

Eligibility

Interment of ashes will be open to all members of Hope Lutheran Church and their immediate families, former members and others interested in interring their loved one's ashes at Hope. The name, birth date, date of death of the interred will be engraved on granite plaques which are attached to the walls of the memorial's "tower." More detailed records of the individual will be kept in the church office.



Donation and Gift Form

- We hope to begin interring cremains in the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden in spring of 2012.
- The cost for interment of cremains in Hope Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden is \$1000.00. The cost is subject to change in the future if deemed necessary by the Memorial Garden Committee and the Church Council.
- Purchase Agreement and Authorization for Engraving forms are available in the church office and on the website at (www.hopecherryville.org)
- If you desire to give a memorial gift or donation to the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden or have questions please contact the church office at 610-767-7203.
- Checks may be made payable to:
Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden
4131 Lehigh Drive
PO Box 1030
Cherryville, PA 18035
(610)767-7203

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN

“AN ETERNAL
GARDEN OF HOPE”

The Memorial Garden at Hope Lutheran Church

Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden is a sacred place where cremated remains are interred and where generations can go for solitude and to be close to the memories of loved ones who have been interred there.

Located on the grounds of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, the Memorial Garden is a space set aside on the grounds of our campus for families who wish to inter cremated remains in a natural, organic manner – that is, directly into the soil.

The Memorial Garden will be a place that offers dignified beauty, peace, serenity and spiritual renewal for all who visit there and will serve as a place for meditation, fellowship and prayer.

Cremation

For a number of reasons, cremation is becoming more prevalent. Lutheran theology and tradition do not favor any particular form of burial. God's ability to give resurrected bodies to those who bear the name of Christ cannot be stymied by any human action, including organ donation or cremation.

Why would anyone choose cremation over burial in a casket? In Genesis 3:19, the Lord God said to the man: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken: you are dust, and to dust you shall return." On Ash Wednesday, ashes are imposed in the form of a cross on our foreheads as the pastor says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Earth, ashes, dust: our end is the same. It is even clearer when the body is cremated and the ashes placed in the earth.



The Memorial Garden will feature a walkway, benches, flowering trees, shrubs and flowers, created to provide a space that will encourage quiet reflection and meditation. Because it will be located near the existing outdoor worship chapel, it offers the opportunity for small outdoor services and other appropriate memorial events.

*For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song, and all the trees of
the field shall clap their hands.
Isaiah 55:12*