

VETERANS

Burial Options for the Catholic Community



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

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Planning in Advance

By making arrangements in advance, families can avoid confusion and unexpected costs at the time of loss. Additionally, you can be sure that your wishes will be honored and that you can choose the type of services and memorialization that are most appropriate for you and comforting to your family.

Services

The Committal Service, the final opportunity to pay tribute and say goodbye, may be held at the gravesite or in one of our beautiful chapels.

It is the time to share a few final thoughts in the comfort of family and friends while gathered together for a brief service. Rituals are a healthy way of moving through times of transition.

The Catholic Church has a Rite of Committal that allows for prayer and reflection before the body is entrusted to the care of the Cemetery.

Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries are a reminder that death is a part of the journey that leads to a new life. Catholic Cemeteries are sacred places that create a spiritual environment conducive to prayer, reflection, and remembrance.

By choosing a Catholic Cemetery, you select a final resting place that reflects the beliefs and values of life's personal journey.



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness." - 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

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Life is Worth Remembering

Tribute:

Star of the Sea is dedicated to the valiant men and women who have served in the armed forces; In the shadow of the flags of the military branches; reserved for veterans and their spouses; site of the annual Veterans Day service.

Cremation:

Star of the Sea Cremation Circle offers Veterans and their spouses the opportunity for in-ground placement of cremated remains, in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Memorial:

Options include a military marker, a memorial bench, dedicating a memorial tree, lighting a memorial candle or donating to one of the stations of the cross.

In addition to dedicated areas within the Cemetery, the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco are proud to offer Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Colma, Holy Cross Menlo Park, Our Lady of the Pillar in Half Moon Bay and Mount Olivet in San Rafael.

What You Need to Know

If you are planning for a burial, it is important to know and understand all of the choices available to you. Our Family Service Advisors can help you personalize your services and select a site of lasting beauty.

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery offers many options to celebrate and remember the life of a Veteran. Single and double traditional graves, as well as cremation graves are available.



*"No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13*

Questions and Answers

Q. What is available for Veterans?

A. Our Star of the Sea is section dedicated to the men and women who have served in our United States Armed Forces and their spouses. We offer traditional graves and cremated remains in-ground burial options.

Q. What is required for proof of service?

A. Per the VA's website, it's important to ensure that the Veteran's discharge papers (DD214) are available and kept along with the form for either a [government issued military marker](#) or a [memorial medallion](#) (for a crypt or niche). For more information and Veteran Support, please visit www.cem.va.gov

Q. What costs are involved?

A. Please speak with a Family Service Advisor for details. Price lists are available from the Cemetery office.

These are general categories of cost:

Grave – this cost varies depending upon the location

Endowment Care – a one-time charge entrusted for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery

Interment – the labor to open and close the grave and make the casket placement

Recordation – an administrative fee

Burial Box – concrete box or protective vault

Memorial Setting Fees – fee to install the government issued marker or headstone

Q. Are there any special benefits available for Veterans?

A. As a member of the US Armed Forces, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers special benefits to veterans who are being interred in a private cemetery including military honors with flag presentation, a military marker or emblem, as well as a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Q. Is burial in Star of the Sea the only way to receive those benefits?

A. Veterans can choose any location at Holy Cross and still benefit from military memorialization options for all interment types; including upright military headstone, flush military markers, and military emblems for crypts and niches where permitted. Please check with your family service advisor for proper memorialization options available at the location you select. As with all memorialization, a Christian symbol must be displayed.

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