

VIII Personal Burial Information

If you would like further information

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IX PERSONAL BURIAL INFORMATION

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Riverview Cemetery

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I History of Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery

Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery lies 0.5 miles West of Melrude on Cemetery Road, over looking the Paleface River. The oldest gravesite is that of Arthur Sheldon; dated February of 1926.

It is said that Fred Johnson and Victor Carlson cut the trees, and grubbed the stumps. They then plowed the land, disked it and planted potatoes the first year. After that, grass seed was planted and it has been kept up by the Community and Township.

II Supervision of Cemetery

The Cemetery reserves the right to compel all persons coming into the Cemetery, to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Cemetery Committee and the Ellsburg Town Board. The rules and regulations may be amended and revised by the officiating member of the Cemetery Committee without prior notice to any lot owner, but not without public posting. The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect property owners and the property rights of owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage from acts or causes beyond its reasonable control.

The Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it, either in making interments, disinterment by substituting interment rights of equal value or similar location if possible. Refund price is by the sole discretion of the Cemetery Committee.

III Ownership of Interment

To purchase a burial site in the Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery, contact the Registrar of Deeds of the Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery Committee. Interment rights shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of human remains.

ANY MARKER PLACED INCORRECTLY WILL BE RESET AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

Deeds will be furnished with information regarding the section and type of stones allowed, i.e.: monument or flat.

All burials should be marked with a stone within 12 months.

VII Flowers and Plants

Real flowers will be allowed from May 20th - September 15th as long as they are in acceptable Cemetery boxes or vases. If the flowers become unsightly they will be removed by the grounds keeper. Contact the sexton to retrieve your baskets. Artificial flowers will be allowed if they are secure in acceptable Cemetery boxes or vases or a monument hanger designed specifically for that purpose.

Any flowers stuck into the ground or in a non regulation container and posing a potential hazard for the groundskeepers, visitors or equipment will be removed and disposed of at once.

Bouquets at the time of the funeral will be discarded when the flowers become unsightly or when that section is next mowed.

All baskets, etc. will be removed. (Shepherd hooks may remain in place but the basket or pot must be removed.) by September 15th, if they are not removed, the Cemetery Committee will remove them and will not be responsible for their return or storage.

Flowers, trees, shrubs and plants will only be planted on the grounds by the Cemetery Committee or persons appointed, any others planted will be removed.

Cemetery baskets will be of standard design and will not weigh more than 20 pounds for easy lifting when mowing and trimming. Baskets will have live plants or if artificial is used they must be securely anchored in the basket for safety. We ask that one basket be used per plot.

Shepherd Hooks are being encouraged as they allow mowing and trimming to be done easily. They are an attractive addition and easily maintained by the family, the hooks are being allowed to remain in place but the baskets or pots must be removed each fall.

Planting of any kind in the cemetery is strictly prohibited and will be removed, the maintenance of the stones, monuments, baskets and vases etc. is the sole responsibility of the lot/ plot owner. The general care of the Cemetery grounds is assumed by the Cemetery Committee and its appointed persons.

Persons wishing to purchase lots, are invited to visit the Cemetery, with a Committee member to help with selection and questions. After the selection is made and the purchase price is paid, a deed will be issued and copies kept on file with the Township to assist in record keeping. **No interments shall be allowed until**

ALL FEES are paid and the transaction is complete

The sale or transfer of any interment rights by any owner or purchaser shall not be binding until first authorized and approved by the Cemetery Committee. After the transfer is complete a new deed will be issued and copies made for record keeping. The Cemetery Committee has the right to refuse a transfer if there is indebtedness on the lot(s).

The subdivision of interment rights is not allowed without the consent of the Committee and no person shall be buried in any lot without having an interest therein, except by written consent of all parties concerned with the lot and approved by the Cemetery Committee by regular or special meeting.

Single graves may be purchased in sections designated for that purpose; there will be no choice of location as space will be filled in regular order. Should any grave be vacated, and body removed from the cemetery and there are no survivors, the space shall revert back to the Cemetery for resale.

No interment rights or contracts for the purchase of interment rights, can be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated without the written approval of the Cemetery Committee.

The burial of two "bodies" in one grave site will be allowed if one or both are an urn of cremated remains; or if there are two newborn infants, (vaults not to exceed 24 inches in length). There will be flat stones placed with names, dates etc.

All agreements for the purchase of Cemetery interment rights must be of forms approved and signed by the Cemetery Committee and the Town of Ellsburg, **"Verbal" agreements or representations will not be recognized**. All said agreements must provide for payment into the Cemetery Fund for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee may exchange interment rights when desired by owners, but not for interment rights of lesser value. When such exchange is made, the original conveyance must be surrendered by proper assignment or by re- conveyance if considered necessary before any change is effected.

Owner of interment rights may dispose of same by will. If the owner dies instate, the interment rights will descend to heirs according to Minnesota laws of descent.

There shall be no "conditional or partial" transfer of interment rights and no sale of an undivided interest, except to a person or persons who are already part owners on a recorded will; as the Cemetery cannot be responsible for carrying out the grantors intent.

Winter Burials- Although the Cemetery prefers not to allow a winter burial, Minnesota Statute 306.99 states they must be allowed. The owners will assume all expenses of plowing the road, locating the grave, digging, filling; and moving the body if buried in the wrong spot and must be relocated the following spring.

IV Disinterment

Disinterment must have the proper Authorization presented to the Cemetery Committee and a copy provided for record keeping, before any disinterment will be allowed to take place. All disinterment will be performed by the Cemetery Personnel and supervised by Cemetery or Town Board members.

Arrangements for the disinterment of remains and vault removal must be made with someone other than the Cemetery Committee but will be supervised by said members. After disinterment, the lot ownership will remain deeded to the original owner to follow Minnesota Title of Descent unless the owner makes transfer by assignment. If the lot is no longer wanted by the family, through the Cemetery Committee consent, it may be sold back to the Township for the original purchase price.

No disinterment will take place without the proper paperwork on file and any person reported to be trying to remove remains from the Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery will be reported to the Sheriff for prosecution.

V Rules of Cemetery

All persons visiting the grounds of the Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery are expected to conduct themselves in a proper respectful manner.

All persons are forbidden to hunt, feed or disturb fowl or other animals at the Cemetery.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by Minnesota Statute 307.08 sub. 2; will strictly be enforced in all cases of deliberate injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

All well disposed persons will confer a favor by informing the Committee or the Town Board of any breach of proper decorum that may come under their notice. No person or persons other than those appointed by the Cemetery Committee or the Town Board shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms on the grounds except a Military Honor Guard; and they only when in charge of an Officer and during a Military Service.

The Cemetery Committee and their agents have authority to enter upon any lot and to remove anything objectionable placed contrary to the Cemetery Rules, they may also trim or remove any dead, damaged, unsightly or overgrown tree, shrub, vine, flowers, plants and bushes.

No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Cemetery except by the public access, which will be considered to be open during such daylight hours as authorized by the Cemetery Committee, any person found on the Cemetery grounds after hours will be considered a trespasser. Speeds of over 10 M.P.H. will not be permitted and there will be no riding or driving upon the lawns or grounds without permission, persons in vehicles will only use the roadways. Persons driving snow machines and ATV's are not allowed on Cemetery property and will be turned in to the Sheriff's office for prosecution.

No enclosure of any kind, i.e.: fence coping, hedge or ditch shall be permitted around any grave or lot. Grave mounds will not be allowed and no lots shall be raised above the established grade of the land.

No rock, bark, chips, statues, bird baths, benches etc. shall be allowed and will be removed and disposed of if placed on the grounds.

If a family would like to donate such objects to the Cemetery it may be able to be place in such a manner into the landscape as to not create a safety or management problem. The family will have to contact the Cemetery Committee with the information and the Committee will discuss the suitability and location.

If any memorial or any structure or stone is placed with an inscription which is deemed inappropriate or offensive, it will be removed at the owner's expense.

Graves are to be located with a family representative and a Cemetery Committee person and then marked before the burial is to take place and will be contacted by the family or Funeral Director. All burials will be made in a permanent outside container, (vault) which is approved for this purpose and is concrete, steel or fiberglass. Cremated remains must also be in a proper container. **No burial will be permitted in Ellsburg Riverview Cemetery, nor will any body be placed in any vault until all laws regarding**

burials in force in the State of Minnesota, St. Louis County and the **Township of Ellsburg shall be complied with and all burial fees have been paid.** A **member** of the Cemetery Committee **must be present** during the burial of any remains (including cremation remains).

No dogs or other pets are allowed on the Cemetery grounds, beer and liquor is also not allowed. No boxes, shells, toys, or discarded glassware, sprinkling cans, receptacles or other similar articles will be permitted on any grave, lot or tree.

No wooden or wire trellis, benches or chairs will be permitted.

The Cemetery is not responsible for the theft or damage to any thing placed on the graves or lots.

VI Lots, Plots, Markers & Interment Info.

Prices for grave LOTS and PLOTS (200)

	Resident	Non-Resident
Single grave	\$150.00	\$300.00
Two grave lot	\$300.00	\$600.00
Four grave lot	\$600.00	\$1,200.00

Interment Fee is \$100.00 and payable at the time of interment.

All lots/ plots must be paid for before burial is allowed, (subject to Cemetery Committee's discretion).

Grave sites will be measured and marked for the sextant by the Committee members before a site is excavated. If a burial takes place when procedures have not been followed, the family will be responsible for securing permits and moving the body to the correct site.

Monuments and Stones

To place all monuments and stones, companies must contact a sextant or the town clerk before installing, so they can be present at the time of placement. The largest size monument for a single lot is 26 inches by 12 inches and no higher than 26 inches. The largest for a double lot will be 48 inches by 12 inches and no higher than 36 inches.

Headstones and Footstones must be installed FLUSH to the ground. Single marker should be 12" x 24" x 4"
Double markers should be 14" x 42" x 4"

NO ABOVE GROUND MONUMENTS ON BLOCK'S A AND B.

ALL MONUMENT AND MARKER PLACEMENTS ARE TO BE MARKED BY THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE BEFORE PLACEMENT.