

JOIN THE 1877 SOCIETY!

The Calvary Cemetery is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining this special space. It does not receive city, county, state, or federal tax dollars. The sale of lots, memorial contributions, and donations provide operating income.

Thanks to generous contributions, the Calvary Cemetery and Wadena Cemetery Association are able to not only keep the cemetery well maintained, but are also able to make improvements and carry out special projects.

Your tax-deductible gift supports everything we do to make our cemetery a beautiful and peaceful space for those who rest here and those who visit.

Golden Eagles: \$5,000 +
Silver Songbirds: \$1,000 to \$4,999
Saints: \$500 to \$999
Supporters: \$100 to \$499
Friends: up to \$99

WHY 1877?

During the smallpox epidemic of 1877, Wadena townsfolk realized the bodies of those who died of smallpox could never be moved. The cemetery grounds were chosen for their elevation and many spruce trees. The first grave is that of Emma Knight, who died of smallpox on July 16, 1877. Her gravestone can be found in Original Block 3, Lot 24.

If you would like to make a donation or memorial contribution of any kind, please contact:

Calvary Cemetery
Deacon Randy Altstadt
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2024

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CALVARY CEMETERY

IN WADENA, MINNESOTA

POLICIES, COSTS,
AND INFORMATION



Cemetery history, maps, and
help finding grave sites can be found at:

WWW.WADENACEMETERY.COM

For personal consultations, please contact:
Calvary Cemetery, Michael Pete
218-639-2925, pete@arvig.com

CALVARY CEMETERY POLICIES

To honor those we have loved and to provide beauty and safety, we ask everyone to respectfully follow these guidelines:

- No pets allowed.
- No planting of trees, shrubs, or flowers.
- Artificial flowers, arrangements, and wreaths are permitted from May 1 to the Monday after Father's Day, and from November 1 to April 1.
- Unauthorized decorations will be removed without notice. Prohibited decorations include, but are not limited to: urns, statues, vigil lights, glass containers, shepherds hooks, benches, and Christmas trees.
- No decoration, stickers, or plaques are allowed on the columbarium, niche, or name plate.
- Graveside decorations or memorials that interfere with mowing or maintenance of the Cemetery are prohibited and will be removed.
- Please use trash bins for disposal of flowers and old decorations.
- The Cemetery reserves the right to trim or remove all floral designs, flowers, shrubs, or trees from the Cemetery as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, and/or diseased.
- The general care assumed by the Cemetery shall in no case mean maintenance, repair, or replacement of any vase, basket, memorial, flowers, plants, or other objects placed upon a grave.
- No person shall inter a body or cremated remains without permission of the parish.
- No monument, stone, or marker shall be placed in the cemetery without permission of the parish. Graves shall have a monument and/or a foot marker.

INTERMENT & INURNMENT INFORMATION

- All casket burials (interments) and cremation burials (inurnments) must be properly recorded with the Calvary Cemetery. Funeral homes are required to provide legal documents to cemeteries. Funeral homes or families must also notify the Calvary Cemetery of inurnments.
- Remains must be in a durable container approved by a funeral home and be placed in another durable outer container, such as an urn vault. Permanent containers are placed by the headstone at least a foot below the surface. A referral can be made for someone to do this, but this must be coordinated with the church. Caskets require vaults.
- Unless arrangements are made, burials or placement of headstones cannot take place until full payment for the lot has been received and a receipt has been issued.
- The purchaser of a monument is its owner and is responsible for its upkeep. Monuments from the Veterans Administration or any natural stone monuments from a monument company are allowed. Monuments can only be placed after permission by the Calvary Cemetery.
- A funeral director coordinates burial excavations. The excavator fills and levels the site and seeds for grass. Because success of the seed maturing depends on weather and moisture, families are encouraged to assist by watering, fertilizing, and weeding.
- Winter interments receive additional soil and grass seeds in the spring.
- If, after time, the site or monument settles, the family is responsible to correct the settling.
- Placement of non-monument benches, concrete planters, or any other permanent items must be approved by the Calvary Cemetery.



CALVARY CEMETERY COSTS

(subject to change)

| | | Member* | Non-Member |
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| Cemetery Lot | - 1 casket or 1 cremain | \$600 | \$1,000 |
| | - 1 cremain with existing casket | \$300 | \$500 |
| | - 2 nd cremain with existing cremain | \$300 | \$500 |
| Cremation Lot | - 1 cremain | \$350 | \$700 |
| Columbarium Niche** | - 1 niche, 1 urn | \$2,100 | \$3,900 |
| | - 2 nd urn in existing niche | \$1,100 | \$1,900 |

Grave lot for a baby: half the size of a full lot. Suggested donation is \$250.

Marking fee: \$50 (marking for interment and/or placement of a monument)

* Members include parishioners from *Mary, Mother of the Church* Area Catholic Community parishes. Visit our website at www.marysacc.org.

† St. Joseph, Bertha

† St. Michael, Motley

† St. Hubert, Bluegrass

† Sacred Heart, Staples

† St. John the Baptist, Bluffton

† St. Frederick, Verndale

† Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

† St. Ann, Wadena

** Columbarium niche costs includes the niche space plus engraving on the brass plate panel with name, date of birth, and date of death. Niche size is 11.5" x 11.5" x 11.5".