



PINEY GROVE HISTORIC CEMETERY
P.O. BOX 216
SWANNANOVA, NC 28778

Notices & Policies

General Notices

- Piney Grove Cemetery is NOT in the burial or interment “business”. Contact the Funeral Home of your choice to fulfill your needs.
- Piney Grove Cemetery has no gravesites to sell. That said, if you are seeking to purchase a gravesite(s), we may know of a family desiring to sell their plots and will make the connection.
- Piney Grove Cemetery holds no deeds for pre-existing sales of gravesites.
- Piney Grove Cemetery must be contacted prior to any burials, interments, the realignment of existing markers, and the installation of new markers.
 - For new burials and interments, PGC needs to know the plot number, name of the deceased as it appears on the marker, the date of birth, date of death and a contact for future needs/issues.

Burials and Interments

All burials or interments require a \$100 payment made to Piney Grove Cemetery (PGC), even when a 2nd interment is in a gravesite with a prior interment. In the event there has already been a casket burial, there usually is not enough room on top of the outer burial container to legally have another burial (N.C. General Statutes 65-77 which states “the top of the uppermost part of the burial vault or other encasement shall be a minimum of 18 inches below the ground surface.”) However, if there is enough room, the above \$100 fee will apply.

- PGC requires ALL burials and interments arrive in the cemetery before 4:00 pm.
- There will be NO burials on Easter, Thanksgiving or Christmas days.
- Sunday burials or interments must occur after 2:00 p.m. due to proximity to the active neighboring church.

All casket burials require the minimum of a concrete grave liner (rough box) or 12-gauge steel or better outer burial container. **NO 13-gauge grave liners or Plastic Vaults are allowed for casket burials.** All cremation burials require an urn vault. The urn vault may be the minimum of a Vantage Paramount Urn Vault, Wilbert Basic Grey, Wilbert Marbelon, Doric Presidential or better. **No other plastic or metal...NO EXCEPTIONS.** Infant burials must also be in minimum of a concrete grave liner (rough box) or 12-gauge steel or better. *Wilbert Loved and Cherished* Casket/Vault Combinations are acceptable.

If a permanent marker has NOT been installed at the time of burial, the funeral home must place a temporary grave marker at the gravesite.

Monuments and/or Bronze Markers.

- Piney Grove Cemetery does not require a fee be paid for the realignment or installation of a new monument or bronze marker.
- All granite bases and grass level markers need to be at least four (4) inches thick.
- There is not a stipulation that single graves have a flat marker.
- All single monuments must have a base no longer than 3'-6" or 42". All double monuments must have a base no longer than 7'-6" or 90". Any triple or quadruple monuments must be preapproved in writing in advance by PGC.
- Funeral homes need to place temporary grave markers at their families loved one's grave.

Disinterment's

- Notify PGC of any disinterment in advance of the work. Include the date of occurrence, the plot number and deceased's name from which the disinterment is occurring. Also, notify PGC if the deceased will not be re-interred into the same gravesite.
- All disinterments are done Monday - Friday. NO Weekends or Holidays. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Transfer of Graves

- Notify PGC of any transfers in advance of the work. Include the date the transfer is to occur, the plot number and the deceased's name from which the disinterment is occurring and where the new burial or interment is relocating to...if within PGC.
- A **funeral home** will charge to transfer a grave space, which includes collecting the original Certificate of Ownership (Deed), preparing a new Certificate of Ownership, changing, and recording new owner(s) on the cemetery's maps, books, and computer software. Also paying the fee to the North Carolina Cemetery Commission. **Notice:** You do not have to pay the Perpetual Care fee again if it has already been paid.

CONTACT PINEY GROVE CEMETERY
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