



## **MEMORIAL AND FOUNDATION STANDARDS UPDATED MARCH 1, 2025**

Monuments and markers must comply with the rules and regulation set forth by Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax. If a memorial does not comply with the rules and regulations it may be refused and or removed without notice. Any costs associated with removal of a memorial shall be incurred by the family. Please carefully review the rules and regulations before submitting a memorial application form. All monuments, markers, and memorialization must be purchased from a reputable dealer. A reputable dealer is defined at the discretion of the Cemetery Administration.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **MARKER**

A ground level structure of bronze or quarried stone for memorial purposes placed on any plot, as stipulated by the Cemetery, marking place of interment.

#### **MONUMENT**

An upright structure of quarried stone for memorial purposes placed on any plot, as stipulated by the Cemetery, marking place of interment.

#### **BASE**

The supporting structure situated between the foundation and upright monument.

#### **MEMORIAL**

A structure of bronze or quarried stone for memorial purposes placed on any plot, either upright (sometimes referred to as a "Headstone") or at ground level, sometimes referred to as a flat marker, as stipulated by the Cemetery, marking the place of interment.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Authorization: No person shall install a monument or marker in a Cemetery until the design, description and size thereof has been approved by Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax through the Memorial Application Process. The Cemetery may refuse consent if such monument, or marker, is in the opinion of the Cemetery, prejudicial to the general appearance of the Cemeteries or to the interests of the owners of other spaces, is not in good taste or does not fit the expectations of a Catholic cemetery. If a memorial does not comply with the rules and regulations it may be refused and or removed without notice. Any costs associated with removal of a memorial shall be incurred by the family.



**Material:** All monuments and markers installed in the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax shall be made of granite, cut stone or bronze. Marble, sandstone, cement and other porous material is prohibited as it deteriorates rapidly in our climate. Wooden crosses are not permitted.

**Installation:** Monuments or markers are only permitted to be installed on plots that are paid in full with Interment Rights License issued.

**Foundations:** All foundations shall be installed by the Cemetery Grounds Team and the location shall be subject to their approval.

**Religious Requirements:** All memorials shall be inscribed with a cross in keeping with the size of the memorial.

**Delivery:** No monument shall be delivered to the Cemetery until the foundation is completed and the contractor is ready to proceed with the work of installing the monument.

**Engraving:** Engraving on the back of monuments is prohibited.

**Liability:** While Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax will take reasonable precautions to protect the property of owners, the Cemetery assumes no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to any monument through acts of vandalism, natural erosion or damage caused by outside vendors. In the event that a monument is damaged by Cemetery Staff, the plot holder will be contacted and damage will be assessed, repaired, replaced or compensated in some way which is mutually agreeable to both parties. The Cemetery accepts no responsibility for the maintenance of monuments due to normal wear or deterioration. Minor scraping of the monument due to grass cutting and snow removal is considered normal wear.

**Owner Responsibility:** The memorial remains the personal property of the owner and all care, maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the recorded owner and/or the owner's next of kin. The purchaser or designate of the burial plot is liable and responsible for damages resulting from theft, vandalism or damage however it may be caused to monuments and markers on a site.

**Removal, Alteration, Additions:** No owner shall install or remove a memorial or make any alteration to any monument or structure in a cemetery without the permission of the Cemetery. Actual work of installation, removal or alteration is to be done by Cemetery Staff. No adornment of any type, such as pictures or ornaments, not originally part of the monument, shall be attached or affixed in any manner whatsoever to any part of an upright memorial, without prior approval by the Cemetery.



## **GATE OF HEAVEN**

### **MARKERS**

Markers shall not be more than six (6) inches or less than four (4) inches in height and of dimensions in keeping with the size of the lot. All markers shall be inscribed with a cross in proportion to the size of the marker.

### **DOUBLE PLOT**

No monument shall be installed on a double lot less than six (6) inches and not more than eight (8) inches in width. Monument bases must have a smooth or polished finish.

The minimum size of monuments installed on double lots or larger must be exactly six (6) inches in width and 36 inches in height including the base. Bases for monuments shall be between eight (8) to ten (10) inches high. Monument bases must have a smooth or polished finish. Monuments of eight (8) inches in width shall not exceed 42 inches in height including the base.

The maximum size monument on double lots or larger shall not exceed 55 inches high including the base. The base shall not exceed 84 inches long by 14 inches wide by 12 inches high.

### **SINGLE PLOT**

An upright monument 20 inches high by 18 inches long by four (4) inches wide on a base 24 inches long by 10 inches wide by 4 inches high is permitted. Slant and flat markers are not permitted.

### **CHILDREN'S SECTION**

The maximum size of these monuments shall be 16 inches long by 18 inches high and four (4) inches wide on a base 18 inches long, eight (8) inches wide and four (4) inches high.

### **CREMATION GARDEN**

Gate of Heaven Cremation Garden will allow for a single upright monument measuring 18 inches long by four (4) inches wide by 20 inches high on a base 24 inches long by 10 inches wide by 4 inches high. The base may be slightly longer to accommodate a vase(s).

### **HISTORICAL AND OCCUPIED PLOTS**

One (1) flat, recessed marker, 20 inches long by 10 inches wide, may be installed subject to Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax approval.



## **MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY**

### **CREMATION GARDEN**

The only memorials permitted in Mount Olivet Cemetery Cremation Garden shall be a bronze marker 24 inches long by 14 inches wide on a salmon color granite base 28 inches long by 18 inches wide and 4 inches high or a red granite marker 24 inches long by 14 inches wide on a black granite base 28 inches long by 18 inches wide and 4 inches high. Only flower vases which can be turned down into the ground when not in use are permissible. Vases must be integral to the marker and provided with a container so designed and of sufficient strength as to protect the vase in an inverted position to the ground.

### **FREE GROUND**

The installation of memorials are not permitted in the Free Ground section.

### **HISTORICAL AND OCCUPIED PLOTS**

The installation of memorials are not permitted on historical and occupied plots if an existing memorial is in situ.

## **HOLY CROSS CEMETERY**

### **CREMATION GARDEN**

Holy Cross Cemetery Cremation Garden will allow for a single upright monument measuring 20 inches high by 18 inches long by four (4) inches wide on a base 24 inches long by 10 inches wide by four (4) inches high. The base may be slightly longer to accommodate a vase(s). Flat Markers are not permitted.

### **FREE GROUND**

The installation of memorials are not permitted in the Free Ground section.

### **HISTORICAL AND OCCUPIED PLOTS**

The installation of memorials are not permitted on historical and occupied plots if an existing memorial is in situ.



### **FEE SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIALS AND RELATED SERVICES**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Foundation Single	\$500.00
Foundation Double	\$1000.00
Small Marker Installation	\$350.00
Large Marker Installation	\$500.00
Small Upright Installation	\$500.00
Labour For Memorial Services	\$66.00 /hr
Gravel Of Levelling Agent	\$150.00 /install
Contractor Services	At Market Price