



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Memorial Garden  
(Columbarium)

# THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gloria Dei provides a wonderful place (columbarium) for the cremated remains of deceased members, former members and their spouses and children. Also included are the cremated remains of friends of the church who have a special connection to Gloria Dei. The Memorial Garden contains 222 niches each with the capacity for one or two urns.

There is also a place for only a Memorial Plaque/Name Plate to be reserved on this Memorial Garden Wall. This is a separate and lower cost than a Columbarium niche \$500. The name plate section (without urn) is on the north side of the wall and will accommodate thirty-six listed names.

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium is located at the top of the church's property, nestled in a beautiful and very private setting.

## FAITH ✚ HOPE ✚ LOVE

The greatest is love.  
(1 Corinthians 13)

### What is the purpose of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium?

It is a place to pray, remember, and to give thanks to God for the deceased person's life. The setting is a small canyon at the far back of the church property, with a fountain, towering cross, native plants, and wall proclaiming 1 Corinthians 13: *"Three things last forever - Faith, Hope, Love - The greatest is love."*

### More Benefits

- Enables Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to support you and your family.
- Simplifies funeral planning and provides pastoral support.
- Enables visitation of your loved one in a specific place
- Theologically sound.
- Environmentally friendly.
- Significant cost savings compared to other traditional burials with one cost for all services.
- Allows regular visitation and prayer.

### Fee to Reserve a Niche/Name Plate

The total fee to reserve a niche is \$2000, due at the time of reservation (\$3000 for non-members - when available). There are no additional fees and this niche holds two containers. Payment plans/methods can be arranged with the Church Administrator. The church may offer savings to those members who are unable to afford this amount. Please speak with a pastor about this situation.

The fee to reserve a name plate on the Memorial wall is \$500.

### How to Select a Niche

When your deposit is made, you will have the opportunity to select an available niche. The church office maintains a list of available locations. You are welcome to visit and view what is available.

### How to Reserve a Niche

To make a reservation, complete the reservation form along with the payment.

When approved by the Columbarium Committee, it will be recorded in the church office and distributed to the owner.

### Committal Service

Only a pastor of Gloria Dei or an ordained minister invited by a pastor may officiate at a committal service at the Memorial Garden.

### Urns

The urn that may be used in the Columbarium is one provided by the church. This is included in the fee, along with an engraved granite faceplate. This is another savings for the family.

### Facing Stones

After the remains are placed in the niche, the Facing Stone is placed in front and sealed. It is made of natural granite. Granite will maintain its simple elegance over time. The size and style of the inscriptions on each Facing Stone is prescribed by the church.

### Interest/Information:

For more information, or to receive the necessary paperwork to complete the process, please call or email the church office:

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