



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
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WICHITA

Natural Burial Area, Ascension Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas

Rules and Regulations

- No concrete vaults
- All burial containers must be biodegradable
 - Transportation to the cemetery must be done by licensed funeral home
 - Simple wood box
 - Minimal amount of metal hinges or screws would be acceptable
 - Burial shroud
 - Must use a minimum of a cardboard carrier, top of carrier may be left off with the approval of the immediate family
 - Wicker basket
 - Or similar
 - Cemetery will provide the standard lowering device
 - Lowering will be done by cemetery personnel
 - Funeral Home may need to provide wood platform to support the burial container (approximately 18" x 72")
- Internment of cremated remains. One half graves are available for cremation only, therefore only one allowed per one half grave.
 - Directly in the grave
 - Biodegradable container
 - Wood box
 - Wicker basket
 - Or similar
- No embalming
 - Embalming with "nontoxic chemicals" would be acceptable

- No tombstones
 - Plaque on memorial wall is included with grave purchase
 - No other memorialization without permission of director of cemeteries
 - No artificial flowers, wreaths, tree chimes and/or any other decorations will be allowed
 - No ceramic, glass and/or any other type of figurine will be permitted
 - Only cut flowers or greenery laid on the grave will be allowed
- Cemetery will provide the standard lowering device
- Only one burial per grave (No second interments of cremated remains)
- Graves may take years to settle, cemetery personnel will adjust the ground around the burial throughout the year
- All work done in the Natural Burial Area will be done by cemetery staff only. No planting or digging will be done except by cemetery personnel
- Cemetery personnel will hand shovel the first 1/4 of the grave, then modern machinery will complete the process of burial
 - If family requests to assist in the interment, shovels will be provided