

## **St. Mary Catholic Cemetery of Calhoun County Pomeroy, IA 50575**

All rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Sioux City in respect of the government of the Catholic Cemetery Improvement Society of Calhoun County shall be kept and observed. Adoption of rules and their enforcement are prerequisite to secure peace and order within the cemetery and to preserve its beauty.

### **VEHICLES**

Maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Stay on the roads. Park on the road or along the edge of the road.

### **MARKERS / MEMORIALS**

- Recommended: Flags, flowers and memorials not in attached vases may be placed on the grave 10 days in advance and be removed 10 days after Memorial Day. Removal of flags, flowers and memorials left on the graves outside this time frame are left to the discretion of the grounds keeper.
- Glass of any nature cannot be used for the containment of grave decorations.
- Rock, wood, plants, trees, or shrubs are not permitted around the base of a memorial.
- The cemetery is not responsible for the care of flags, saddles, flowers and memorials placed in the cemetery.
- The cemetery is not responsible for damage or vandalism to memorials or monuments.
- Upright memorial decorations must be placed near the cement / granite monument bases. They **should not** be placed on the lawn over the gravesite to allow for ease of mowing maintenance.
- Owners and / or heirs of monuments or memorials are responsible for maintenance and repair. Homeowner insurance often covers this expense. Call your insurance agent for more information.
- Field rocks are allowed as grave markers if the stone fits into the dimension criteria.
- Recommended: Markers for single spaces are not to exceed 30 inches across. Markers for double spaces are not to exceed 66 inches across.
- Foundations for markers / monuments are not to greatly exceed the length or width of markers / monuments.
- The cemetery ground's keeper or designee reserves the right to remove ~~any~~ trees, shrubs or plants, which violates the general plan, obstructs an adjacent lot or is injurious to the general appearance of the cemetery. The cemetery committee, in conjunction with the ground's keeper, will decide on trees, shrubs or plant placement. Family donations toward new plantings are welcome. If a family donates a new planting, there is no need for the family to purchase a plot upon which it will be placed. Water accessibility will be available from May through September for new plantings, however, hydrants will be locked to prevent non-authorized usage. A minimal monthly fee for water usage will be due the city of Pomeroy during those five months. There is a "no charge fee" by the city for once per year water "connect and disconnect".

### **GROUNDS**

- Cemetery seeding, dirt filling and mowing will be done by cemetery grounds keeper based on time and weather.
- No chemicals are to be applied to the cemetery grounds unless authorized by management.

### **LOTS**

- Landscaping of the cemetery and / or lots must be done in accordance with the cemetery regulations.
- All lot sales must be coordinated through the cemetery representative.
- Lots sold must be paid for upon the date of purchase. If these lots are not wanted or wish to be traded for another cemetery location, the full purchase price will be refunded and / or transferred toward the purchase of different lots. The current price will then be charged for the new lots that are chosen.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- All rubbish must be disposed of by removing it from the cemetery.
- No wooden boxes are permitted as vaults.
- Burials on one cemetery space / plot will be allowable by one of three options:
  1. One vaulted burial or one cremation
  2. One vaulted burial plus one cremation
  3. Two cremations

- One stone is allowed per lot
- Only the Funeral Director Designee or Cemetery Representative may dig the grave.
- Anyone caught vandalizing the cemetery property will be prosecuted.
- Animals are not allowed to be buried in the cemetery.
- Funeral homes or families are required to give a 48-hour notice for all burials or cremation burials.