



Remembrance of Loved Ones

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ROCKVILLE Memorial Garden • Memory Board • Memorial Donations

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UUCR offers comfort and lasting remembrance to members and friends of the congregation whose loved ones have passed on. The ministers, lay ministers, the pastoral care team and others in the congregation offer pastoral support to those who are grieving, including memorial services to celebrate the lives of those who have died.

To provide for lasting memories, UUCR has created a Memorial Garden as a place where congregants may sit in contemplation, scatter ashes, and remember loved ones. Additionally, families may purchase nameplates to honor the deceased. The nameplates are placed on a Memory Board for permanent display.

Memorial Garden

The southeast corner of our property has long been a place to scatter ashes of our loved ones. In 1998, the congregation formally designated this area as a Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden is a meditation grove with winding wooded pathways and a bench for quiet reflection. It offers a peaceful contemplative spot for affirmation of our caring, not only for our people whose ashes have been strewn here, but for all loved ones who have died.

The Memory Board

UUCR also has established a Memory Board that enables contributing members and friends who choose to do so to install a bronze nameplate with the name and the years of birth and death as an ongoing memorial to loved ones who have been part of the UUCR community. The Memory Board is located on the wall of Building 4 directly facing the sanctuary.

Memorial Garden Use

The Garden is available for the purpose of scattering ashes of contributing congregation members and friends and their immediate families. Typically, the minister participates in a scattering ritual. A small honorarium may be given to the minister for this service. In any event, families should consult with the minister before scattering ashes, and ashes will be scattered in designated areas of the Memorial Garden. There is no charge, but a memorial donation is encouraged.

The Memorial Garden area has been designated a forest conservation easement by the City of Rockville and will be maintained with a natural landscape and plantings. Thus no individual markers, containers, plants, or designated areas of any sort are permitted within the Memorial Garden. Donation of any memorial object, such as a bench or artwork should be discussed with the minister and relevant committees, and can be accepted only if it meets with the landscape needs and plans of UUCR.

To Arrange for a Nameplate

Contributing members and friends of UUCR may request nameplates to be mounted on the Memory Board. Nameplates may be purchased by completing the Nameplate Request Agreement and returning the form to the Church Administrator with a payment of \$500 for the nameplate. Nameplate funds will be deposited into a separate Remembrance Fund for sustaining UUCR memorial activities, thus ensuring the Memory Board remains a lasting memorial for future generations.

To reserve a spot on the Memory Board next to a loved one's nameplate, the nameplate fee must be paid in advance. The church administrator will keep a record of the reserved spaces and an alphabetical listing of members with nameplates on the Memory Board and the name location.

Memorial Donations

Congregants often ask how they can honor the memory of a loved one through a Memorial donation. Donations are gratefully accepted and may be made to the Operating Fund or one of the congregation's restricted funds as described below:

- **Endowment Fund.** The General Endowment Fund is a fund established to ensure the vitality of UUCR for future generations. Allowable expenses include enhancing UUCR facilities, providing scholarships and grants, providing outreach into the local community and providing for the wider mission of Unitarian Universalism at home and overseas. The fund may not be used to support the general operating budget of the church.
- **Other Restricted Funds.** The donor may select among a number of permanent funds that might match the interests of the deceased or donor. Examples of such funds include the Ethier (music) Fund, the Site Beautification Operating Fund, the Ministry Enhancement Fund and the Children and Youth Scholarship Fund.

Memorial donations that do not designate a recipient fund will be placed in the Endowment Fund. The words "Memorial Donation" should be noted on the check, along with the name of the person honored and a specific fund (if you choose to designate) to ensure that the donation is correctly deposited.

Potential donors are advised to consult with the minister, Treasurer or Board President for giving opportunities.

Other Information

For those who wish more general information and options for planning funerals, memorial services and related matters, a good resource is The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maryland and Environs (FCAME), the regional chapter of a national non-profit consumer education and advocacy organization, the Funeral Consumers Alliance. Their website is <http://www.mdfunerals.org/index.php>. To plan a memorial service at UUCR, please contact our Senior Minister, or Assistant Minister, or our Church Administrator. A list of typical honoraria for scattering ashes, services, etc. is available upon request.



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Fees for Memorial Activities and Services

Scattering Ritual Honorarium for Minister: \$150
(optional for UUCR members)

Scattering Ashes Donation: \$150

Name Plate Cost: \$500

Memorial Service Honorarium for Minister for non-congregants: \$350

Fee for the pianist: \$200

Room Rental rates for non-congregants follow our rental guidelines <http://uucr.org/rental/rates>.

Room Rental for memorial service and reception is free for contributing members and friends.

Reception for contributing members and friends may be provided by the Pastoral Care Team or catered.

All pay fees for custodial services for set-up/clean-up, which vary depending upon needs, and for rental attendant.

The ministers or the Lay Minister for Pastoral Care may use discretion regarding payment.

Memorial Nameplate Request

Memorial Garden and Memory Board: UUCR has created a Memorial Garden to honor and remember its history and the deceased loved ones of Members and Friends and their immediate families. In addition, UUCR maintains a Memory Board with nameplates honoring these loved ones who have been part of the UUCR community.

To Order Nameplates: Nameplates engraved with the years of birth and death of a deceased member or friend of UUCR may be ordered using this form. A \$500 fee is charged for each nameplate. The fee is deposited into UUCR's Remembrance Fund to sustain the Memory Board and future memorial activities.

Nameplate requested by (please print):

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Date of request: _____

Name of deceased (as it is to appear on nameplate):

Year of birth: _____

Year of death: _____

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Donation in Support of UUCR: A contribution to UUCR is appreciated. This donation may be made to the General Endowment Fund, the Operating Fund, or other funds described in UUCR's remembrance literature. Kindly make checks out to UUCR and designate the fund.

Note: All policies and property rights with respect to the memorial nameplates, including their design, inscription, location, and maintenance, are the sole responsibility of UUCR. Neither the representatives nor the deceased's estate shall obtain any interest or ownership in the memorial nameplate or garden. This allows UUCR in the future to act in accordance with any new policies occasioned by new conditions. It is the intention of UUCR that the Memorial Garden and Memory Board be properly maintained in perpetuity in honor of those who have passed before us. The nameplates may be affixed to the Memory Board in groups, at a convenient time.

Signature of Requester:
