

CREMATION | Glen Eden Memorial Park

Cremation has been growing in popularity for many decades in the U.S. In 1960 cremation accounted for less than 4% of American final arrangements, but today the rate is over 50%. There are many reasons that account for this growth, including the simplicity, dignity and affordability of cremation, and its acceptance by major religions. Many people choose cremation because they want a simpler, more convenient ceremony; they prefer their remains left above ground or they're concerned about the environment. But the process of cremation should not be the last consideration. The human desire for remembrance and connection – memorialization – is strong. Glen Eden offers a wide range of plans for the inurnment of cremated remains with considerable freedom for personalization in traditional in-ground, mausoleum or outdoor niche settings.

TRADITIONAL BURIAL

Individual, Family Estate, and Shared Monument lots are found in more than a dozen gardens distinguished by specific themes – such as Valor, Serenity, Reformation, Devotion – that reflect life and individual character. Two gardens offer families special options.

Garden of Devotion Nestled in a wooded area near the creek the Garden of Devotion offers families beautiful upright monuments at affordable prices. Your family name and individual inscriptions will be inscribed on the monument providing future generations a setting to remember and preserve family history.

Private Family Estates Specifically designed for families to stay together, Private Family Estates offer greater privacy plus the ability to personalize their area. Each estate is bounded by attractive brick walls and Glen Eden landscapes each area with small bushes and flowers. Families may further personalize with plantings, flowers, votive candles, a granite bench and other tributes.

ABOVE GROUND BURIAL

Indoor memorialize is ideal for year-round visitation by loved ones, regardless of the weather. Once exclusively for the wealthy, today the advantages of above-ground burial are well within the reach of families of all Christian faiths. Mausoleum burial eliminates the need for lots, vaults and monuments. The Chapel Mausoleum features several memorial corridors, two committal chapels – the Rose and Chapel of Memories, and a glass-covered atrium. Numerous skylights, including a massive one covering the entire chapel ceiling, bathe the interior with the glow of natural indirect light. Brilliant stained glass radiates color while fine furnishings and rich carpeting provide a setting of quiet and comfort. Perhaps most impressive is the massive cast bronze wall of “scenic Michigan – God’s Creation.” Niche options include marble-fronted, stained glass-fronted and beveled glass-fronted niches for display of personal memorabilia. St. Gabriel Mausoleum is bathed in natural light from the skylights above, embracing visitors with a peaceful feeling. The rich and distinctive surrounds provide a completely enclosed and secure indoor environment. Designed with the finest Italian marble and granite, it is a graceful and everlasting memorial. Dominating the space is the huge, exquisitely carved bronze bas-relief wall of archangels, pictured heralding a heavenward announcement. Niche options include marble-fronted, stained glass-fronted and beveled glass-fronted niches for display of personal memorabilia.

OUTDOOR NICHE SETTINGS

Beautiful natural surrounds, ivy, fountain gardens and trees form a focal point for loved ones to gather and celebrate life. Two very special locations offer ideal choices to honor and remember loved ones.

Memorial Park Boulevard

The Niche Garden features an array of beautifully designed and landscaped locations.

The Niche Wall offers a serene setting for commemoration of life.

The Niche Garden Wall allows the four seasons to provide an ever-changing pastoral backdrop for reflection.

Garden of Grace This very special cremation garden features a dramatic garden/cloister ambiance for heartfelt, nature-enhanced connections with lost loved ones. Notable are the intimate cul-de-sac areas with perimeter in-ground cremation burial spaces on berms, encircling visitors for visual and physical closeness. Granite benches offer cremation niches. The focal point of one cul-de-sac is a lovely, six-level carnelian granite columbarium with a domed top.

The landscape palette is vibrant with traditional flower gardens against a backdrop grove of lush pine trees, and the “music” of gently flowing waters nearby. The setting will be spiritually ideal for committal ceremonies, as well as poignant visitation. The Garden of Grace’s natural and beautiful setting fulfills the finest contemporary traditions of family memorialization with a very special and warm garden environment.

VETERANS Glen Eden offers two very special locations to honor those who served our community and our country.

The Garden of Valor is a specially themed resting place for Veterans and their spouses. The U.S. Government provides a bronze grave marker free to each veteran that includes name, dates of birth and death, rank and service and the military cross. There are optional upgrades for individual and companion memorialization.

The Memorial Flagpole Court offers a special way to honor loved ones who served our community and our country. Surrounding a majestic elevated flagpole bordered by bronze sculptures of police, firefighters, clergy and veterans are niches to honor those who served. The cremated remains of loved ones who wore the uniforms of service can join their compatriots here, in a variety of niche walls.

CENOTAPHS

A cenotaph is a memorial plaque, honoring and remembering loved ones whose remains are in a niche at Glen Eden Memorial Park or elsewhere. An affordable and permanent cenotaph gives family and friends a place where they can visit to honor the life of the loved one.

Glen Eden offers cenotaphs indoors and outdoors.

- Indoor cenotaphs are displayed in two light-filled corridors of The Chapel Mausoleum. These beautiful cast bronze plaques feature an outdoor Michigan scene or inspirational Christian message.
- Outdoor cenotaphs are featured around a majestic flagpole in our Memorial Park Boulevard, dedicated to loved ones who served their community. Here, four solid bronze bas-relief memorial plaques dramatically depict our firefighters, police officers, clergy and veterans.

CREMATION FLORAL TRIBUTES AND VASES

GLEN EDEN'S FLORAL SERVICES

Glen Eden is proud to offer an array of year-round floral choices to honor the memories of loved ones. Please note that fresh flower arrangements may be displayed in a permanent bronze vase or a disposable vase. Silk floral arrangements require a permanent bronze vase.

- Perpetual Decorations For a one-time charge, a beautifully appropriate seasonal silk floral tribute will honor the memories of loved ones. Tributes will be changed each April, June and November.
- Winter Floral Tributes Glen Eden offers a variety of bouquets, evergreen wreaths and grave blankets, decorated in seasonal colors and trimmed with a beautiful, all weather bow. Weather permitting, placement begins November 1 and removal begins March 1.
- Spring Floral Tributes Placed just prior to Easter, silk spring flowers are available for a touching remembrance and a reminder of the rebirth of life.
- Special Occasions Commemorate special occasions like anniversaries and birthdays by choosing from a wide selection of silk flowers at Glen Eden's office. Arrangements are available year-round.

BRONZE CREMATION VASES

- At Traditional Burial Lots, choose from two ten-inch high, classic designs that are fitting for fresh cut and silk floral tributes – the Hammered Doric and the Veteran Grecian. They may be installed as part of the original memorial or as a separate unit. The Hammered Doric features two polished stripes, a decorative rockedge ring and protective coating. The Veteran Grecian, with its Victory Star ring, is designed to coordinate with the Latin Cross of the Veterans Memorial. A fitting tribute for those who have served their country.
- For Niches, bud vases are available. Handcrafted by skilled artisans and inspired by artistic masterpieces, each fluted bud vase displays timeless elegance. Five and one-half-inches in size and constructed from solid bronze with a protective coating to preserve its polished luster, the niche bud vase holds lasting silk floral tributes.

CREMATION MEMORIALS AND URNS

The memorial you design will tell family and friends a lot about you, evoking the memories, feelings, interests and accomplishments that make you special. That's the solace that those who come to pay their respects need and that's why Glen Eden offers a wide choice of memorial niches – glass, marble, bronze and granite-fronted – in beautiful and inspirational environments.

- GLASS-FRONTED NICHEs are in both The Chapel and St. Gabriel Mausoleums. A plaque with name and year of birth and death can be affixed to the visible urn, or on a freestanding plaque in the niche. There is also space for display of your loved one's personal mementos.
- MARBLE-FRONTED NICHEs are offered in select locations, and have the name and year of birth and death either in bronze lettering attached directly to the granite, or on a solid bronze plaque.
- BRONZE-FRONTED NICHEs feature an ivy leaf motif and are available in the Chapel Mausoleum with a unique place that lists name and year of birth and death.
- GRANITE-FRONTED NICHEs with solid bronze plaques are in the outdoor niche plaza.
- CREMATION URNs. Choose from a wide selection designed and created by artisans to please the eye and enrich the spirit. Crafted from fine hardwoods – mahogany, cherry, oak or walnut – elegant ceramic or lustrous bronze. Each is available as a single or double urn, and can be personalized to reflect the work, avocation or other interest of the loved one.

COMMON QUESTIONS

What is Cremation?

Cremation involves placing the deceased in a special chamber in a building called a crematorium and incinerating the body at high temperatures for several hours until it is reduced to a fine white powder. These remains are commonly called cremated remains. Because of its simplicity, dignity and affordability, cremation is the most popular option to the traditional funeral and burial.

How Prevalent is it?

Cremation has seen a steady rise in acceptance in the US over the past four decades among people of all backgrounds and faiths. In 1960 cremation accounted for less than 4% of American final arrangements, but today the rate is over 50%.

Do I Need a Casket if I'm Being Cremated?

With cremation, neither a casket nor embalming is generally required. However, you can always choose to be embalmed, and have a casket, full service and viewing hours. Cremation can be performed without a service or done before or after a funeral service. Cremated remains may be buried in a cemetery, or kept in a columbarium, a structure containing niches into which urns are placed.

Why is Cremation becoming More Popular?

One factor is our increased mobility. Many retirees who don't feel a strong attachment to Florida would just as soon reside in an easy-to-ship, easy-to-store urn back in Michigan. Or perhaps they'd like to be both places at once. And the options go far beyond that – from having cremated remains encased in molten glass objects d'art to crafting them into jewelry. Some people are even having their cremated remains launched into space. Literally, the sky's the limit.

What is a Cenotaph Plaque?

Cenotaph plaques memorialize loved ones whose remains are in a Glen Eden congregational crypt or outside of Glen Eden. Whether your cremated remains rest adjacent to the cenotaph plaque in a congregational crypt or are far away, the cenotaph proves friends and family a place close to home where they can visit to honor your life. Indoor cenotaphs, cast in bronze, feature your choice of an outdoor Michigan scene or an inspirational Christian Message along with an inscription. Outdoor cenotaphs are featured around the majestic flagpole in our Memorial Park Boulevard.

What Cremation Options does Glen Eden Offer?

Glen Eden offers a wide range of plans and locations for the inurnment of cremated remains. Constructed of the finest materials with bronze, glass or marble fronts, niche spaces provide an enduring memorial. The garden niches offer memorialization in a peaceful outdoor setting.

Should I Plan My Cremation in Advance?

Planning now lets you make choices you're comfortable with, and protects your family from unnecessary burdens. You also protect your family from future price increases, while conserving their insurance benefits. There are no hidden costs. Your loved ones pay no additional charges at the time of loss or any time thereafter.