



MEMORIALS



The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are these memorials just for Buddhists?

Memorials are for everyone and of all faiths, including beloved family pets.

Can I place ashes anywhere at the Great Stupa site?

The Memorial Terrace Garden is a defined area on the grounds of the Great Stupa, for the purpose of interment of cremated remains, and placement of plaques. Memorials are exclusive to the purpose-built Memorial Walls, designated Memorial Trees, and Memorial Roses.

What do the fees cover?

The fees cover the bronze plaque, the blessing (if requested), a donation to the Great Stupa and an allocation for the upkeep into perpetuity. Tree and Rose Memorials are for 50 years after which the plaque will be relocated to a memorial area nearby for perpetuity. There are no ongoing fees.

Can I pre-pay and plan for a future memorial for myself and/or family?

Pre-planning a future memorial for yourself can be a great comfort to your family and loved ones. You may choose

to pay the minimum deposit of \$500 and have 3 years to pay the balance OR you may pay in full.

Can I reserve adjoining memorials?

Subject to availability adjoining memorials can be reserved.

Can I choose the memorial location?

Our Memorial Manager will assist you in choosing a Memorial Wall, Memorial Tree or Memorial Rose location based on availability.

Must I place all the ashes with the memorial?

The applicant may decide to place all the ashes or some of the ashes. Some people choose to not place any ashes and simply have the memorial plaque in memory of their loved one.

What happens if I don't have the ashes of the deceased?

Stupa Wall and Wall Niche Memorials can have items of tribute such as hair, nail clippings, photographs, letters, or belongings placed inside of the memorial walls instead of ashes. Tree and Rose Memorials can only accept ashes.

Can I place the ashes of more than one person in a Rose Memorial?

A Rose Memorial can take all the ashes of one person, or ½ of the ashes each of two persons. This is strictly limited to maintain the health of the rose garden. Tree Memorials can take ashes of 2 persons per memorial, due to the extra space around the tree.

What will happen if a Memorial Tree or Rose needs to be replaced?

Our Garden Supervisor has the authority to determine if a Memorial Tree or Rose needs to be replaced. If a memorial has already been placed, if possible, the tree or rose would be removed by hand and each section of soil will be collected and preserved to be returned to the same location.

How much space do I have in the Memorial Wall?

Both the Stupa Wall and the Wall Niche Memorials offer a space no larger than 145mm (W) x 115mm (H) x 250mm (L); this is the standard cremation urn size.

How long does it take to arrange a memorial?

It takes approximately 12 weeks to arrange a memorial, including the bronze plaque. Once the plaque arrives, a date for the memorial can be considered. Alternatively, you may choose to go

ahead with the interment of ashes within a few weeks of booking, and we can arrange the plaque later.

What days can I book for an interment (and blessing)?

An interment can be requested most weekdays, but are not available weekends, or public holidays. Weekdays are preferred as they do tend to be quieter for visitor numbers compared to weekends.

Is a Memorial at the Great Stupa like a funeral?

Memorials usually include only immediate family and friends, as it may take a few months to arrange.

What if I change my mind?

A 30-day cooling off period applies. Please refer to your "Memorial Booking Form" including the "Change of mind" policy for further details.

Will my memorial booking expire?

A memorial, that has been paid in full but not yet placed, will expire 108 years from the agreement date noted on the Memorial Booking Form. Reserved memorial places cannot be held indefinitely. A booking, that has had a deposit paid, will expire if not paid in full by the date noted on the invoice. Re-booking will be at the current prices.

For further information, to proceed with a memorial, or book a future memorial for yourself or family, please phone or email to arrange an appointment with our Memorial Manager.



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