

*For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*



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the Memorial Columbarium

*A resting place
in the journey of
a life everlasting*

The Memorial Columbarium
at The Episcopal Church
of the Ascension
in Stillwater, Minnesota



Christians have been buried within the community of the Church since the beginning of Christianity. Symbolic of the union among ancestors, the living and those to come, the Memorial Columbarium at Ascension Church serves as a final consecrated resting place for members of the Church. It is a peaceful gathering place for families and friends as they remember loved ones who remain a part of this parish and the community.

Located outside, in the garden area along the west wall of the building, the Memorial Columbarium offers 136 individual or companion niches. Each niche holds one or more urns containing cremated remains. Enclosing each niche is a stone faceplate where the full name of each individual and the dates of his or her life will be inscribed.

With an exterior of carnelian granite, the Memorial Columbarium creates a dignified place of rest for the departed and a place of peace and meditation for the living.

The Memorial Columbarium is financially self-sufficient. Funding comes through the sale of niches and special gifts designated for the columbarium project.

At least one of the applicants for a niche in the Memorial Columbarium must be a member of The Church of the Ascension or others who have had a significant connection with this parish or with the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

There are two niche sizes available in the Memorial Columbarium. The 8" x 8" niche (the size of this brochure) holds up to two standard size urns. The 12" x 12" niche holds up to four standard-size urns or two urns that are larger than the standard size. The fees for each niche can be found on the price list accompanying this brochure.

Families usually reserve niches in advance of the death of loved ones, when a thoughtful decision can be made.

After making a decision to reserve a niche in the Memorial Columbarium, you will sign a purchase agreement that guarantees permanent rights of burial in the specific niche you choose. At that time you will receive a Right of Interment Certificate. Ascension Church is obliged to reserve this niche for you and properly maintain the garden as a place of beauty and reverence.

A religious service shall be held at each inurnment.

For additional information about the Memorial Columbarium, contact the office of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension at 651.439.2609 and request a Memorial Columbarium packet.

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