

**UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION**

Memorial Garden



For those we have loved and lost.

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For further information, https://uucnr.org/memorial_committee/

UUC Memorial Garden

PURPOSE: The Memorial Garden is intended as a repository for the ashes of members, and as a peaceful garden for meditation and remembrance.

LOCATION: The Memorial Garden is located on the hillside above the Elarth Hall entrance to the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House accessible by a gently rising pathway.

ELIGIBILITY: Any past or present member or friend of the UU Congregation, or others with sufficient connection to the UUC may inter or scatter ashes in the Memorial Garden.



NICHES: A niche for the interment of ashes is obtained by payment of a fee, currently \$1,500. The fee includes an inscription on the niche plate. Inscriptions require approval by the Memorial Committee.

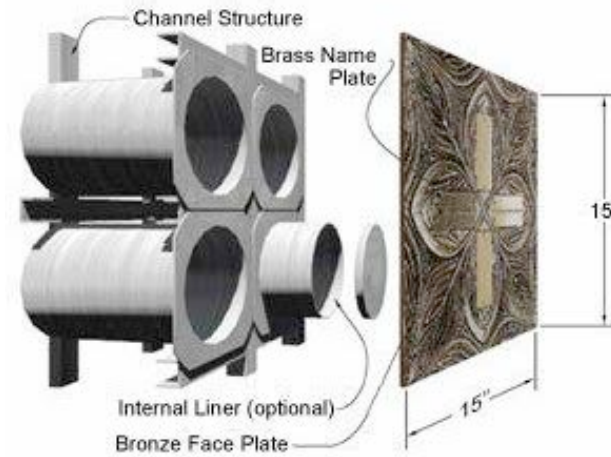
SCATTERING: As an alternative ashes may be scattered in designated areas by a family member, by clergy, or by a Memorial Committee member. The fee for scattering is \$300 and includes an inscribed paving brick.

MEMORIAL BOOK: Additionally relatives of the decedent may memorialize their loved one in the MEMORIAL BOOK, which may consist of a biography, an obituary, poetry or other writings important to the decedent and the family and photographs, not to exceed 2 single sided pages measuring 8.5 x11 inches.

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAN: Landscape architect, Lori Toliver-Jones of Land Heritage Designs, a UU Congregation friend, designed the garden at the request of the Memorial Committee in November, 2009. The garden site is located on the bank above the crescent garden behind the church. The garden has an interior dimension of 126 feet and an 8 foot wide border. A path from the handicapped entrance slopes up the hill to the garden.



COLUMBARIUM: a bronze faceplate covers the cylindrical niches which are sealed once the ashes are in place. Space allows for the engraving of name and dates.



MEMORIAL PAVERS AS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND RAISERS: You may also purchase an engraved brick with a sentiment or simply a name and dates precisely engraved and color filled (maximum 3 lines for small paver, 8 lines for large paver, 20 characters per line).

\$150 for a 4x8"
\$200 for an 8x8"

Any UUC member or friend may purchase a paver, which does not necessarily have to be in memoriam. It may be words appropriate to the purpose of the UUC Memorial Garden.



The garden offers a beautiful, restful spot for contemplation.



Large and small pavers surround the open lawn area.



The Peace Pole at the garden entrance memorializes the 32 victims of the April, 16, 2007 massacre on the Virginia Tech campus. Peace is inscribed in the eight languages of their native countries.