

BEAN-ROULSTON CEMETERY GROUNDS RULES & REGULATIONS

Effective June 5, 2022

Background

The Bean-Roulston Cemetery is rich in historical significance to the State of Tennessee and to our country. People are interred in this cemetery from before the founding of our country and from every military conflict from the Revolutionary War to the Korean War. Because of the historical significance of our cemetery and out of reverence for the military members buried here, it is important that we maintain the cemetery in a manner that is respectful of our heritage and is consistent with the tradition that has been laid before us. It is for this reason that the following rules have been established to regulate grave markings and the appearance of the cemetery. Furthermore, these rules will facilitate better care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Care of Cemetery

The general care of the entire cemetery is undertaken by the Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association. The Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association will take reasonable precautions to protect the rights of owners, but it disclaims responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, damages caused by the elements, acts of God, thieves, vandals, trespassers, riot, or public disturbances.

The Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association has a right to ingress and egress over lots and the entire cemetery for purpose of general care and passage to and from other lots.

The Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association may enlarge or reduce the boundaries of the cemetery, change the location of roadways and walks, replace or modify drainage and watering systems, and replot sections of the cemetery so long as there is no encroachment upon the right of the owners.

All grading, planting, trimming, landscaping work, improvements of any kind, and all care of lots shall be done by the contractor designated by the Association.

The Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association reserves the right to correct any errors that may be made by it in interments, disinterment or removals, or in transfers of conveyances.

Grave Markers

For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of quality and appearance, the marking of lots or burial spaces is limited to headstones and foot stones made from natural stone or flat markers set flush to the turf. These markers shall be installed at the upper part (head of the burial lot), so as to maintain the uniformity of surrounding markers. Foot markers made of natural stone that are flat and set flush to the turf are permitted at the lower part (foot of the burial plot).

Flower vases shall be permitted provided if vases are attached as part of the memorial type markers. Lot markers are the property of the purchaser and are not the responsibility of the Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association to maintain, clean, or repair.

No other items or markers of any kind may be placed on graves and are not permitted in the cemetery.

Regulations of Floral Decorations

Natural flowers without containers may be placed on graves at any time. This does not apply to the placement of flowers at the time of interment as containers and other items are permitted at that time but must be promptly removed.

No articles of any kind except those specifically authorized by these rules and regulations shall be permitted on any interment space, lot, or other part of the cemetery. The planting of trees, shrubs, bushes, flowers, etc... is prohibited without the approval of the Association. The Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association shall have the full authority to remove immediately from any type of interment space or any part of the cemetery, anything that may have been placed thereon without specific authorization.

Implementation

These rules and regulations go into effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors. Any burials occurring after this date must comply with these rules and regulations. Gravesites that have been sold prior to this date and whose owners do not wish to comply with these rules, may sell the gravesites back to the Bean-Roulston Cemetery Association for the price they paid for it.

We request that family members of those buried in grave sites that are not currently in compliance with these rules begin to take action that will lead to compliance in the near future. Gravesites that are occupied and are not currently in compliance with these rules and regulations will have until January 1, 2023 to become compliant. Items on gravesites that do not meet these rules and regulations at that time will be removed by the maintenance contractors.