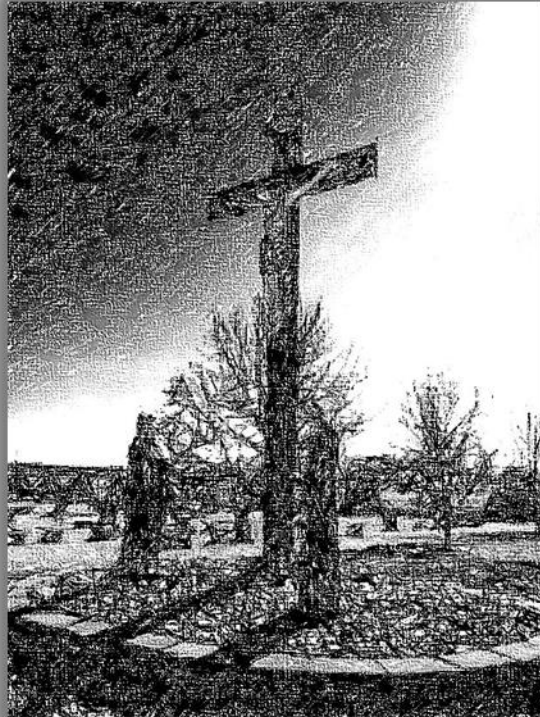


**St. Rose Cemetery
Crofton, Nebraska**

Rules & Regulations



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The St. Rose Cemetery is managed by St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Crofton, Nebraska

All applications for purchase for leases, transfers or assignments of the cemetery graves spaces, interment and disinterment permits shall be made at the Rectory of St. Rose Church or the St. Rose Cemetery Committee. Only the Secretary of St. Rose and the St. Rose Cemetery committee members are empowered to receive any and all monies or payments and to issue receipts for the same in any and all transactions involving cemetery property or service.

It is the desire of the St. Rose Cemetery to make the Cemetery a quiet, beautiful place for the deceased. To secure these effects, St. Rose has spent and will continue to spend considerable sums of money; but to preserve these effects, it will require the cooperation of every lessee to comply with these rules and regulations. Anything, which would mar the general beauty and harmony of the cemetery, must be avoided. Peace and good order must prevail, and the sacredness of the cemetery must be maintained at all times. It is to this end that these rules and regulations have been implemented.

These rules govern the use and operation of the St. Rose Cemetery.

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Article 1: General Rules

1. The cemetery is open every day of the year, weather permitting.
2. The Cemetery Committee may open or close the cemetery when their judgment of the appropriate use of the cemetery requires it.
3. No person shall:
 - A. Operate a motor vehicle within the cemetery except on an established roadway.
 - B. Dispose of rubbish or debris on any part of the cemetery grounds.
 - C. Disturb any trees, shrubs, plants, or monuments without consent of the Cemetery Committee.

- D. Permit any pets to enter or remain in the cemetery unless such pet is on a leash.
 - E. Carry or discharge a fire arm in or adjacent to the cemetery, except those carried by Police Officers or those carried or fired by an Organized Honor/Color Guard or Firing Squad.
 - F. Erect a marker, monument or vase without first contacting the Cemetery Committee and obtaining the necessary authorization and/or permit.
4. The Cemetery Committee has the general oversight of the cemetery and shall coordinate the time and day of all interments, including disinterment, with the Funeral directors or family members.
 5. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right for workers and those persons necessary to the performance of normal cemetery operations to enter on or cross over any lot or grave space in the cemetery in performing such duties as are deemed necessary by the Cemetery Committee of the St. Rose Cemetery.
 6. St. Rose shall not be financially responsible for any damage to grave spaces, monuments, vases or structures thereon for flowers or articles removed from any grave space or lot.
 7. St. Rose assumes no liability for property or physical damage or mental anguish caused or alleged to be caused in the performance of normal operations or damage by vandals or any third party.
 8. No vehicle shall be operated in excess of 10 miles per hour within the cemetery. Any persons driving in the cemetery shall be responsible for any damage done by the vehicle, and/or person of such vehicle.

9. The cemetery will at all times be operated in accordance with the laws and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church.
10. All monument companies must carry a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) liability insurance.
11. The St. Rose Pastoral Council shall have the right, at any time, to amend or change these rules and regulations.

Article 2: Interments, Disinterment's and Removals

1. All interments, disinterments and/or removals from the cemetery are subject to these rules and the Statutes of the State of Nebraska.
 - A. Non-Catholic interments can only be buried if they are an immediate relative of a Catholic.
2. The Cemetery Committee shall be given a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice in the summer and thirty-six (36) hours' notice in the winter for the opening and preparation of the grave prior to interment.
3. Interments on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or recognized holidays may, in the Cemetery Committees discretion, be allowed for extraordinary or extenuating circumstances.
4. Interment, interment services, disinterment and/or removals shall be made under the direction of the Cemetery Committee according to the laws of the State of Nebraska, Knox County, and the State Board of Health and in the presence of a Licensed Mortician, except in the case of a cremation interment or disinterment.

5. Disinterment or removals will not be permitted on Saturday, Sundays, or National recognized holidays.
6. The Cemetery Committee shall be given at least one-week notice of the intention to disinter or remove a body from the cemetery or to another part of the cemetery. When disinterment is made, the Cemetery Committee shall permit only the following persons to be present:
 - A. A member or members of the immediate family.
 - B. The Mortician conducting the disinterment.
 - C. A legal Enforcement Official authorized by a Court Order.
 - D. Any other person specifically authorized by Law or Court Order.
 - E. Any other person(s) who is needed to perform disinterment and/or re-interment.
7. The Interment of two bodies in one grave space will not be permitted, except in the following cases:
 - A. Two infants
 - B. One infant and one cremains
 - C. One cremains and one adult burial (where sufficient space is available).
 - D. Two cremains
 - E. One Adult and one infant
8. No interments other than that of a human being will be permitted within the cemetery.

9. All cremains shall be buried pursuant to Nebraska Department of Health Regulations.
10. No interments will be permitted until all laws and regulations relative to the interment have been complied with. No interment shall be made until such grave spaces have been paid.
11. Advance notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours must be given to the Cemetery Committee, of the intention to disinter the remains of any person who died of a virulent contagious disease and arrangements made in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Health made for the protection of the public. If any additional costs are incurred in this process, the St. Rose Secretary shall bill such cost in addition to the standard costs.
12. The Cemetery Committee shall designate the location of the graves on the lot and any change of location made after the opening of the grave has begun shall be at the expense of the lot lessee/funeral director. When definite information for locating a grave is not available in ample time for grave preparation to meet the time requested for interment, the Cemetery Committee will decide, in their best judgment, the location to be used. St. Rose assumes no responsibility for an error in such location. An additional charge will be made for any change request.
13. The Cemetery shall be in no way liable for any delays in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made or where the rules or regulations have not been

followed. St. Rose shall be under no duty to recognize any protest to interment unless they are made in writing and submitted to the secretary at St. Rose.

14. **All interments shall be contained in a concrete box or vault, unless special permission is obtained from the Cemetery Committee, except for infants or cremains interments. In which case, an infant interment may use a fiberglass casket vault combination. Cremains containers may be of any type allowed by Nebraska Department of Health Regulations.**

15. Disinterment by heirs of a body so that the grave space or lot may be sold for profit to themselves or to any other person or persons, or disinterment contrary to the written directions of the original grave space or lot owner, shall not be allowed.

16. St. Rose shall not be liable for any damages to any casket, vault, or box incurred in making a removal.

Article 3: Blocks, Lots, and Grave Spaces

1. Generally the Cemetery is divided into blocks, which are in turn sub-divided into lots of various sizes.
2. All arrangements to lease a lot or grave space shall be coordinated with the Cemetery Committee, after which the lessee shall make payment to St. Rose for such purchase. The lessee shall receive a Cemetery lease from the Cemetery Committee for the lot or grave spaces

leased. A purchaser acquires no right, title, or interest to the land and may not inter a body or cremains in any grave space in the Cemetery until he/she has paid in full for said grave space or spaces, along with any and all interment fees.

3. A lot lessee may sell the lease of his/her grave space or spaces, with St. Rose's permission. The Lessee must let the Cemetery Committee know of the transaction.
4. St. Rose shall have the right to refuse to consent to a transfer or any conveyance of said grave spaces as long as there is any indebtedness due to the Cemetery by a recorded lot or grave space lessee.
5. If the grave space is donated back to St. Rose, it can be resold by St. Rose.
6. If there are no heirs at law of a lot lessee and he/she has not provided by will for the disposal of lots, the remaining space or spaces goes back to St. Rose Cemetery after normal inquiry of any known relatives and in accordance with State laws pertaining to the above.
7. A single interment may not be buried so as to occupy more than one grave space without written direction from the lot lessee or his/her heirs.

Article 4: Care of the Cemetery

1. All grading, general landscape work, improvements, all openings and closings of graves, and all interment, disinterment's, and removals shall be made by the Cemetery Committee or under their direction.
2. All plantings of trees, shrubs, bushes, plants, and flowers shall be under the direction of the Pastoral Council and removal or pruning of the above listed items must also be under the Councils supervision. The Council may remove any unauthorized planting. St. Rose shall not be liable for such removals. St. Rose Pastoral Council will decide if items are of excessive or questionable nature as to the appropriateness of placement in the Cemetery.
3. Floral arrangements and designs, flowers, shrubs, trees, weeds or herbage or any plastic or any other item may be removed by the Cemetery Committee whenever they judge them to be unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, diseased, or distracting from the general décor of the Cemetery. St. Rose shall not be liable for flower pieces, baskets, frames or other objects left for or after a funeral service or for decoration of grave over winter. St. Rose shall not be liable for lost, misplaced or otherwise damaged flower cases unless damaged by St. Rose personnel in the performance of their duties. St. Rose shall not be responsible for frozen plants or herbage of any kind, or for plantings damaged by the elements, drought, and lack of water, thieves, and vandals or by the other causes beyond its control.

4. Glass containers of any kind are not permitted in the Cemetery.
5. Flowers (silk, plastic or real) along with any other type of decoration are not permitted on lots or grave spaces from April 1 through November 1, except five (5) days before Memorial Day to seven (7) days after Memorial Day, unless contained in a permanent type of container approved by these rules and located on the base of the concrete.
6. St. Rose lessees may decorate grave spaces of lots from November 1 through April. St. Rose is not responsible for any items that have been moved, damaged or lost during this time period, either in the performance of its duties or by other third parties.
7. The right to replant, regrade, use property, change boundaries, remove, regrade or pave roadways, change location of drives and walks along with removing or planting trees, etc., is expressly reserved by the St. Rose Pastoral council.
8. Patrons of St. Rose Cemetery may water grave spaces, lots, trees, and bushes or flowers.
9. Curbing, fences, or hedges around any grave space or lots are prohibited.
10. No elevated mounds shall be built over graves.

11. Initial seeding and ongoing seeding of graves after burial may be performed by the family members of the deceased.

Article 5: Monument and Marker Regulations

1. Any permanent markers or decorations must be approved by the Parish Council. This includes any wording to be placed on such markers.
2. The length of a marker or monument (this does not include grave slabs/ledgers, as they will not be allowed in the Cemetery) may not exceed 75% of the width of a single grave or when two (2) or more adjoining grave spaces are used, the length may not exceed 75% of the total width of those spaces.
3. St. Rose may charge a fee to the lot lessee or person requiring the movement of a large monument or marker or to open a grave. St. Rose is not responsible for the replacement of any foundation damage to open a grave.
4. All Memorial foundations shall be placed on solid ground outside of the actual grave space, except where a concrete box or vault is of sufficient strength to support the weight of the foundation and the memorial and will not interfere with future grave openings.
5. Any and all permits and fees shall be paid before any monument marker or foundation work can begin.

6. The wash for a monument or markers shall be level with the ground at least 6" thick and extend no more than 6" away from the monument or marker. The lot lessee is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the wash.
7. All monuments or markers shall be no more than 16" width and be set in a straight line with lot lines. All monument companies shall locate all corner pins in order to maintain said straight lines.
8. For all large monuments, St. Rose reserves the right to regulate the construction materials, size and design, which will prevent settlement or damage to the stone work, or regulate that which would detract from dignity or appearance of the Cemetery.
9. All new ground level vases shall be installed against the monument or markers as part of the base or wash. The only exception shall be where one vase is being replaced and must match a second existing vase.
10. No foundation or vase shall extend outside the grave space of a lot lessee.
11. All monuments or markers shall be constructed of marble, granite, or bronze. Rock, steel, aluminum, or formed concrete plate, wood, etc., shall not be used for markers or monuments.

12. The setting of monuments, markers, or vases and the transportation of all tools, materials, etc., within the Cemetery shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Cemetery Committee. Vehicle traffic will not be permitted within the Cemetery when in the opinion of the Cemetery Committee, such traffic may cause damage to the roadways.
13. Monuments or markers shall not be removed unless notice has been given to the St. Rose Pastoral council in writing.
14. In the event existing curbs/markers/monuments become a maintenance hazard or become unsightly because of deterioration and/or disrepair, the Cemetery Committee shall notify the lot owner or heirs, if at all possible, that the curb/marker/monument must be repaired within 30 days, weather permitting, or it shall be removed. If no lot lessee or heir can be located, the Cemetery shall repair or remove the curb/marker/monument at the Council's discretion.
15. No footings, vase placements, marker or monuments shall be constructed on weekends without authorization from the Cemetery Committee.
16. All monuments of odd sizes require approval by St. Rose Pastoral Council.
17. All monument dealers or agents shall be responsible for damage to property while they are in the act of doing work in the cemetery. All material used for doing work shall be cleared away when work is completed.

Article 6: Mausoleums

All persons owning a mausoleum will be required to maintain their own lots. Mausoleums may be placed only on such lots as may be set aside or designated. All applications for permits to erect such structures shall be made in writing to the St. Rose Pastoral Council. Complete plans and specifications of the proposed construction, including details of materials, workmanship, method of construction, wording to be affixed, etc., shall accompany such application and the approval of the St. Rose Pastoral Council must be obtained thereon before any structure is built. If said permit is not obtained and Mausoleum is being built or is built, the St. Rose Pastoral Council will remove said Mausoleum at owner's expense.

Article 7: Fees, Charges, Permits, and Payment

1. Payment of all fees, charges, permits, and payments are payable at the time of service and shall be made with the St. Rose Church Pastor or Secretary.
2. A schedule of all fees, charges, permits and payments as established by St. Rose Pastoral Council and in Appendix "A" hereto shall be on file with the Cemetery Committee and St. Rose Parish Office. Such schedule may be changed from time to time upon approval by the St. Rose Pastoral council.

Appendix A
Cemetery Rates and Fees

Grave Space Purchases:

General Cemetery:

Parishioners.....	\$100.00
Outside parish.....	\$600.00
Cremains.....	\$100.00
Mausoleums.....	determined by the St. Rose Council

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