Welcome to Mountain Home and Riverside Cemeteries. It is our hope that you enjoy the peace and beauty of our landscape as you take a moment for remembrance and reflection, or come to learn of those who have gone before us.

City of Kalamazoo
Mountain Home Cemetery & Riverside Cemetery

A database of burials for each cemetery along with cemetery ordinances are available on the website at:

www.kalamazooicity.org/cemeteries

Also available on the website are various maps to assist you in your search. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you need assistance.

Cemetery Office Location
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Kalamazoo MI 49001
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Cemetery rules

1. These rules shall apply to all cemeteries owned or operated by the city of Kalamazoo.
2. These rules shall not be construed to deprive any person of a vested property right.
3. Visitors to the cemeteries shall maintain proper decorum; there shall be no loud, undignified, or boisterous conduct.
4. There shall be no littering in the cemetery.
5. Pets are not permitted within the cemetery.
6. No grave site shall be used for other than the burial of human remains.
7. No private burial structures shall be erected without the written permission of the cemetery.
8. No person other than the cemetery employee shall open any grave site or do any excavating within the cemetery.
9. No interment, disinterment, or service shall be permitted on Sundays, before noon on Mondays, or any day recognized as a national holiday.
10. All funerals shall be under the general supervision of the cemetery.
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12. All materials used for memorials are subject to the approval of the cemetery.
13. The principal inscription on a memorial shall face the nearest road or path.
14. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all landscaping shall be under the control of the cemetery and only the cemetery may make plantings.
15. Nothing may be placed on or around any grave site unless it is provided for in these rules.
16. The cemetery will remove anything placed on any grave site in violation of these rules at the expense of the person or persons who have violated these rules.
17. Any flowers, plants or other decorations properly placed on any grave site will be removed when, in the opinion of the cemetery, they have begun to deteriorate.
18. Glass jars or bottles shall not be used as vases for flowers.
19. All memorials shall be placed on a foundation of a depth and size and of a material approved by the cemetery.
20. All foundations shall be installed by cemetery personnel.
21. Winter wreaths, globes or blankets may remain on the grave site from the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving to the first Sunday in March.
22. All burials, except cremated remains, shall be in vaults of a type acceptable to the cemetery. Cremated remains shall be placed in containers of a type acceptable to the cemetery.
23. No rose bushes may be planted in the cemetery.
24. Two containers for cut flowers, in a bouquet holder which can be submerged to ground level and is of a type approved by the cemetery may be installed on each grave site. If such containers are not installed in a manner that is satisfactory to the cemetery, they will be removed.
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Mountain Home Cemetery

Nestled in between West Main and Forbes Streets is Mountain Home Cemetery, located at 1402 W Main St. Across the street you can see Henderson Castle. But if you visit, you won’t need to go that far to find beauty and character in abundance. Just take a look at the gently rolling landscape around you and the variety of stones and monuments, large and small. If you look at a Kalamazoo City street map and compare the names to those you see at Mountain Home, you’ll find the cemetery not only rich in character, but also very rich in Kalamazoo history. Or maybe you’ll want to stop and honor those since passed who have served in the armed forces, usually designated by a small marker and new flag every spring. Started in 1849, the City of Kalamazoo assumed control in 1940.

Riverside Cemetery

The larger of the two City cemeteries, Riverside Cemetery is located at 1015 Gull Rd, with two entrances along Gull Road and one on Riverview Drive. Started around 1862, Riverside Cemetery has always been municipally owned. One will find a variety of settings here at Riverside — well-shaded, open, rolling and flat—as do the deer and the squirrels. In the backmost section you’ll see into Spring Valley Park with a view of Spring Valley Lake. If you wait to see the sun rounding its way to the west you’ll notice how it radiantly lights up the west most landscape. There is a view to enjoy at almost every angle. Or maybe you’ll want to stop and honor those since passed who have served in the armed forces, usually designated by a small marker and new flag every spring. Started in 1849, the City of Kalamazoo assumed control in 1940.

Price List (eff 02/01/2021)

Burial Services

Full Body

- Adult Opening & Closing: $1035.00
- Child Opening & Closing: $555.00
- Infant Opening & Closing: $345.00

Cremated Remains

- Drop off: $285.00
- Graveside Service: $400.00

Grave Prices

- Type I (Flush Memorial Sections): $930.00
- Type II (Upright Memorial Sections): $1000.00
- Type III (Baby Sections): $345.00
- Cremated Remains Sections: $410.00
- Type V (Older Sections): $1000.00

Overtime

Monday through Friday— Overtime will be charged on an actual cost basis for any work related to funeral services performed after 4:30pm.

- Not to exceed: $395.00
- Saturday*:
  - Full Burial: $630.00
  - Cremation Burial: $155.00

*Further overtime will be charged on an actual cost basis for any work related to funeral services performed after 4:30pm.

Foundations

- Per square inch: $0.70
- Minimum Charge: $85.00

Slim marker—extra installation fee (in addition to per sq. inch charge): $40.00

Miscellaneous

- Cemetery Deed Transfer: $20.00

Important Information

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