

Frequently Asked Questions

How old is the cemetery?

The first recorded burial is documented in 1806. The Cemetery was incorporated as Grand Blanc Evergreen Cemetery Association in 1896.

Who owns the cemetery?

Grand Blanc Evergreen Cemetery is not owned by one person or corporation. It is a non-profit association made up of lot owners and their heirs and is governed by a board of directors who oversee its operation and long-term care.

When I purchase a grave does it mean I own the land?

Grave spaces are not sold as real estate. Instead, the purchase grants **burial rights**, which allow the lot owner and their heirs to use the grave for burial and place a memorial, subject to the cemetery's rules and regulations. The land itself remains under the care of the cemetery.

Does the cemetery buy graves back if I no longer want them?

The cemetery does not buy graves back, but you are allowed to transfer ownership of unused graves. To do so anyone listed on the deed must give written permission. The cost associated is \$10.

Are there any recurring maintenance fees that I will be responsible for?

No. Evergreen cemetery is endowed by a perpetual care fund. Perpetual care means that a portion of the purchase price for each grave is placed into a permanent trust fund. The principal of that fund is preserved, and the interest generated is used to help provide ongoing maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

What is the opening and closing fee for?

Opening and closing fees cover the labor, equipment, and preparation required for a burial. This includes locating and marking the correct grave, excavation, installation of the vault or liner, preparing the gravesite for the service, closing the grave after the burial, and restoring the site afterward. The fee also covers the necessary record keeping and documentation to ensure accurate cemetery records for the burial location and lot ownership.

Can opening and closing fees be paid in advance?

Opening and closing fees cannot be paid in advance. Due to changes in labor and equipment costs over time, and the additional accounting and administrative requirements associated with maintaining prepaid service funds, the cemetery does not accept prepayment for these services.

Do you have a scatter garden for cremains?

No we do not. We do have columbariums for cremations and we also allow cremains to be buried on standard grave.

Do you allow green burials?

We do not offer green burials. The cemetery requires the use of a burial vault or grave liner for all casket burials to help maintain ground stability and allow for the safe operation of cemetery maintenance equipment.