

COLUMBARIA

ENABLING MODERN CHRISTIANS TO RETURN TO EARLY CHURCH TRADITIONS OF BURIAL

Since Early Times, people have been concerned about the disposition of their remains. This has usually been by function of culture, religious beliefs and geography - but many wanted a final resting place that was somehow connected to their families so that they might be held in lasting remembrance.

Early Christians preferred to be buried within the church itself. When this was no longer practical, the churchyard cemetery evolved. Now, even cemeteries, whether on church property or elsewhere, are pressured. Some urban areas have even mandated their removal!

For this and a host of other reasons —ecological, economic, and physical constraints among them -- an increasing number of Christians are choosing cremation. Combined with the resurgence of interest in columbaria, many churches are once again able to provide an option for final resting places.

Since columbaria are compact, they may be sited on the church grounds, and provide the opportunity to return to the age-old Christian tradition of burial near a living community of faith.



St. Thomas Episcopal Church
9 West Wheelock St.
Hanover, NH 03755

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden



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Thanks to the efforts of dedicated St. Thomas parishioners, construction on the Columbarium and Memorial Garden is complete.

The St. Thomas Columbarium consists of 80 double niches for a total of 160 placements of cremated remains. Each niche, which will accommodate two individually sealed sleeves of cremated remains, will have a face plate on which will be engraved the name, and dates of birth and death of each of those interred.

Placements may be purchased for one or two sleeves with each placement identified individually as indicated above. In addition, each placement in the Columbarium will be listed –name –dates of birth and death –on a plaque in the sanctuary. All engraving will be done in standard size, layout, and lettering.

An all inclusive fee of \$1000 for a single placement in the Columbarium... \$2000 for a double niche... will cover initial costs of the Columbarium, opening and then closing of the niche after insertion of cremated remains, plus engraving of the faceplate and engraving of a separate plaque within the sanctuary of the church.

The Memorial Garden will be adjacent to the Columbarium. Perennials, evergreens, shrubs, and flowers will be planted as appropriate. The Memorial Garden will be available as an alternate site for placement of ashes. There will be no identification as to name or location of ashes within the Garden itself. There will be a separate plaque in the sanctuary, which will bear the names, birth, and death dates, as indicated above for those interred in the Garden.

A fee of \$200 per interment in the Memorial Garden will cover initial costs, beautification, and perpetual care of the Garden area, as well as engraving as indicated above.

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden will provide a peaceful setting for the remembrance of departed loved ones and for prayer and meditation.

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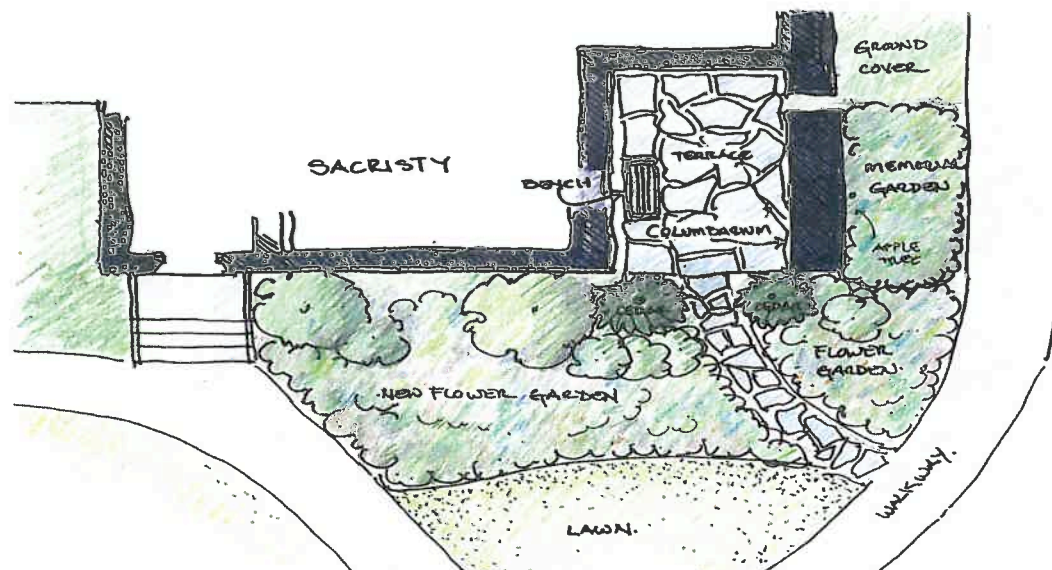
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