

OAK SHADE CEMETERY

MARION, IOWA

Oak Shade Cemetery is administered under laws of the State of Iowa and ordinances of the City of Marion, Iowa. The Marion Park Board is the agency directly responsible for administration and maintenance of the cemetery.

Park Board

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The beauty and continuity of Oak Shade Cemetery depends on the cooperative efforts of all families who have loved ones entrusted to our care. To maintain the grounds to the highest standards, we ask that you read and observe the following regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Relative: Means a great-grandparent, grandparent, father, mother, spouse, child, brother, sister, nephew, niece, uncle aunt, first cousin, second cousin, third cousin, or grandchild connected to a person by either blood or affinity.

Lot: Means an area containing more than one interment space identified by a numeric system and in most cases contains twelve (12) spaces.

Grave Space: Means the space of ground used or intended to be used for an in-ground burial. Each space measures 40" wide x 10' in length.

RULES

1. **Potted plants and artificial decorations** are allowed and shall be placed adjacent to the headstone. **Live plants** placed in the ground shall be prohibited on lots/grave spaces unless written permission has been received from the Park Board or its authorized representatives. No breakable containers are permitted.

Spring: All decorations shall be *removed by March 1st* for spring cleanup. New decorations may be placed after May 1st.

Fall: All decorations shall be *removed by October 1st* for fall cleanup. Blankets and wreaths are permitted after Thanksgiving and may remain until March 1st.

2. New **headstones, monuments or markers** must be set on foundations and shall be constructed of concrete or granite, shall extend four (4) inches beyond the marker on all sides, and be of an adequate depth to hold the stone upright. Placement of memorials must be approved by the cemetery and be completed by an approved memorial dealer.

3. Interments shall be limited to one traditional interment (full burial) or up to two cremains interments in each interment space. Interment of pet cremains is not permitted.

4. Burials without a concrete vault or equivalent structure that minimizes excessive settling of a grave are prohibited.
5. Cremated remains shall be interred at least 18 inches below the surface of the ground. Scattering of cremated remains on the surface of the ground is prohibited in the cemetery.
6. No person shall be interred in a grave space except the owner of interment rights or their relative.
7. No burial shall be allowed on a space unless it has been paid for in full.
8. The Marion Park Board is empowered to make exceptions to the foregoing rules upon a written request and a clear and definite showing that literal enforcement of the rule would create an unreasonable hardship and that the exceptions would not defeat the public interest served by the rule.
9. No interment space shall be sold or transferred without notifying the cemetery at which time the records shall be updated and a new Certificate of Interment Rights issued.
10. The cemetery shall be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, and no one shall be present on the cemetery property except between those hours.
11. Cemetery road maximum speed limit is 15 m.p.h.
12. Cemetery visitors accompanied by pets shall clean up after their animals. Per Marion Code 55.13.2, animals shall be on a leash at all times while in a City park.

RATES

The following schedule of charges shall be in effect January 1, 2023:

Regular Space		Infant Space	
Space	\$640.00	Space	\$320.00
Perpetual Care	<u>160.00</u>	Perpetual Care	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$800.00	Total	\$400.00

For space that is **needed immediately**, it must be guaranteed by funeral home or paid by family before burial is allowed. Burial fees are charged in addition to the space fee and handled with funeral home at the time of burial.

Pre-need arrangements (for spaces only) are allowed; payment in full at time of purchase or on payment plan contract as follows:

Payment Plan: A 20% down payment is required with the balance to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments. If contract is not paid in full within 12 months, interest will be charged.

Oak Shade Cemetery is managed by the
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