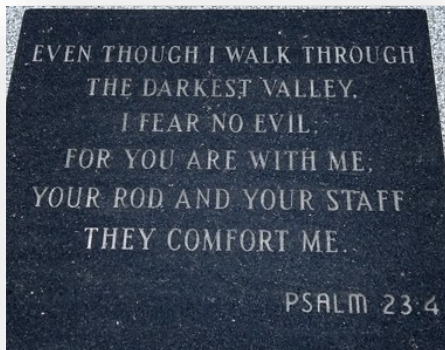


Maintenance and Care of the Columbaria

The Epworth Cemetery Committee ensures proper maintenance of the columbaria, just as it cares for the rest of the grounds. Routine landscaping of the cemetery occurs on a regular schedule, with special clean-ups taking place periodically throughout the year.

Anyone interested in purchasing a niche or gaining additional information may contact the Cemetery Superintendent at 302-930-3733 or

epworthmethodistcemetery@gmail.com



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The Epworth columbaria – three stately granite structures providing consecrated niches to house containers of cremated human remains – provide a sacred resting place for people choosing cremation over more traditional burials. The only columbaria within the Rehoboth Beach, Delaware city limits, the structures contain a total of 120 niches, each with the capacity for up to two sealed containers. Each niche includes a faceplate for the engraving of the persons names, as well as dates of births and deaths.

The columbaria are located within the walls of the Epworth cemetery located at 161 Henlopen Avenue. Just as Epworth United Methodist Church welcomes all, the columbaria niches are available to anyone, regardless of church affiliation or residency.

The peaceful, well-manicured and landscaped surrounding cemetery was created in the early 1900s, with space for some 2400 burial plots. Today, cemetery spaces remain available.

The leadership of Epworth United Methodist Church decided to include the columbaria in its cemetery to provide a blessed, local space for cremated remains. The structures were installed November 19, 2014, and subsequently blessed by Epworth senior pastor the Reverend Vicky Starnes and associate pastor the Reverend Doctor Pat Laughlin, both serving Epworth at that time.



About the Structures

The columbarium project and setting were designed by Delaware architects, LLC, and installed by Richard Y. Johnson, Inc. The structures, from the Rock of Ages Monument Company of Vermont, are constructed of high-

quality gray granite with black granite niche covers.

Cremation and Religion

In modern times, most Christian faith traditions - both Protestant and Catholic - find cremation acceptable; exceptions include Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox traditions. Cremation is acceptable as well to Reform Jews, though not to Orthodox or Conservative Jews. Some faith traditions, such as Hinduism, require cremation. Individuals with questions about the acceptability of cremation within their faith traditions should consult their faith leaders.

Pricing and Availability

Niches are currently available, as well as grave sites. The cemetery Superintendent can provide more details of the cost and selection of specific niche or burial locations.

