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Policy for Burial of Ashes in the Memorial Garden  
Adopted by the Vestry – October 22, 2004

1. Human ashes may be buried in the Memorial Garden. Ashes are to be buried directly into the earth in no container.
2. The Rector will determine the site of the burial. After burial the site will be closed and landscaping restored. The site will not be marked. Subsequent interments will not occur over the same location. Any person, as the result of any interment, shall not acquire property rights or the rights in the church yard or in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.
3. All burials will be recorded in the Register of the Parish accordance with canonical requirements.
4. The ashes of any person may be buried in the garden at the discretion of the Memorial Garden trustees. These persons would normally be members of the church or members of their immediate families.
5. A wall plaque with the names of those interred in the garden is on the brick wall of the garden. The cost of the marker is included in the burial fee.
6. In permitting the burial of ashes in the garden, the Vestry acts with the intention that St. Paul's continue on this site and that the reverence and respect due a consecrated church and grounds will be practiced. This does not preclude the right of the parish to relocate subject to Ecclesiastical Authority. In the event of such relocation, the Vestry would not attempt to move any ashes to a new site.
7. There will be a \$500.00 fee charged which includes the cost of the bronze marker with the name of the deceased, which will be added to the plaque. This fee may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Memorial Garden trustees.
8. The burial fee may be prepaid into the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund.
9. No flowers of any kind will be put in the burial area; however, anyone wishing to contribute flowers may do so. They will be arranged in a basin near the plaque. Such planting will be coordinated and scheduled with the Garden Guild.

10. The next of kin of each person whose ashes are to be interred in the garden will be informed of this policy and will agree to these conditions prior to the interment.
11. Internment is understood to be a final place of rest. Request for moving ashes should be made in writing to the Rector of the church. Ashes are buried directly in the ground, consequently, movement will require the removal of earth in the plotted location of the ashes.
12. This policy is subject to change only through the approval of the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newnan, Georgia.

### **ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

1. There will be a fee of \$500.00 charged for interment in the St. Paul's Memorial Garden. This fee will go into the Endowment Fund for the Memorial Garden for perpetual maintenance subject to the discretion of the Rector and the Garden Guild.
2. This fee may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Memorial Garden trustees.
3. The cost of the bronze marker with the name of the deceased is included in the fee.
4. Those wishing to prepay this fee may do so to the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund.
5. This policy is subject to change by the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

## Request for Interment – St. Paul’s Memorial Garden

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
I hereby request interment of his/her cremated remains in the Memorial Garden at Saint Paul’s, Newnan, Georgia. I understand that no attempt will be made to mark the exact location of these ashes and that no person will acquire any property or other rights in the Memorial Garden or the property of St. Paul’s as a result of this interment. I further accept all other conditions, which the Vestry of St. Paul’s has imposed, or in the future may impose, upon use of the Memorial Garden. This request is intended as a burial instruction and not as part of a last will or testament. This request will remain in full force and effect unless and until I specifically revoke it in writing.

Person to be interred: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse of interred (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Requestor’s relationship to the deceased:

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Signature of requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and accept the terms and conditions entitled Policy for Burial of Ashes in the St. Paul’s Memorial Garden, dated May 27, 2005:

\_\_\_\_\_

Person to be interred or requester:

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it is to appear on the memorial plaque:

\_\_\_\_\_

Month, Date and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Month, Date and Year of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Rector of St. Paul’s Church

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

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Rector Signature