



# KNOLLWOOD MEMORIAL PARK & ARBORETUM

## Procedures for Shrouded Burials in the Garden of Peace

### 1. Scheduling Funerals:

**Funeral Directors** should promptly schedule funerals by contacting the interment desk at 781-784-2670. Direct calls regarding grave purchases should only be made to the Knollwood office.

### 2. Guidelines for Funeral Homes:

**Funeral homes** unfamiliar with Muslim burial traditions must contact the General Manager, Yanira Morales, at 781-828-7218 to review Knollwood Memorial Park's shrouded burial guidelines.

### 3. Required Documents and Payment:

**Funeral Directors** are responsible for providing all necessary documents and payment, including authorization card, permit, and signed release forms. Burial will not proceed without these documents.

### 4. Arrival and Meeting Location:

The **Funeral Director** will communicate with the family regarding the designated arrival and meeting spot at the end of the entrance along mall road. Signs in Arabic, English, and Urdu will guide guests. Attendees must gather at the waiting location and refrain from going directly to the gravesite. If the family desires a prayer prior to burial, the **Funeral Director** will park the hearse near the lower roundabout area in Garden of Peace and use road space designated for prayer.

### 5. Shrouded Body Placement:

The **Funeral Director** will provide a wood tray or body board to transport the body from the hearse to the grave. A body transfer sheet with straps, provided by the funeral

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home, will be placed under the body for lowering into the grave. Cemetery staff will not handle the shrouded body. **The Funeral Director** or designated persons (must be Muslim) will be allowed to lower body into grave.

To maintain the dignity and sanctity of the final resting place, remains presented in a casket will not be opened under any condition on cemetery grounds. All viewings, shrouding, and related preparations must be conducted prior to the arrival of the remains at the cemetery. If an exception to our guidelines is necessary, please reach out to Senior Management for direction and approval.

6. Transportation of Body:

Family and friends will transport the shrouded body from the hearse to the grave.

7. Concrete Liner Requirement:

A special concrete liner with no bottom is required. Designated family members or friends will lift the body sheet using straps and lower the body into the grave.

8. Designated Person in the Grave:

Only one designated person (who must be Muslim) will be allowed in the grave to position the body. The body should rest on the right side, facing Mecca, and should be close to the wall and supported so the body will not fall back. The face should be covered with a board to prevent direct contact with earth.

9. Filling the Grave:

Earth and shovels will be available for family and friends to fill the grave. Cemetery staff can assist if needed and will put the covers on the liner.

10. Inclement Weather Plan:

In case of inclement weather, the East Chapel is available for prayers upon the family's request with the burial will follow. The chapel's maximum capacity is 100 with seating for 50 guests and standing space for an additional 50.

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**GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION**  
**Garden of Peace**

For valuable consideration, specifically, the agreement by Knollwood Memorial Park to waive its Rules and Regulations, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by names listed below, for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby remise, release and forever discharge Knollwood Memorial Park, its directors, officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, parents, affiliates and subsidiaries of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, guarantees, accounts, acts, omissions, negligence, transactions, promises, agreements, warranties, damages, costs, fees, expenses, claims, contracts, choices in action, statutes, executions, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, of whatever kind or nature, in law or in equity, that had, have, claim to have, claim to have had, may hereafter have, claim to have, claim to have had, may hereafter have, or may have had against Knollwood Memorial Park arising under, out of, or in connection with the action of transporting the remains and/or casket of the late \_\_\_\_\_ from the hearse to the burial site and/or entering the grave. All person(s) agree(s) to indemnify and hold harmless Knollwood Memorial Park from all claims, demands, causes of actions, obligations, demands, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever, past, present, or future.

This instrument shall be governed by the law of Massachusetts and shall take effect as a sealed instrument.

Signed and sealed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

Signatures

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