

St John's Merivale Cemetery, Anglican

A Heritage Cemetery established in 1847



Located at 1876 Merivale Road, Ottawa, Ontario.

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1.0 A Short History

The St John Merivale Cemetery – Anglican, is one of three small cemeteries referred to as the Merivale Cemeteries. These Cemeteries include: St John Merivale Cemetery, Anglican; the Merivale United Church Cemetery; the Pinecrest Cemetery, Merivale.

The Merivale area is that portion “of Nepean that followed Concessions A, One and Two, Rideau Front focusing on the Slack side road linking these concessions. The junction of Merivale and Slack Roads was the centre of the Merivale Community. The local blacksmith, hotel, school and Orange Lodge faced that intersection. The Merivale churches and cemeteries were situated north of the intersection along the Merivale Road at Lot 28, Concession One, Rideau Front. Today, this whole area is one of strip malls, business areas, garages, food outlets and a thriving, busy thoroughfare, continuing well south of Slack Road. The cemeteries are completely surrounded by commercial businesses, with the Hunt Club extension only one block away connecting Bells Corners and the Ottawa International Airport”¹, and continuing on to join Hwy 417 in the east end of Ottawa.

The land, three quarters of an acre, for the Anglican cemetery was donated by William & Jane Hopper formally in a deed dated May 10, 1876. However, the first burial in the Anglican portion of the cemetery was John Bell, in 1847. ²

The parish of St John the Divine, or St John’s as it was originally referred to, are responsible for the administration of the cemetery. The church was located on the site of the cemetery from the early days in the 1840’s until the early 1960’s when the church building was torn down. The parish then moved to a new church building located on Slack Road. In 2002 the congregation relocated once more and changed its name. It moved to the Barrhaven area and became known as Good Shepherd Barrhaven. It continues to administer the affairs of the St John Merivale Cemetery – Anglican.

2.0 Contacts

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¹ The Merivale Cemeteries: Elliott, Bruce S.; Ottawa Public Library, Publication No. 00-02, ISBN 0-7779-1496-4; pg3

² Ibid; pg4

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What do I do IF:

I want to buy a burial plot

- Think about what type of plot you would need / want
- Take a walk around the Cemetery itself, take a look at our price lists and the By-Laws to see if what we can offer will suit your needs
- Call one of the Cemetery Committee, listed in the Contacts
- Tell us what you are looking for and we can talk about what would be available
- Make an appointment to meet with us so that we can review and physically view the plot/s you are considering. When you have made a decision, we will get together to take care of the paperwork required. Remember that plots must be completely paid for before we can issue a Sale Indenture.

I need to arrange for a burial (interment / inurnment)

- You will need to contact a member of the Cemetery Committee who administers the Cemetery. You can find their contact information under Contacts
- You must make an appointment to make these arrangements
- At this appointment, you must provide:
 - o Burial or cremation certificate
 - o Proof of Ownership for the burial rights for the plot, or
 - o Proof of Ownership and written permission from the plot owner for the burial to take place, or written permission from the authorized informant or Power of Attorney for the plot owner for the burial to take place
- You will be asked to fill in a form, “Order for Interment/Inurnment”, and we will talk about what you are looking for (i.e. what – full casket burial or cremation urn, when – date, timing)
- After this discussion, you will be provided with the costs for your request, based on your needs, timing, and/or season. These costs must be paid in advance of the interment/inurnment. Only cash or certified cheque can be accepted. If you were planning to use a credit card to cover these costs, you would need to approach your bank for a cash advance on the card.

I want to place a memorial marker on a burial plot

- Either before or after you contact the retailer of the memorial marker you want to place, you must contact a member of the Cemetery Committee (the administration) who administers the Cemetery. You can find their contact information under Contacts.
- You will need to apply for permission to have any memorial marker placed on a plot. You will need to provide:
 - o Proof of Ownership of the plot, and, if you are not the plot owner, written permission from the plot owner or authorized informant / Power of Attorney for the plot owner, for the memorial to be placed.
 - o Although the various memorial marker vendors in this area have been advised of our Cemetery specifications for memorial markers, it will be your responsibility to be aware of these specifications (included in the Cemetery By-Laws – Section 8: Memorialization).
- The Cemetery administration will work with the vendor you have chosen to ensure the site for the memorial is marked prior to the date the vendor wishes to pour the concrete foundation for the marker.
 - o The memorial vendor is required to pay a fee to the cemetery, prior to work beginning on the memorial marker
- The memorial marker vendor must advise the administrator when the foundation has been poured. At that time, the administrator will inspect the foundation to ensure it meets the specifications for the placement and size of the memorial.
- When it has been ascertained that the foundation is correct, permission will be granted for the memorial marker to be installed.

I have any other questions

Contact any member of the Cemetery Committee.

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By-Laws (this is a separate document that should be attached in its entirety)

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5.0 Price Lists

5.1 Burial Plots*:

**Note: The purchase is for the burial rights in a plot, not for the land of the plot itself.*

Traditional Burial Plot:

Burial Plot Size = 3' by 10'
Capacity = 4 cremation urns, or 1 casket + 2 urns

Price:

Land -	\$ 1,200.00
Care & Maintenance -	\$ 800.00
Total Price	\$ 2,000.00

Cremation Urn Plot:

Burial Plot Size = 2' x 2'
Capacity = 1 cremation urn

Price:

Land -	\$ 600.00
Care & Maintenance -	\$ 200.00
Total Price	\$ 1,000.00

5.2 Services

5.2.1 Interments/Inurnments*:

Monday – Friday (9:00am to 4:00pm)

Interments (full casket burial)	\$1,670.70
Inurnment (cremation urn)	\$ 614.15

Additional Fees:

Saturday fees

9:00am to 12:00pm	\$ 175.15
12:00pm to 3:00pm	\$ 480.25
after 3:00pm, each .5hr	\$ 322.05

Winter fees (Dec 15 – Apr 15)	\$ 276.85
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***Disinterments/Disinurnments: The same fees shall apply as for an interment / inurnment.**

Please note that the prices listed for Interments/Inurnments, are based on pricing from Pinecrest Memorial Services, and will change in accordance with any price changes from Pinecrest Memorial Services.

5.2.2 Memorial Marker Placement:

The following fees must be paid to the Cemetery, prior to the installation of the foundation for a memorial marker:

Bronze Markers:

Urn plot or cremation urn grave	\$ 50.00
Single plot / grave	\$ 100.00
Two plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 200.00
Four plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 400.00

Flush Type Memorial Markers:

Urn plot or cremation urn grave	\$ 50.00
Single plot / grave	\$ 100.00
Two plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 200.00
Four plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 400.00

Upright Memorial Markers:

Urn plot or cremation urn grave	\$ 50.00
Single plot / grave	\$ 100.00
Two plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 200.00
Four plots / graves – side-by-side	\$ 400.00

5.2.3 Other

Special requests for other services at the Cemetery will be priced on an individual case basis, determined according to the request.

NB: Prices may change at any time, at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee and with the approval of the Parish of Good Shepherd Barrhaven.