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SAN FRANCISCO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Services Offered at Our Lady of the Pillar - Half Moon Bay

As of January 2023

Ground Burial: Ground burial options include traditional single, double depth or side by side graves; and heritage sites in historic sections.

Cremated Remains: Our Lady of the Pillar provides for the permanent care and memorialization of cremated remains. Options are available, including traditional in-ground burial and the interment of an urn in an existing family plot.

Services: The committal prayer service, the final opportunity to pay tribute and say goodbye, may be held at the grave. Saturday services are available for an additional charge.

Other Selections: Urns, permanent containers or outer burial receptacles are required where applicable within the cemetery. Our Lady of the Pillar offers a selection of urns, urn vaults and burial vaults appropriate for various sections in the cemetery.

Memorialization: Monuments, as well as monument cleaning and inscription work may be arranged through the cemetery. Memorial Benches are also available.

Payment: Payment in full at time of arrangements. Special terms are available for Pre-Need selections. Visa and MasterCard are accepted as well as assignments from Life Insurance.

Hours of Visitation: 9AM – 5PM Daily

Office Hours: **By Appointment Only**

Our Lady of the Pillar

926 Miramontes Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1577, Colma, CA 94014-0577

(650) 712-1679

Sales Areas Subject to Availability ♦ Prices Subject to Change without Notice

Components of Cemetery Pricing

Physical Space: the grave

Endowment Care: the fee placed in trust to maintain the cemetery in the future

Labor: opening and closing of the grave and burial

Recordation: administrative and record-keeping fee

Box/Vault/Urn: required by the cemetery in most areas

Memorialization: monuments, setting fees and inscriptions

Graves

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| Grave | from \$12,000 depending upon location |
| Endowment Care | \$450 |
| Labor | \$1,300 |
| Recordation | \$350 |
| Burial Box | from \$1,100 (plus tax) |
| Burial Vaults (where possible): | from \$1,800 (plus tax) |

Cremated Remains

| | Ground Burial |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Grave | <i>from</i> \$4,500 |
| Endowment | <i>from</i> \$450 |
| Labor | \$650 |
| Recordation | \$350 |
| Memorialization | \$1712.50 |
| Urn Burial Box | \$ 410.16 |
| | <i>from</i> \$8,072.66 |

Memorialization

Flush Granite Markers: *from* \$1712.50 (includes marker and setting fee)

2' Upright Monuments: *from* \$5229.69 (includes monument and setting fee)

Headstone Inscriptions \$750 per inscription; minimum charge \$525

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About Our Lady of the Pillar

Our Lady of the Pillar Cemetery replaced Pilarcitos Cemetery as the Catholic Cemetery for the area. The first burial in Our Lady of the Pillar Cemetery occurred in 1921. The title Our Lady of the Pillar refers to the shrine Nuestra Señora del Pilar erected by St. James in Zaragoza, Spain, the oldest of the Marian shrines. Sunset Magazine included Our Lady of the Pillar Cemetery in its list of "Five Great Cemeteries Worth Exploring in Northern California."

About Historic Pilarcitos

In 1820, Pilarcitos Cemetery was established as the Catholic cemetery for the coastal settlers and Indians. The Mexican Government (ruling CA 1822-1848) granted José Tiburcio Vasquez a rancho alongside Pilarcitos Creek in present-day Half Moon Bay, which included land used as the Pilarcitos cemetery. The rancho grew in population during the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) as family members left San Francisco for the presumed safety of the coast. Archbishop Alemany appointed the first priest to "Spanishtown" (Fr. Antoine Langlois) in 1868, following the construction of a church building on land donated by the Vasquez family. The original church was destroyed by fire in 1875. Originally, the Vasquez family had intended for their family burials to take place below the floor of the church; following the fire, they began to use the land for cemetery plots. The pastor at the time, Fr. John Valentini, eventually purchased the land from the Vasquez family for use once again as a Catholic Cemetery of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.