A Brief History of Olivet Cemetery

During the nineteenth century and the four-year period when Father John McGoldrick was pastor of the Catholic parish in Cheyenne (1873-1877), the original acreage for a Catholic cemetery was secured. During the nation’s Centennial year, Mayor Lawrence Bresnahan gave a bond pledging the transfer of the property as soon as the patent was obtained from Washington. Another bond for another parcel was given in 1885 bringing the total area comprising the Catholic cemetery to 18.32 acres. In the early 1920’s, several major projects were begun including the iron fence, the entrance gates and the aligning of grave markers. This renovation was culminated in 1923 when Bishop McGovern named the cemetery “Olivet” and bought a Barre granite Celtic Cross for $3,000 to be placed at the Priests’ Circle. Together they forever stand as a sign of the instrument of our redemption and the Holy Place where Jesus irrevocably embraced the cross of His Father’s will. While we have four Catholic parishes in Cheyenne each having a community identity, we also have a wider Catholic community because they share one faith, one baptism and one hope of glory. The Catholic cemetery endures as a faithful witness to our belief that both individuals and the community will be revitalized by the life of our Risen Lord.

Lord, our loved ones are gone now from this earthly dwelling and have left behind those who mourn their absence. Grant that as we grieve for our loved ones we may hold their memory and live in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.
General Information, Rules & Regulations

Open To Public
- The grounds are open to the public from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Visitors & Vehicles
- Visitors are expected to be respectful of the grounds.
- Vehicles may not be driven at a speed greater than 15 mph.
- All vehicles and bicycles must remain on established roadways.

Biannual Clean Up
Olivet is maintained by the City of Cheyenne who schedules a full clean up two times a year.
- Spring
- Fall
- All materials that interfere with the grounds maintenance will be removed and discarded.
- Neither Olivet Cemetery or the City of Cheyenne will be responsible for the loss of any decorations or articles abandoned or left at the cemetery.

Purchase of Burial Spaces
When you desire to purchase a burial space(s):
- First visit the City Cemetery Office at 2501 Seymour Avenue to select an available space and obtain a location card.
- Then contact St. Mary’s Cathedral Parish Office to purchase the space.
- If you have made or will make pre-need arrangements through Schrader’s or Wiederspahn’s, they will help you select a burial space at Olivet.

Purchase Price:
- Adult space 4'x8' $845
- Baby space 2'x3' $570
- Each space includes $400 for perpetual care
- A total of four (4) burials with at least two (2) cremains are allowed per adult space.
- A $400 Perpetual Care fee is required for each additional burial (2nd, 3rd, or 4th) in an existing grave.
- Perpetual Care is required for all burial spaces and is nonrefundable.
- Burial spaces may be purchased on a time-payment arrangement with 24 months to pay the total amount. Down payment of $400 per space for Perpetual Care is required.
- Upon request, a purchaser may have a refund of payments at any time before the certificate of ownership is issued excluding the nonrefundable Perpetual Care fee.

Interment
No interments may be made on Sundays or recognized city and state holidays.

Monuments
Installation
- All monuments and mausoleums must be approved by the cemetery Sexton at the City Cemetery office before installation.

Construction
- Monuments must be constructed of materials which maintain and promote the integrity and aesthetics of the cemetery and shall be of granite, marble, or bronze.

Placement
- Monuments are placed at the head of a grave space with additional monuments placed flush on the ground in a manner which will not impede maintenance equipment from performing their duties.

Number Allowed
- Only one (1) upright monument is allowed per adult burial space.

Foundations
- Monuments must be placed on a 4-inch thick foundation made of either concrete or granite and allow a 4-inch mow strip around the monument base.
- Mausoleums must be placed on a 6-foot deep foundation.

Monuments must not have a base any larger than the following dimensions:
- Single 18” wide x 36” long
- Double 18” wide x 60” long
- Baby 18” wide x 18” long

Trees & Plantings
- Planting of trees, shrubs or flowers is prohibited without prior approval and must be performed by the City Forestry Division.
- Cemetery staff is not responsible for the survival of any trees, shrubs or flowers.
- Neighboring burial spaces will not be infringed upon.

Decorations
Allowed
- Decorations may ONLY be attached to either an upright monument or a vase located on the base of the stone.

Prohibited
- Borders, fences, curbing, trellises or coping are prohibited and will be removed.
- The unauthorized placement of objects upon a burial space is also prohibited and will be removed and discarded, including boxes, shells, stones, boulders, toys, metal designs, urns, wood or metal cases and similar articles.

Liability
- Olivet Cemetery and the City of Cheyenne are not liable for damage or loss of ornaments, memorials, monuments, mausoleums, vases, plants, and other items placed upon or around a burial site, as they may be lost, misplaced, broken or damaged due to numerous factors including, but not limited to, natural elements, vandalism, theft or incidents beyond our control.