



HOPLAND CEMETERY DISTRICT

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HOW TO'S OF HOPLAND CEMETERY

1. Purchasing a Plot

The Hopland Cemetery is small and space is limited. We have approximately four burials per year and that number is falling. To be buried in Hopland Cemetery, you must live in the Hopland Cemetery District (see Map) or already have a family plot here.

The plot for what is called a "full body" interment costs \$1250. This plot will hold one casket and the dimensions are included in our Rules and Regulations (see Attachment). This manner of burial is becoming less typical as the expense of full body burial can be prohibitive (e.g. \$1650 for the actual open and close here in Hopland).

By law, one plot can hold up to four cremains so with the purchase of one plot, you could bury four family members in one "plot". Currently the cost of a cremains burial is \$675.

2. Forms you need to have completed

You will need to complete the Certificate of Internment Right and this will be held by the Hopland Cemetery District and given to the mortician/cemeterian at the time of burial, along with the death certificate.

You will need to complete the Internment Order when the plot is ready to be used and the District will reaffirm your right via the Certificate of Internment Right, to use the plot.

You should also complete the Burial Rights Affidavit, especially if it is currently unknown which or your relatives will be living at the time of burial so there is no question as to whether they will have the right to use the plot.

3. Selecting a location

We currently have a GPS map online of the entire cemetery and the residents. There are, however, unmarked graves located around the cemetery and so a physical trip to our Cemetery will be needed to make sure your plot of correctly marked.

Due to its historical nature, no burials will be entertained in the center area of the cemetery (encircled by the road) unless a family plot is already in existence. All other locations are to the East and North.

4. The Hopland Cemetery District Board

The Hopland Cemetery is a public place, much like a park. It is technically run by the County and the County's representatives are the Hopland Cemetery District Trustees. There are five (5) Trustees who must live in Hopland to serve and they are volunteers.

The Trustees oversee the maintenance of the cemetery, fundraising efforts, and make sure the records of the cemetery are maintained, along with insurance and all required filings by the State.

The Hopland Cemetery depends on volunteers to not only help maintain the property, but also to serve on the Board of Trustees, and make decisions as to how to best preserve this historic site.

Currently the Hopland Cemetery does not have any employees, but has an inter-cemetery agreement with the Russian River Cemetery District in order to have all burials done by professionals and according to State law and insurance requirements.

Please feel free to contact the Trustees via email at hoplandcemetery@gmail.com if you would like more information.

If you would like to purchase a plot, please complete the forms described above, print and mail them with your check for payment to "Hopland Cemetery District", PO Box 425, Hopland, CA 95449.

Thank you and we hope you will consider volunteering with us - we have a Facebook page for current events and Meetings of the Board are posted at the Cemetery and the Post Office in Hopland.