



BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY POLICY

Policy relating to Belin Memorial UMC Cemetery:

- Reservation of burial sites must be made by payment in full. A certificate of ownership will be issued and notarized upon receipt of payment. No person is entitled to burial in a plot unless ownership is recorded with the administration or by providing proof of purchase by certificate.
- Burial plots and Columbarium niches are generally reserved for Belin members. Non-church members with family members already buried in the cemetery will be entitled to the right of burial (family is defined as husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister). Exceptions may also be made in extenuating circumstances by discretion of the senior pastor, church administrator, or chairperson of the Belin Memorial Trustees. Non-church purchasers shall be limited to two (2) plots.
- No plot may be resold or transferred to any person, except that holder of the certificate may transfer such to his or her spouse, ancestors or lineal descendants. If holder is interested in disposing of his or her certificate, the Belin Memorial Cemetery will redeem the certificate at the same amount paid for the burial site(s).
- Conditions for interment:
 - Approval is required by the Cemetery Administration prior to burial.
 - Gravesites are marked by Cemetery Steward.
 - All caskets must be placed in a vault.
 - All graves must be leveled by the funeral director and the grass sod replaced. Excess dirt should also be removed.
- Up to four (4) urns may be buried in one gravesite; one casket and one urn may be buried in one gravesite.
- A permanent marker or headstone must be placed on the grave within one year of interment; extensions of time for this purpose will be at the discretion of the Belin Cemetery Committee. Monuments, markers, or structures will be installed in a size and manner complimentary to the cemetery. A dimensional specification must be submitted to the Belin Board of Trustees for approval prior to installation of any structure on the cemetery property.
- Coping walls or fence, benches, or shrubbery may not be placed on gravesites. All corner markers must be flush with the ground to enhance mowing.
- Flowers, personal items and other decorations placed on the grave by families must be tasteful and reverent. All such items are the property of the family and must be cared for by the family and removed when they are out of date or damaged. The Cemetery Stewards and Administrator reserve the right to remove items at their discretion.
- The Cemetery shall be restricted to the burial of human remains and shall expressly preclude the use of any burial site for the purpose of burying any non-human remains, including but not limited to pets, dogs, cats, etc.

Policy relating to Belin Memorial UMC Columbarium:

- The price of the niche includes the name plate. The plates are furnished by the Belin Memorial Cemetery and are universal in size. The name plate shall be embossed with the birth year and the death year.
- Remains or ashes must be placed in a suitable urn before placing in a niche. The size limitations are 11" x 11" x 11". Double urn niches are available only in columbarium unit III.
- No vases for flowers are allowed to be placed on or attached to the columbarium.

Policy relating to Belin Memorial Wall:

The Belin Memorial Wall is a place of remembrance and solace for church members and non-members to memorialize loved ones whose final resting place is other than the Belin Memorial Cemetery. Standard engraving will include name, birth date and death date of deceased.