

Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont

2010 Cemetery Guide and Directory

When it comes to choosing a cemetery, options abound. In terms of ownership, North Carolina cemetery types include national, municipal, for-profit, religious, fraternal, and other nonprofit cemeteries. Here and there, you can also find private family cemeteries as well as other historic burial grounds, such as Native American sites.

In terms of services and amenities, traditional cemeteries generally have upright markers or monuments. They may also have private mausoleums for above-ground interments. Because many traditional cemeteries in North Carolina are more than 100 years old, they often are valued for their historic value as well. In the 20th century, memorial parks and gardens were introduced. These cemeteries typically require markers to be level with the ground and often feature expansive lawns and flowering beds and gardens. Many cemeteries combine features of both traditional cemeteries and memorial gardens.

In recent years, cemeteries have opened as natural burial grounds or have set aside portions of their acreage for such use. One example in our state is Pine Forest Memorial Gardens in Wake Forest, N.C., (919) 556-6776, which has a natural burial section prohibiting burial vaults, burial of bodies embalmed with toxic chemicals, and burial containers made from toxic or non-biodegradable materials. The nearest cemetery operating solely as a natural burial ground is Ramsey Creek Preserve in Westminster, S.C.; (864) 647-7798.

Did you know?

No one entity maintains a database of all cemeteries in North Carolina. In fact, nobody can say definitively how many cemeteries exist in the Tar Heel State.

National Cemeteries

The United States government offers free burial to most veterans and their qualified dependents at national cemeteries. North Carolina has four national cemeteries: New Bern National Cemetery, Raleigh National Cemetery, Salisbury National Cemetery, and Wilmington National Cemetery. For further information, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery website at www.cem.va.gov or call the Benefits Hotline at 1-800-827-1000.

Municipal Cemeteries

Municipal cemeteries in North Carolina are regulated primarily by local ordinances, so services and policies may vary from city to city. Unfortunately, there is no directory of all North Carolina municipal cemeteries. We were able to identify municipal cemeteries in Burlington, Gibsonville, Greensboro, Jamestown, Rural Hall and Winston-Salem. Only those cemeteries with plots still available from the municipality are included. If you know of

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another municipal cemetery with plots available in Alamance, Forsyth or Guilford county, please let us know, using the contact information on our website at www.fcapedmont.org

For-Profit Cemeteries

A list of for-profit cemeteries in Alamance, Forsyth and Guilford counties was provided to us by the North Carolina Cemetery Commission, which regulates and supervises for-profit cemeteries, cemetery management organizations, cemetery sales organizations, cemetery brokers and individual pre-need cemetery salespeople licensed in our state. For-profit cemeteries are required by state law to maintain trust-funded endowments for the long-term care of their properties.

Cemeteries Owned by Religious or Fraternal Organizations

There is no reliable listing of cemeteries owned by religious or fraternal organizations in Alamance, Forsyth and Guilford counties. Church and other nonprofit cemeteries vary greatly in terms of whether plots are available for nonmembers, as well as their prices, services, policies, and funding for perpetual care. We have not included them in this directory because of the challenges in locating them, reaching contacts to provide data, and the many variables in their operations. Still, these cemeteries are often more flexible in their policies than other types of cemeteries. For instance, some church cemeteries allow burials without vaults or grave liners and some may more readily accommodate families making their own arrangements without a licensed funeral director.

Cemetery Use Following Cremation

Some families choose to place cremated remains in a cemetery, rather than scattering them or keeping them at home. Cremated remains may be buried as with a traditional burial, except that the vault used, if required, would be smaller and less expensive than for a casket. Some cemeteries may allow for the direct burial of cremated remains without an urn. Many will allow for the cremated remains of one or two people to be interred on top of an occupied plot owned by the same family. Some cemeteries offer scattering gardens for cremated remains, including a permanent plaque or other record. Columbaria are facilities for storing cremated remains in small above-ground niches.

Researching Your Options

The prices and policies listed in the following directory are subject to change without notice, so we recommend that you use the above price chart to compare several options. It is always a good idea to visit a cemetery before seriously considering the purchase of a plot or niche. Prior to your visit, call the cemetery office to ensure that someone will be available to answer questions. Inquire about your options. For example, are lawn crypts available for purchase? Lawn crypts eliminate the need for purchase of a grave liner, which may lower the total cemetery cost. If you are considering a columbarium, niches above or below eye level are often the most affordable option. If you want to search for a bargain, check want ads for plots or niches for resale or place your own ad looking for a seller. Such ads may list plots available from individuals in cemeteries that otherwise have filled.

Cemetery Pricing Checklist

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When investigating costs at a cemetery, ask about each of the items listed below¹ and write down the information given.

Cemetery _____	Price Quoted
Lot	\$
Endowment Care	\$
Administrative Fee	\$
Grave Liner	\$
Vault (instead of liner)	\$
Opening and Closing	\$
Flat Marker	\$
Monument/Headstone	\$
Engraving	\$
Placement of Marker/Headstone	\$
Double Depth (If Available)	\$
TOTAL COST	\$

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Monument/Headstone	\$
Engraving	\$
Placement of Marker/Headstone	\$
Double Depth (If Available)	\$
TOTAL COST	\$

¹ Chart courtesy of People’s Memorial Association, Seattle, Wash., an affiliate of Funeral Consumers Alliance.

Directory of Municipal and For-Profit Cemeteries In Alamance, Forsyth and Guilford Counties²

Alamance County

Burlington

Alamance Memorial Park, 4039 S. Church St., Burlington NC 27215

Phone: (336) 584-7348

Type: For-Profit (StoneMor)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Northlawn Cemetery, Ross St. between Sharpe Rd. and Lower Hopedale Rd.

Phone: (336) 222-5077

Type: Municipal

Website: <http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/index.aspx?NID=57>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Gibsonville (see under Guilford County)

² All prices shown are subject to change without notice. Prices were current as of June 2010.

Forsyth County

Kernersville

Eastlawn Gardens of Memory, 530 Dobson St., Kernersville NC 27284

Phone: (336) 993-3119

Type: For-Profit (Citadel)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Rural Hall

Crestview Memorial Park and Mausoleum, 6850 University Pkwy., Rural Hall NC 27045

Phone: (336) 969-6793

Type: For-Profit (StoneMor)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Rural Hall Memorial Park, Town of Rural Hall, PO Box 549, Rural Hall NC 27045

Physical location: Tobaccoville Road in Rural Hall

Phone: (336) 969-6856

Type: Municipal

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/RuralHallMemorialPark>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Walkertown

Gardens of Memory Cemetery, 5676 Old Walkertown Rd., Walkertown NC 27106

Phone: (336) 595-2101

Type: For-Profit (Citadel Management)

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Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Winston-Salem

Forsyth Memorial Cemetery, 3771 Yadkinville Rd., Winston-Salem NC 27106

Phone: (336) 924-2865

Type: For-Profit (SCI)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

New Evergreen Cemetery, 2124 New Walkertown Rd., Winston-Salem NC 27101

Phone: (336) 727-8068

Type: Municipal

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/NewEvergreen>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 3250 High Point Rd., Winston-Salem NC 27107

Phone: (336) 788-0894

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., closed holidays

Type: For-Profit (StoneMor)

Description: Established 1952, perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 46 acres, 200+ plots available, \$1,495 per plot

Outer burial containers: Available, \$1,150

Markers: Available, \$2,300 single, \$4,400 double

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery, \$800 (\$700 before death)

Burial options: Single plots, mausoleum, double-deep interments available

Cremation options: interment, columbarium, memorial plaques, other options

Policies: Can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours notice; families may observe grave closing from a distance upon request; parent and child may be buried together in one plot; cremated remains of one person may be interred on occupied plot; grave marker not required; outer burial container required; shroud burial not permitted; outer container required for cremated remains buried in urns; customers may re-sell

purchased plots; families may not dig or fill their own graves; has a lowering device; will accept a casket directly from a family.

Parklawn Memorial Park, 2730 Peters Creek Pkwy., Winston-Salem NC 27127

Phone: (336) 785-9482

Type: For-Profit (Stewart Enterprises)

Website: <http://www.parklawn-memorial.com/>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Piedmont Memorial Gardens, 3663 Piedmont Memorial Dr., Winston-Salem NC 27107

Phone: (336) 788-4959

Type: For-Profit (Citadel Management)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Westlawn Gardens of Memory, 3663 Piedmont Memorial Dr., Winston-Salem NC 27107

Phone: (336) 595-2101

Type: For-Profit (Citadel Management)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Woodland Cemetery, City Utilities Div., Suite 357, City Hall, 101 N Main St., Winston-Salem NC 27101

Physical location: Reynolds Blvd. at Indiana Ave.

Phone: (336) 727-8068

Type: Municipal

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/WoodlandCemetery>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Guilford County

Gibsonville

Gibsonville Cemetery

Phone: (336) 449-4144

Open: Everyday dawn to dusk

Type: Municipal

Description: Established 1906

Size/#plots/price: 50 plots, \$800-\$2,000

Grave opening/closing: By funeral home

Burial options: Single plots, double-deep plots, mausoleum

Cremation options: Interment

Policies: Grave marker required; can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours notice; cremated remains of two persons may be interred on an occupied plot; families may not dig or fill graves; cemetery does not have a lowering device; cemetery not prepared to accept a casket directly from a family.

Greensboro

Forest Lawn Cemetery, 1001 4th St., Greensboro NC 27405

Physical Location: 3901 Forest Lawn Drive, Greensboro

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/forestlawngreensboro>

Phone: (336) 373-2160

Open: 8 a.m. to sundown daily including weekends

Type: Municipal

Description: Established 1928, endowment-funded perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 80 acres, 3,000+ plots available, \$1,050

Cremation plots: \$500

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$800 M-F, \$1,050 Sat., \$1,200 Sun/Holidays

Burial options: Single plots, lots available for private family crypts

Cremation options: Interment, scattering area

Policies: Can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours notice for religious reasons; families may observe grave closing upon request; a parent and child may be buried in same plot only in same casket; cremated remains may not be interred on an occupied plot; grave markers required; outer burial containers required; families may not dig a grave by hand;

families may fill the grave by hand for religious reasons; no lowering device available; will accept a casket directly from a family if the family has contracted for an outer burial container.

Green Hill Cemetery, 1001 4th St., Greensboro NC 27405

Physical Location: 901 Wharton St., Greensboro

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/greensborocitycemeteries>

Phone: (336) 373-2160

Open: 8 a.m. to sundown daily including weekends

Type: Municipal

Description: Established 1882, endowment-funded perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 60 acres, <100 plots available, \$1,050

Cremation plots: \$500

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$800 M-F, \$1,050 Sat., \$1,200

Sun/Holidays

Burial options: Single plots

Cremation options: Interment, free scattering area

Policies: Can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours notice for religious reasons; families may observe grave closing upon request; a parent and child may be buried in same plot only in same casket; cremated remains may not be interred on an occupied plot; grave markers required; outer burial containers required; families may not dig a grave by hand; families may fill the grave by hand for religious reasons; no lowering device available; will accept a casket directly from a family if the family has contracted for an outer burial container.

Guilford Memorial Park, 6000 High Point Rd., Greensboro NC 27407

Website: <http://www.guilfordmemorialpark.com>

Phone: (336) 299-5177

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays; closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

Type: For-Profit (SCI)

Description: Established 1937, endowment-funded perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 66 acres, "thousands" plots available, \$1,430-\$5,000

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$1,295

Markers: Available; \$1,110-\$2,705 single; \$1,605-14,805 double

Outer burial containers: Available ; \$995 - \$10,645 full size

Urn vaults: \$225 - \$1,159

Burial options: Single plots, lawn crypts, mausoleum, private mausoleum, upright mausoleum

Cremation options: Interment, memorial plaques, niches, cremation gardens

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Policies: Minimum 24 hours notice required for burial; families may observe grave closing upon request; cremated remains of two persons may be interred on an occupied plot; outer burial container required; grave marker not required; urn not required for interred cremated remains; outer urn vault required for interred cremated remains; family may not dig a grave by hand; family may fill a grave by hand; lowering device available; not prepared to accept a casket directly from a family.

Lakeview Memorial Park, 3600 N. O'Henry Blvd., Greensboro NC 27405

Phone: (336) 375-4080

Type: For-Profit (StoneMor)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Maplewood Cemetery, 1001 4th St., Greensboro NC 27405

Physical Location: 3901 Forest Lawn Drive, Greensboro

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/greensborocitycemeteries>

Phone: (336) 373-2160

Open: 8 a.m. to sundown daily including weekends

Type: Municipal

Description: Established 1918, endowment-funded perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 28 acres, <125 plots available, \$1,050

Cremation plots: \$500

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$800 M-F, \$1,050 Sat., \$1,200

Sun/Holidays

Burial options: Single plots

Cremation options: Interment, free scattering area

Policies: Can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours only in emergencies; families may observe grave closing upon request; a parent and child may be buried in same plot only in same casket; grave markers required; outer burial containers required; families may not dig a grave by hand; families may fill the grave by hand for religious reasons; no lowering device available; will accept a casket directly from a family if the family has contracted for an outer burial container.

Westminster Gardens, 3601 Whitehurst Rd., Greensboro NC 27410

Website: <http://www.guilfordmemorialpark.com>

Phone: (336) 288-7329

Open: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays; closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

Type: For-Profit (SCI)

Description: Established 1937, endowment-funded

Size/#plots/price: 20+ acres, number of plots not disclosed, \$1,800 - \$2,600 (ground)

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$1,295

Markers: Available; \$1,500 and up single; \$2,300 and up double

Outer burial containers: Available ; \$1,545 and up

Urn vaults: \$225 - \$1,159

Burial options: Single plots, mausoleum

Cremation options: Interment, memorial plaques, columbarium, niches

Policies: 2 days notice required for burial; families may observe grave closing upon request; outer burial container required; urn not required for cremated remains; outer urn vault required for cremated remains; a family may not dig a grave by hand; a family may fill the grave by hand; lowering device available; not prepared to accept a casket directly from family

High Point

Floral Garden Cemetery, 1730 W. English Rd., High Point NC 27262

Phone: (336) 882-6831

Type: For-Profit (Stewart Enterprises)

Website: <http://www.davisfuneralsandcremations.com/>

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Oakwood Memorial Park, 312 Montlieu Ave., High Point NC 27262

Phone: (336) 889-4945

Type: For-Profit (Independently Owned)

Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

High Point also has two municipal cemeteries—Oakwood Municipal Cemetery and Greenhill Cemetery—which are not included in this cemetery because we were informed that all plots have been sold.

Jamestown

Carolina Biblical Gardens, 5710 Riverdale Dr., Jamestown NC 27282

Phone: (336) 454-3149

Type: For-Profit (StoneMor)

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Notes: No response received to June 2010 Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont questionnaire.

Julian

Gilmore Memorial Park, PO Box 173, Julian NC 27283

Physical Location: 6504 Liberty Rd. on Old Hwy 421-S in Julian

Website: <http://www.guilfordmemorialpark.com>

Phone: (336) 685-9555

Open: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily; closed Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas

Type: Non-Profit; established by a donor as a gift to community

Description: Established 1961, perpetual care

Size/#plots/price: 29 acres; 5,000 plots; \$1,000 - \$1,500

Grave opening/closing: By cemetery; \$975

Markers: Available; \$1,200 single, \$2,500 double

Outer burial containers: Available ; \$1,200

Burial options: Single plots

Cremation options: Interment

Policies: Can accommodate a burial with less than 24 hours notice; parent and child may be buried in a single plot; cremated remains of 2 persons may be interred in an occupied plot; grave marker required; outer burial container required; urn required for interred cremated remains; outer container for inurned cremated remains not required; a family may not dig a grave by hand; a family may not fill a grave by hand; no lowering device available; prepared to accept a casket directly from a family ("vaults are required")

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