

Bangs Brook Cemetery

**EST. 1920
OGEMA TOWNSHIP
PINE COUNTY, MN**

It is our desire to provide a well-maintained, safe and peaceful environment affording comfort and solace to the families and friends of those who rest here.

IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH

If you have previously purchased a gravesite, you or your funeral director will contact Ogema Township for further arrangements. Once the sale process is completed, contact the funeral home of choice which will then make final arrangements. The Sexton will confirm and mark the grave site for internment or inurnment.

BURIAL POLICY

One vault/casket burial per person/grave site is allowed. Following a full vault/casket burial, cremation burials are also allowed at the same site but only at the direction of a funeral director and approval by the Sexton.

Newly purchased cemetery lots are deeded and recorded with Pine County and Ogema Township. All existing lots show recorded ownership in the cemetery records. Burial lots cannot be re-sold person to person and are not refundable. It is the responsibility of the family to inform the Township of current and updated contact and ownership information.

WINTER BURIAL POLICY

Burials are offered throughout the year; however, the family is responsible for additional expenses associated with winter burials.

GRAVE OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

Opening/closing of graves may only be performed by authorized funeral service personnel. All costs for opening/closing of graves and other burial costs will be handled by the family and the funeral home.

DECORATIONS / MAINTENANCE

Potted artificial flowers in plant stands, are welcome year-round. Seasonal wreaths, mounted on plant stands, are welcome with a recommendation to be removed after 60 days. American flags are welcomed. NEW planting of perennials, shrubs and trees is not allowed. Grass mowing and trimming is provided by Ogema Township. All other grave maintenance such as filling, leveling, seeding, sodding, marker and monument maintenance is to be done by the family. Maintenance of existing shrubs and flowers is to be done by the family. Please gather and remove trimmings before leaving. Overgrown and unattended vegetation will be removed by the Cemetery Groundskeeper as needed.

NON- ALLOWABLE DECORATIONS ARE ...

- Glass objects on or around the grave site (for safety reasons)
- Open flame decorations
- New planting of perennials, shrubs and trees
- Permanent benches, chairs, statues or artifacts

MEMORIAL REGULATIONS

(Includes monuments, grave markers, foot, head, and flat stones)

No grave owner or monument company shall place or erect any memorial until it is first approved by the Ogema Town board and located by the Sexton. Memorials, along with their maintenance and care, remain the property and responsibility of the owner.

Concrete foundations are required around new memorials and shall be provided and paid for by the owner. All memorials are to have a cement border of at least 6" wide. One upright memorial is allowed on the head (West) end of the grave space. Memorials may also be placed on the foot (East) end of the grave space. These must be flat and level with the ground.

Information on each memorial must correspond with cemetery records. When any memorial has been set in place, it shall not be removed without written permission of Ogema Township and the owner's written consent to the removal.

Should any memorial become unsightly, dilapidated, a hazard to visitors, or not in compliance with cemetery rules and regulations, the Cemetery Committee upon approval of Ogema Town Board, shall have the right to either correct the condition or remove the memorial.

VISITATION GUIDELINES

You may visit the cemetery at any time. Recognizing that pets can be an important part of a family as a companion, a pet, or a service dog of the deceased they are welcome at any time at the cemetery. We ask you to always leash your pet, control its behavior and clean up after the animal should that need arise. The walk- in gate and the Main gate(s) are unlocked but closed. If you drive in for maintenance or visitation, please be respectful of all gravesites and DO NOT attempt to turn your vehicle around to exit once inside the gates. You must back your vehicle out onto the county road, being aware of oncoming traffic. Please close and latch any gates that you open when you leave. Be advised that there is no winter snow plowing for the vehicle entrance, and no winter snow removal for the walk-in gate.

REVERSION

Minnesota Statue 365.27. subdivision. 3

If a lot is sold but not used, ownership reverts to the Town 40 years after sale or after 40 years after the most recent recording with the county recorder of a notice of the kind described in section 541.023 (in Minnesota Statutes) or another document that relates to the ownership, whichever is latest.

The Town may take legal action in the same way as any other person to clarify the ownership or assure the marketability of the lot.

Please note: Ogema Township is not responsible for accidents, injury or damage to property during grave visits or maintenance visits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To purchase or confirm a burial site, contact Ogema Township via email at: ogemacemetery@hotmail.com

WHEN CONTACTING US

Please include your name, phone number and question for a timely response.

Bangs Brook Cemetery '**COMMUNITY CLEANUP**' days for 2022 are Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, October 15. Cleanup begins at noon.

The backup 'rain day' is the next day, the following Sunday.

NOTE: For other cemetery questions email: ogemacemetery@hotmail.com

Donations at the Cemetery are:

Signage donated by The Benson Family
Gates donated by The Kester Family
Brochures donated by The Waggoner Family

Donations Welcome

To make an OGEMA Cemetery Fund donation, email: ogematownshipclerk@centurylink.com

Thank you for your help and cooperation.