

# Application

for the Interment of Cremated Remains in  
First-Centenary United Methodist Church  
Memorial Garden  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

I hereby request the interment of the cremated remains of

\_\_\_\_\_

in the First-Centenary UMC Memorial Garden and attach a remittance of  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$600 or a \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 deposit

I have read and do agree to each and every one of the attached  
“conditions” governing First-Centenary’s Memorial Garden. I have  
made these “conditions” known to the person(s) named below and they  
understand that my signature hereto is binding on them.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Names of person(s) responsible for carrying out my wishes as expressed  
above:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

The cross in the Memorial Garden  
(pictured on the cover)  
was given in memory of  
J. Ernest “Ernie” Darr, III  
1937 - 2006  
by Carolyn and Family

 **First-Centenary**  
United Methodist Church  
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*I am the  
resurrection  
and the life,  
says the Lord.*

*He who  
believes in me,  
though he  
were dead,  
yet shall he live.*



First-Centenary United Methodist Church

# Memorial Garden

## Purpose

The Memorial Garden is designed to provide a space for the interment of ashes of deceased members of the First-Centenary United Methodist Church family. In the past, cemeteries were often located on church grounds; it is appropriate that a space of beauty and tranquility be provided for those who prefer burial in the church garden. The garden serves as a place for rest, meditation, and prayer.

## Service

First-Centenary should be notified as soon as possible when a death occurs. The funeral home should also be notified, so that arrangements for cremation may be made. The church will furnish an urn and a suitable covering, approved by the Garden Mission, for use during the service. The burial service may be held in the church, followed by a procession to the Memorial Garden for the committal of the ashes.

## Administration

The Business Manager is responsible for the administration of the garden and will assign plots based on a grid with numbered spaces. Spaces will be assigned in numerical order at the time of death. Remains will be placed consecutively; no particular place may be reserved.

## Markers

The name of each person whose ashes are committed in the garden will be inscribed on an individual bronze name plate, along with the year of birth and of death. This plate will be attached to the large, permanent memorial plaque located on the garden wall. The names will be listed in chronological order by date of death.

## Maintenance

Landscaping and upkeep of the garden is an ongoing responsibility of the Garden Mission. The design and planting of the garden will be under the supervision of the Garden Mission. There will be no individual floral arrangements or other decorations within the garden. It is anticipated that the garden will be available for interment in perpetuity. In the event that all plots are used, remains may be reverently interred in previously used spaces, after a period of ten years. The intention is for the interment of ashes in previously used spaces to be in the order in which the spaces were initially used.

## Eligibility

All First-Centenary members, past and present, their spouses and children are eligible for interment in the garden. Exceptions will be considered at the discretion of the minister and the Trustees.

## Cost

The cost for interment only is \$600. The initial deposit is \$300, with the balance of \$300 due within one year of the deposit. The deposit is payable at the time of application. This cost includes the price of the marker. The cost of the cremation itself is a separate expense to be determined by a funeral home. In the event that \$600 has been paid and the family decides to make other arrangements, \$300 will be returned.

## Contributions

Memorial gifts are welcome and may be made to the church at any time. These funds will be placed in the Memorial Garden Fund, reserved for the maintenance and furnishing of the garden.

## Application Procedure

Application for burial in the Memorial Garden may be made in the Church Office.

