

MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Our Church will do whatever it can to serve you through the grief, celebration, and loss when a loved one dies. Many of our church's services are provided through the generosity of volunteers and donors, and they are offered to you at no charge. Because some services require extra hours from our staff, we pass those costs on to you.

Parish Services at a time of Death

<input type="checkbox"/> BASIC FEE for Memorial or Funeral, includes use of the church, a printed service program, and services of the clergy, organist, staff & volunteers.	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapel Service (35 person limit)	-\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of the Van Schaick Room for a catered reception	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of St. James Hall for a catered reception.	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/> The pastoral care of the church, including Clergy and Lay Pastoral Care Team	Included
<input type="checkbox"/> Interment of ashes in the lawn (see this document for more information)	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy participation for off-site but local burial or interment of remains	Included
<input type="checkbox"/> Organist	Included
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Musicians or Soloists (each)	\$150-\$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Flowers (please discuss particular preferences with the Flower Guild); true cost is seasonal	\$100-400
<input type="checkbox"/> The Honorarium to the Clergy varies. (Please make a separate check to "Pastoral Needs Fund.")	

The church is available to give these services and this care through the generosity of its members.

Honorary gifts for the clergy go to support their pastoral care of others in need. Gifts to support their ministry or to the work of the church in general will be gratefully received.

We would be happy to discuss possibilities to create a lasting memorial or legacy of ministry in honor of your loved one.

THE MEMORIAL LAWN

Many years ago our church adopted the custom of burying the cremated remains of members and those who have services in the church in the soil of our front lawn. This provides a beautiful setting on the property of our beloved church where the cremated remains of loved ones may be interred.

Because of the church's distinct role in the community, this option for burying ashes is reserved for the members of St. James, their families, and those who arrange to have their memorial services in the church. We are not permitted by City or State laws to offer our services for interring ashes to the community at large.

Arrangements to reserve the use of our parish lawn for this purpose may be made through our office. Please call us at 858-459-3421.

The cost of for burying ashes (in 2009) is \$300, which includes an inscription of the person's name and life dates in our Memorial Book. An elegant engraved plaque may be added to those in the Chapel for an additional \$750.

The full cost of this service may be paid in advance, reserving the current price. Otherwise the fee may be paid prior to the service itself.

Note: Ashes are dispensed into the soil of the lawn without a container or sack to contain them. When making arrangements with a mortuary company please request their simplest container. We then transfer the ashes to our own brass urn for the ceremony. If you desire to purchase a custom urn from the funeral company, please verify that it can be opened without destroying it.