

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Memorial Garden Agreement

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 201 Isle Royale St, Houghton, MI, 49931, hereafter designated as the CHURCH and the inhuming party, hereinafter designated as INHUMING PARTY,

WHEREAS, the CHURCH has created the Memorial Garden, to be a place for those who love the CHURCH and have a sense of closeness to it, which they would like to preserve, even after death, and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Garden shall be hallowed ground, sacred to the memory of those who have departed from our midst, and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Memorial Garden is to provide a place on the CHURCH property for the permanent placement of ashes from cremation for CHURCH family members and friends of the CHURCH, as well as a retreat for meditation and prayer for all who wish to use it,

IT IS THEREFORE CONTRACTED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The undersigned INHUMING PARTY requests and agrees that, after the demise and cremation of the deceased, the ashes be inhumed in the Memorial Garden at the GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 201 Isle Royale St, Houghton, MI, 49931.
2. The interment of ashes shall be made only by the current Pastor or a designated representative of the Memorial Garden Team. Family members and other interested parties may be present during the interment.
3. The placement of ashes will be directly in the soil with no markers.
4. There shall be no changes made to the original landscape design (such as added planting) without prior written approval of the Memorial Garden Team and Trustee Committee.
5. The CHURCH agrees to maintain accurate records of each inhuming, one copy will be kept on file in the office, one copy will be given to the family, and it shall also be recorded in the Memorial Garden Log Book.
6. The INHUMING PARTY shall acquire no real or personal property rights to any part of the Memorial Garden by agreeing to or being inhumed in the Memorial Garden.
7. A fee shall be collected from the family of the deceased for perpetual care of the Memorial Garden. The fee will be \$300.00, which includes engraving a leaf name plate on a copper memorial artwork inside the door of the church nearest to the garden.

8. The CHURCH agrees to maintain the Memorial Garden forever as a place for permanent placement of ashes from cremation for Church family members and friends of the CHURCH.
9. The INHUMING PARTY and those associated with the deceased understand and agree that no mementoes of remembrance, whether man-made or natural, shall be placed in the confines of the Memorial Garden.
10. I/We, the inhuming party, acknowledge receipt of the Inhuming Procedure and Guidelines adopted by the CHURCH, have read and understand same and agree to be bound by the terms.
11. The INHUMING PARTY assumes full responsibility for the safety and care of family and the ashes of the deceased. GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH assumes no responsibility for the safety and care of family or ashes of the deceased before or during service. The undersigned agrees to hold GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, its employees, agents, attorneys or others acting on behalf of the inhuming process harmless from any loss, damage or injury of any sort associated in any way with the inhuming process.

Name of Person whose ashes are to be interred: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Was the deceased a member of Grace United Methodist Church? Yes / No

Signed and dated by:

_____	Dated: _____
_____	Dated: _____
_____	Dated: _____
_____	Dated: _____