

## For Your Information

### Family Heritage Program

One of the most valuable decisions a family can make is to establish heritage by acquiring cemetery property beside each other in the cemetery. It provides peace of mind and comfort to be with family and the Loved ones both in life and death.

### Caring for Our Families

To help our families who wish to be with each other St. Peter's Cemetery offers our "Family Heritage Program", a discount of 5% to members of the immediate family of the deceased. The offer is good for 60 days from the day of the funeral.

### Peace of Mind and Affordability

Many of our families take advantage of the opportunity to give themselves peace of mind and avoid having to repeat the stress of making arrangements again at the time of death. They make arrangements for all family members at the same time.

### Ownership of the Family Plot

One of the most forgotten areas of importance after the funeral is to clarify who owns the family lot after the death of the original owner. It is therefore important to make such declarations in writing before the time comes.

### Deeded in Perpetuity

Cemetery property in Ontario is deeded in perpetuity. In simple terms "Forever". Therefore it becomes extremely important to establish ownership, especially if the original owner(s) has died. Someone in your family will own the family cemetery plot from generation to generation.

### European Time Ownership

Ontario cemetery ownership is often the complete opposite of many European and Asian countries. Due to lack of space use of a cemetery spot is limited to ten years or less with the possibility of renewing for another length of time as long as family members are able and/or willing to pay.

### How is My Cemetery Spot Inherited?

- By Probated Will. The cemetery space is directed to be given to a specific individual(s).
- By Probated Will. As part of the "residual of the estate". If the cemetery plot is not specifically referred to it falls under the category of "residual of the estate".
- By "Right of Survivorship". If there is no Will and the person is "in testate" ownership will be equally divided amongst the designated heirs.
- By Written Affidavit. A document from a lawyer establishing the individual's legitimacy.

## How is Ownership Transferred?

Once the person(s) ownership is established “in Writing” the old deed is surrendered to the cemetary and a new deed is issued to the new owner.

Note:

- Ownership must always be established in a written document. Verbal confirmation is not acceptable.
- Possession of a deed does not establish ownership.