full Body or regular Cremation Entombment or Inurnment Fee.

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FOUNDATIONS FOR MEMORIALS

Foundations for memorials must be constructed by the cemetery and conform to all the cemetery's Rules and Regulations. Orders for foundations for memorials shall be accepted only from Qualified Memorial Contractors, with written authorization by the lot owner or member of his/her family and submitted on an official foundation order form by a Qualified Memorial Contractor accompanied by an exact drawing and description of the proposed memorial. For details on these standards, refer to the Forest Lawn Groups Rules and Regulations - Article XII, pages 23-29.

TYPE	NOTES	COST
FLAT MARKERS 2 FT x 1 FT	Memorial guards with sub base	\$252
FLAT MARKERS 3 FEET & UNDER	Concrete	\$491
UPRIGHT MEMORIALS PER SQUARE FOOT	For all other flat markers, uprights (slants, hickeys, monoliths, monuments, etc.), urns, benches, concrete	\$150, with minimum of \$491

For full grave ledgers, private mausoleums, sarcophagi, art pieces, etc., the foundation fee is available upon request.

TYPE	NOTES	COST
RIGHT TO ERECT FEE	When an above-ground memorial is to be installed on any grave space, the Right to Erect Fee is a one-time fee, in addition to the Foundation Charges	\$254

If foundation plans call for form work or construction of niches or recesses for the placement of cremated remains, the construction shall be performed by the cemetery, or its designee/contractor at a fee based on the cemetery's cost for materials, equipment and labor.

SPECIAL REPAIRS TO OLD FOUNDATIONS, MINIMUM CHARGE	\$205
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DISINTERMENTS/DISENTOMBMENTS/ DISINURNMENTS

The Cemetery requires that the family engage a licensed funeral director to be present and coordinate all disinterments /disentombments and may require a court order.

1. The cemetery reserves the right to schedule disinterments/disentombments/disinurnments at its convenience; based on weather conditions, other services scheduled, and burial location.
2. The fees herein relate only to the cemetery's opening and closing of the current interment/entombment/inurnment space (and, where appropriate, the reinterment/reentombment/reinurnment space).
3. The services of a professional vault company are required and must be coordinated through a funeral director. The service fees charged by a vault company or a funeral director in moving the outer case from the current space to the future space are **NOT INCLUDED** in the cemetery's fees below.
4. Dulyexecuted authorization notarized forms are required in order to conduct a disinterment/disentombment/disinurnment. Contact the cemetery office to secure the required authorization forms. These forms are due a minimum of 5 business days prior to the requested service.
5. There will be an additional charge in the following instances:
 - a. Removal of existing lettering from a niche or crypt and preparation of the crypt or niche for future lettering.
 - b. Removal of a memorial and/or foundation from a grave.
 - c. Removal of the outer container from the cemetery by the vault company in the case of a disinterment (removal of casket from the ground) and reentombment (replacement of the casket into a crypt space).
6. An Ensuraseal will be required in the case of a disinterment (removal of casket from the ground) and reentombment (replacement of the casket into a crypt space), and the cemetery's current price will be charged to the customer.

REMOVAL TO ANOTHER CEMETERY OR CREMATORY FROM THE GROUND, PRIVATE OR COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM, SARCOPHAGUS OR LAWN CRYPTS

ADULT	In a casket	\$1,767
INFANT/CHILD	Outer case up to 5 feet (outer cases over 5 feet, adult fee shall apply)	\$1,471
CREMATED BODY	-	\$1,376

REMOVAL WITHIN THE SAME CEMETERY OR CREMATORY FROM THE GROUND, PRIVATE OR COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM, SARCOPHAGUS OR LAWN CRYPTS

ADULT	In a casket	\$2,400
INFANT/CHILD	Outer case up to 5 feet (outer cases over 5 feet, adult fee shall apply)	\$1,448
CREMATED BODY	-	\$1,306

CREMATED DOMESTIC PET INTERMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Cremated domestic pets can be interred at all Forest Lawn Group cemeteries.

All fees for pet burials will be directed to the cemetery’s permanent maintenance fund—helping us to keep our promise of perpetual care made to all those interred here.

Because pet interments follow the same protocols as those for the burial of cremated human remains, the service fees are the same.

For an in-ground interment of a cremated domestic pet, the remains must be placed into a non-sealed urn vault to allow for future placement of cremated domestic pets in the same urn vault, consisting of concrete or another non-degradable material. The Interment or Inurnment Service includes the opening and closing of the grave or crypt, four folding chairs, artificial grass matting around the opening and over the mound of displaced earth of the grave, and may include a 15 minute committal service by the Forest Lawn Group Chaplain at no charge if requested. Escort available via Delaware entrance, Forest Lawn; Camp Rd. entrance, Lakeside; Clinton St. entrance, St. Matthew's; or Main St. entrance, Williamsville.

TYPE	NOTES	COST
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS INTERMENT	Interment in the ground, in a separate, permanent outer container.	\$1,135
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS END CRYPT ENCLOSURE ENTOMBMENT	End enclosure in crypt (in a separate container) if space permits.	\$1,461
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS DELUXE CRYPT ENTOMBMENT	Deluxe enclosure in crypt (in a separate container) if space permits.	\$1,611
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS DUAL INTERMENT	Cremated remains interred in the ground either within a casket containing human remains, or in a separate, permanent outer container at same time and in the same grave as human remains per pet.	\$363
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS DUAL INURNMENT	Cremated remains interred in a crypt either within a casket containing human remains, or in a separate, permanent outer container at same time and in the same crypt as human remains per pet.	\$329
CREMATED DOMESTIC PET REMAINS DISINTERMENT	Removal to another cemetery from the ground, private or community mausoleum, sarcophagus or lawn crypts.	\$1,376
	Removal within the same cemetery from the ground, private or community mausoleum, sarcophagus or lawn crypts.	\$1,306

For memorialization of cremated domestic pet remains, all associated fees will be the same as those for memorialization of humans.

Please note: New York State law prohibits the scattering of a cremated domestic pet or the placement of the remains in a mausoleum niche.

OTHER FEES

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE & RECORDING FEES

AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP OR RESERVATION OF BURIAL RIGHTS	\$112
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS	\$269

COMMITTAL SERVICE SUPPLEMENTS

EXTRA MATTING	To gravesite and along roadway.	\$300
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SPECIAL VOLUNTARY CUSTOM AND ENDOWED CARE TRIBUTES

Several options for voluntary special care for your cemetery property are available at Forest Lawn, Lakeside, St. Matthew's, and Williamsville cemeteries. For information contact Forest Lawn's Custom & Endowed Care Manager at (716) 885 - 1600.

CUSTOM CARE	Individual lot services such as flower and wreath placement, special flower beds, other floral remembrances, monument cleaning, turf care, tree trimming and/or plantings are available through our Custom Care Program.
ENDOWED CARE	A special care trust may be established to provide long-term special care for your lot, and/or having annual floral tributes placed on anniversaries, birthdays, or holidays.

FILM AND COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITS

Film companies and/or commercial photographers wishing to photograph or film on the grounds of the cemetery must obtain the appropriate permit and release from the cemetery. For more information call the Forest Lawn office at (716) 885-1600 or go to www.forest-lawn.com.

