



**Sharon Methodist Church**  
**1421 Reidville Sharon Rd. Greer, SC 29375**

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## **The Columbarium at Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery**

The columbarium for the inurnment of ashes at Sharon Methodist Church is installed at the southwest corner of the SMC cemetery. The area is available to visitors throughout the week and weekends during daylight hours. Sharon Methodist Church offers columbarium niches in accordance with the church's official policy for eligibility and purchase as set forth below, and as may be amended from time-to-time by the Church Council.

### **Why a columbarium?**

As theological understandings, the nature of our communities, and environmental concerns have evolved, cremation has found increasing acceptance as a manner of treating the body at death with appropriate reverence for the life that it contained.

At the same time, some aspects of life and death remain constant. One is the role of the church throughout the full range of a person's life on earth: at birth, baptism, marriage, and the time of dying. Other constants throughout the ages are the need to grieve the loss of a loved one, the role that a committal service can play in the grieving process, and the role of a burial place in comforting the bereaved at the time of death and in ensuing years. Cemeteries and their tombstones have long provided visual and tactile means for the preservation of memories, and for honoring and reinforcing the power of love and God's gift of life.

Columbaria play the same role in the case of cremation. "Columbarium" is derived from *columba*, the Latin word for dove, and its literal translation is "dove cote," a resting place for the dove. The dove, of course, is the traditional symbol of God's Spirit and peace. What better place to remember those we have known and loved, those whose lives have shaped ours, than at the church where their lives and ours intersected?

### **Inurnment in the SMC columbarium**

The niches in the Sharon Methodist Church columbarium are of uniform size and design and are designed to hold the ashes of two persons. The cost of the engraving is the responsibility of the purchaser and or family. The engraving, font and sizing will be uniform to match the other niches. The engraving must be completed within sixty days of inurnment. The Cemetery Committee will assist with choosing a company to do the engraving.

Placement of the ashes and the committal service are separate from any funeral or memorial service for the deceased and may take place at the convenience of the family. In some cases, this will be close to the time of death, but it may be later. The door is custom carved after death. If inurnment is desired before the door can be carved, a blank granite door of the same design will be used until the carved door is received. It will be the responsibility of the family member(s) of the deceased to add the information of the deceased including, but not limited to, the first and middle name, birth and death dates.



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The cost of the engraving is the responsibility of the purchaser. The cemetery committee will provide the names of two companies used to engrave the granite doors for the columbarium. Committal services will be approved and arranged by the church in consultation with the family of the deceased, whether performed by the pastor of the church or another person.

**Applications and additional information**

An application and the policies and specifications pertaining to the columbarium are available online at: [Home - Sharon Methodist Church \(sharongreer.com\)](http://sharongreer.com). If you have any questions, contact the church at 1421 Reidville Sharon Road, Greer, South Carolina, or via email at: office@sharongreer.com. You may also request information by phone at 864-879-7926.

When you have had a chance to review the governing policies, if you would like to purchase one or more niches, please send the application, with payment, to the church. Checks should be made to Sharon Methodist Church with the notation “columbarium” in the memo section of your check. See application at the end of this document.

- **The Columbarium at Sharon Methodist Church / Greer, South Carolina**
- **Policies, specifications, rights and responsibilities**

Approved by Church Council on: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

The purchase price (\$750.00) is for the right of inurnment as long as the columbarium is maintained by the Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery Committee. Purchasers do not acquire any property rights in a niche or the columbarium; they remain under the sole ownership and control of the Sharon Methodist Church, Greer, South Carolina.

The right of inurnment includes the right to have human ashes placed in a niche, with the family name of the deceased. The right of inurnment also includes opening the niche at the time of inurnment and upkeep of the columbarium. It will be the responsibility of the family member(s) of the deceased to add the information of the deceased first, last and middle name, birth and death dates. The cemetery committee will assist the family of the deceased with arrangements for these items to be carved into the granite plate located on each of the niches.

The cemetery committee, working with the Board of Trustees, will receive and act on applications for purchase. The purchaser will receive a certificate signed by the church attesting to the purchaser’s ownership of the right to use a niche for the inurnment of cremated human remains. The certificate will be issued after the purchase price has been paid.

All niches in the columbarium are of the same size and design, and each niche [12” x 12” x 12”] is limited to the ashes of two persons. All granite plates will be 12.25” by 12.25” and of uniform design chosen by the cemetery committee. Remains placed in a niche must be contained in a sealed, non-biodegradable urn or container. The engraving, font and sizing will be uniform to match the other niches.



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The provision of such an urn or container is the responsibility of the person purchasing a niche, or his or her family. The size of each urn should not exceed 12" x 12" x 6". The cost of such urns or containers is not included in the price of the niche. A columbarium niche is for the interment of human cremains only. Deceased pets, valuables, flowers, mementoes, etc. will not be allowed in a niche.

Ashes will be inurned in a columbarium niche with a committal service approved by the pastor of SMC. Arrangements for the service will be made by SMC in consultation with the family of the deceased.

The purchase of the right of inurnment does not include the right to select a particular niche. Niche location will be determined by the cemetery committee. The standard practice will be to assign niche locations in order of inurnment. If a person or couple or family has purchased two niches, at the time of the first inurnment the adjoining niche will be reserved for other family members.

No ornamentation, other than flowers at the time of inurnment, may be placed in the area of the columbarium. This limitation does not apply to landscaping, flowers, lights, and other decorative elements supplied by the SMC as part of its general maintenance and activities.

Ashes may be removed from a columbarium niche only with written approval of the cemetery committee. With the exception of ashes, nothing may be placed in a niche without the approval of the pastor of the church.

The purchaser may not sell his or her right of inurnment but may change designee(s) or transfer the right upon written notice to Sharon Methodist Church. If the purchaser and designee are not the same, the right of inurnment will pass to the designee upon the death of the purchaser. All rights, terms, and conditions that applied to the original purchaser will apply to the transferee or designee.

The right to inurn a person's ashes in the columbarium may be voluntarily surrendered. The purchase fee will not be refunded except as recommended by the cemetery committee for good cause and approved by the Church Council.

The right to inurn, unless terminated earlier, will automatically expire 50 years after its purchase if inurnment has not been made, or if the Church has received proof that the designee has been interred or inurned elsewhere, unless the purchaser or designee indicates a desire to retain the right to inurn. The Church will attempt to notify purchasers or designees prior to the time of automatic expiration to ascertain their wishes. If they cannot be located, the church, in its own discretion, may extend the right to inurnment beyond the date of automatic expiration.

The purchase price of the right of inurnment and these specifications and policies pertaining to the columbarium may be changed by the cemetery committee with the approval of the Church Council.



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The Church reserves the right to enlarge, remodel, or relocate the columbarium. If any niche is affected by such an action, the church will provide another niche, chosen by the cemetery committee, of substantially like size and character. The purchaser will retain the same rights as originally held. In the unlikely event of fundamental changes to the SMC's ability or determination to maintain the columbarium, the church will seek to notify the next of kin of all who have been inurned so that they may remove and relocate the ashes.

The Church shall exercise reasonable and responsible care in maintaining the columbarium. However, the church shall have no liability for any loss of, or damage to, the columbarium, the niches, or the cremated remains, as a result of any human or natural acts. No personal liability shall be incurred by any person acting on behalf of the church in connection with the columbarium.

**Flowers & Wreaths**

No flower arrangements, plants, wreaths, toys, or mementos will be allowed to be placed near the columbarium, at any time, except at the time of interment. A wreath will be placed once a year (All Saints Sunday—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November) at the columbarium to commemorate all of the interred. This wreath will be removed after two weeks' time by the church cemetery committee.

One flower arrangement, potted plant, or wreath will be allowed next to the columbarium, near the niche, on the day of interment. Said arrangement will be removed five days later or removed sooner by the family. No planting of flowers, bushes, trees, etc. are allowed around the columbarium except by the designation of the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the cemetery committee.

**Review of these Policies and the Master Plan of the Columbarium Niches**

These policies shall be reviewed as needed by the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the cemetery committee and recommendations for any needed changes be made to the Church Council for approval.

The master plan of the Sharon Methodist Church columbarium niches shall be reviewed, at least annually, by the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the cemetery committee, and a report made to the Church Council.



## Application for Certificate of Right of Inurnment

*I hereby apply to the cemetery committee of Sharon Methodist Church, Greer, South Carolina for a Certificate of Inurnment in the church's columbarium. I have received a copy of the church's specifications and policies.*

1. Name of purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CellPhone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Church affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name, address, telephone number, and relationship of next of kin or legal representative:  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Number of niches desired: \_\_\_\_\_ (each niche holds the cremated remains of two persons)
8. Designee(s): The niche(s) in the columbarium is/are designated for the ashes of the following person(s):

1. Family / Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family First Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Family / Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family First Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Sharon Methodist Cemetery Fund,  
("columbarium" written in the memo)

**Return to Sharon Methodist Church PO Box 418 Reidville, SC 29375**



**COLUMBARIUM CERTIFICATE OF INURNMENT RIGHT**

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sharon Methodist Church of Greer, South Carolina owning and maintaining a Columbarium at its Church at 1421 Reidville Sharon Road, Greer, South Carolina, in consideration of the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars.  
Dollars (\$750.00) by Purchasers

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (“Purchaser”) hereby grants unto Purchaser the sole and perpetual use of Niche # \_\_\_\_\_ as shown on the diagram of said Columbarium on file in the office of the Church subject to the provisions, conditions, and limitations, and with the privileges specified in the Rules and Regulations heretofore and hereafter adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Church.

It is further agreed that the rights of the Purchaser as designated herein, or his/her heirs or legatees, to use said Niche, shall be set forth in the Rules and Regulations as heretofore or hereafter adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Purchaser acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Rules and Regulations in effect on the date of this Certificate.

The Church reserves to itself the right to enlarge or remodel said Columbarium, or to remove the same and build a new Columbarium in a near location and abandon the use of the existing Columbarium. This would include relocation of existing Niches in which ashes have been inurned, and in any of said events if the Niche specified above is affected, the Church shall substitute for the Niche specified above, another of substantially like size and character, in which event the Purchaser shall have the same rights in such substituted Niche as are granted hereby subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and provisions hereof.

In Witness Whereof, Sharon Methodist Church has caused these presents to be subscribed by its duly authorized officers and a notary seal to be hereunto fixed

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

SHARON METHODIST CHURCH / GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Cemetery Committee



## COLUMBARIUM PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/year)                      Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned (herein referred to as "Purchaser") hereby agree to purchase the following niche and to grant a security interest in all personal property purchased, upon the terms and conditions herein provided subject to acceptance and approval of this agreement by the Church.

**Niche Number:    Purchase Price \$750.00**

This agreement is made upon the following conditions which are agreed to by the parties hereto:

1. All property rights or services provided herein shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Church now or hereafter in force.
2. The rights and interest of Purchaser hereunder may not be transferred or assigned. It is agreed that the only real property right purchased is for inurnment use only. Title to all real property remains in the Church.
3. Not more than two inurnments shall be made in any one niche. Purchaser has the right of inurnment of only human remains in the niche.
4. The engraving of the niche must adhere to the Rules and Regulations of the Church.
5. It is incumbent upon the Purchaser to provide their own urn or urns that will accommodate the niche.
6. This Agreement contains all the agreements between the parties and no representative of the Church has any authority to make any statement, representation or agreement modifying the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
7. Each purchaser warrants that he or she is 18 years of age or older.

The undersigned hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Church, its agents and employees from any and all Liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, and against any loss it or they may sustain in connection with the inurnment with the niche. The Church shall have the right to correct any error in the inurnment at its own expense without any liability for such error.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchaser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Cemetery Chairperson



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COLUMBARIUM**

**ENGRAVING AUTHORIZATION**  
(Please Print All Information)

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YEAR)

NAME TO BE LISTED ON NICHE COVER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YEAR)

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YEAR)

NICHE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this authorization, you agree and take responsibility for the accuracy of the above spelling and dates. The engraving, font and sizing will be uniform to match the other niches. The Cemetery Committee will assist with selecting a company to engrave the niche granite door. The cost of the engraving is the responsibility of the purchaser.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Family Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Cemetery Chairperson





## COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT AUTHORIZATION

Date of Inurnment \_\_\_\_\_

Inurnment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Services at: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

### DECEASED—

Name:

Date of Birth:

Date of Death:

Gender:

Age:

Marital Status:

Address:

Place of Death:

### NEXT OF KIN OR REPRESENTATIVE—

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Address:

### DATA ON NICHE OWNER:

Name:

Relationship to deceased:

Address:

### INURNMENT DATA

Call received:

Funeral Home:

Address:

Phone:

Funeral Director:



The undersigned hereby certifies they have the full legal authority to direct the inurnment of the remains of the deceased, and hereby authorize Sharon Methodist Church to make disposition of the cremains of the deceased as indicated. The undersigned hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Church, its agents and employees from any and all LIABILITY, including reasonable attorney's fees, and against any loss it or they may sustain in connection with the inurnment authorized hereunder. The Church shall have the right to correct any error in the inurnment at its own expense, without any liability for such error.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Cemetery Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Niche  
Owner/Authorized Representative

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Columbarium in effect at the Church. The undersigned understands and accepts these Rules and Regulations, and furthermore understands that they are subject to change.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Cemetery Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Niche  
Owner /Authorized Representative

Space Verification:

Family Verified: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name & sign)

Checked by Cemetery Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name & sign)





# SHARON METHODIST COLUMBURIAM

## SIDE A (FACING EAST)

## SIDE B (TO THE RIGHT OF SIDE A)

## SIDE C

<b>A1</b> <b>Etta Lee Godfrey</b> 1/11/1925 - 4/14/1994 	<b>A2</b> <b>Grace D. Schroeder</b> 6/28/1922 - 4/14/1994 	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b> <b>Neil Al. Harlan</b> 7/7/1993 - 10/20/2016	<b>C1</b>	<b>C2</b> <b>Rev. Robert Hall Jr.</b> 12/31/1929 - 3/1/2021
<b>A3</b> <b>Ruth Ellen Snow</b> 7/12/1936 - 8/11/2023 <b>William G. Snow</b> 3/21/1937 - 11/13/2023	<b>A4</b> <b>Michael a. Boyer</b> 12/16/1971	<b>B3</b>	<b>B4</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>C4</b>
<b>A5</b>	<b>A6</b>	<b>B5</b>	<b>B6</b>	<b>C5</b>	<b>C6</b>
<b>A7</b>	<b>A8</b> <b>Emmett B. Dailey</b> 4/23/1938 <b>Dolly S. Dailey</b> 9/4/1938 - 12/30/2009	<b>B7</b>	<b>B8</b>	<b>C7</b>	<b>C8</b>

## SIDE D

## SIDE E

## SIDE F

<b>D1</b> <b>Delores Jaso</b> 8/3/1934 - 5/1/2012 <b>Vincent Jaso</b> Mother / Son	<b>D2</b> <b>Alan Conwell</b> 5/1/1960 <b>Lidia Conwell</b> 5/1/1958	<b>E1</b>	<b>E2</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>F2</b> <b>Sharon Ruth Pitts</b> 4/22/1947
<b>D3</b> <b>Madeline J. Nunnaker</b> 5/4/1960	<b>D4</b> <b>Donna S. Hightower</b> 1/26/1961 - 7/21/2014	<b>E3</b>	<b>E4</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>F4</b>
<b>D5</b>	<b>D6</b>	<b>E5</b>	<b>E6</b>	<b>F5</b>	<b>F6</b>
<b>D7</b>	<b>D8</b>	<b>E7</b>	<b>E8</b>	<b>F7</b>	<b>F8</b>

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