Pre-Need Planning Perpetual Care

OFFICES OF

Green Mount Catholic Cemetery

200 West Harrison Street

Belleville, IL 62220-2090

Office: 618-234-1166 Cemetery: 618-234-4858

August 8, 2025

To Whom it may concern,

The policies for monuments and foundations at Green Mount Catholic Cemetery are the following:

Foundations

1. Prior to pouring foundations grave and grave open/closing must be paid in full. (effective 2015) *exception for double monuments, both graves must be paid and full and at least one grave open/closing
2. Monument companies will dig and pour the foundations for all monuments (effective 2022)

Monuments

1. Monuments with Cremains inside are not permitted. (January 2021)
2. Height: not to exceed four (4) feet from ground to top of monument
3. Width: under 4ft per single grave and shall not encroach on adjoining graves (a couple's double can span their side-by-side grave space)
4. Monuments must have foundations.
5. Veteran monuments and flat bronze markers
    a. Stone monuments or flat bronze markers are ordered through Funeral Home or Family.
    b. Existing monument on the grave: a flat bronze veteran's marker may be installed on the back of the existing monument or may be installed at foot of grave, flush with the ground in a suitable base.

All other questions please inquire with the Cemetery office at 618-234-4858.

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Policies Referenced:

FOUNDATIONS

1. **July 2015**: Prior to pouring foundations for monuments on a 2 grave lot (for example)
   a. both graves must be paid in full
   b. one (1) grave open/closing must be paid in full (Some grave opening/closing fees are included in funeral home arrangements which must be confirmed by us that it is paid in full).
2. Effective 2022: monument company will dig and pour their foundations beginning with those ordered and on hand in/for 2022. See letter sent to them in August 2022.

Pouring guidelines

The foundation upon which the monument rests should be set in solid ground to prevent tilting during the coming decades, consequently:

Green Mount Catholic Cemetery policy is (2022 and prior):

- **the ground settle for at *least* six months for full body burials**
- **cremains and preneed may be dug once we confirm prepayment of grave open/closing**. By way of example, Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis waits one year.

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1. 14 January 2021
   a. Monuments with cremains inside will **not** be accepted at Green Mount Catholic Cemetery.
2. Height: not to exceed four (4) feet from ground to top of monument
3. Width: shall not encroach on adjoining graves (a couple's double stone can span their side-by-side grave space)
   a. Must have a foundation. See above and letter sent to them in August 2022.
4. **Monument: only 1 flat marker is allowed in front of an existing monument and no 'thicker/taller' than 4 inches.**
5. **Veterans' monuments are ordered through funeral home, or family. See folder on Vets on DW computer**