

JOIN THE 1877 SOCIETY!

The Wadena Cemetery Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining this special space. It does not receive city, county, state, or federal tax dollars. The sale of lots, memorial contributions, and donations provide operating income.

Thanks to generous contributions, the Wadena Cemetery Association and Calvary Cemetery are able to not only keep the cemetery well maintained, but are also able to make improvements and carry out special projects.

Your tax-deductible gift supports everything we do to make our cemetery a beautiful and peaceful space for those who rest here and those who visit.

Golden Eagles: \$5,000 +
Silver Songbirds: \$1,000 to \$4,999
Saints: \$500 to \$999
Supporters: \$100 to \$499
Friends: up to \$99

WHY 1877?

During the smallpox epidemic of 1877, Wadena townsfolk realized the bodies of those who died of smallpox could never be moved. The cemetery grounds were chosen for their elevation and many spruce trees. The first grave is that of Emma Knight, who died of smallpox on July 16, 1877. Her gravestone can be found in Original Block 3, Lot 24.

If you would like to make a donation or memorial contribution of any kind, please contact:

Wadena Cemetery Association
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WADENA CEMETERY

IN WADENA, MINNESOTA

POLICIES, COSTS,
AND INFORMATION



Cemetery history, maps, and
help finding grave sites can be found at:

WWW.WADENACEMETERY.COM

For personal consultations, please contact:
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WADENA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION POLICIES

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To honor those we have loved and to provide beauty and safety, we ask everyone to respectfully follow these guidelines:

- No pets.
- Remove all flowers and items not attached to monuments by June 15.
- During mowing season, all items in the way will be removed. Position shepherd staffs or plant stands to allow for mowing.
- The Wadena Cemetery Association is not responsible for items placed on a grave site.
- No new permanent plants, shrubs, or trees.

WADENA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION COSTS

(subject to change)

- Cemetery lot: \$650 *(1 casket and/or 1 cremain, or 2 cremains).*
- Columbarium niche: \$1,300 *(includes the space in the columbarium and engraving on the door panel with name, date of birth, and date of death; 1 or 2 urns per niche).*
- Grave for a baby in the baby section: \$100.
- Marking fee: \$50 *(marking for interment and/or placement of a monument).*
- Winter interments incur an additional cost.



Cemetery policies, costs, and
interment and inurnment information can be found at:

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INTERMENT & INURNMENT INFORMATION

- All casket burials (interments) and cremation burials (inurnments) must be properly recorded with the Wadena Cemetery Association. Funeral homes are required to provide legal documents to cemeteries. Funeral homes or families must also notify the Wadena Cemetery Association of inurnments.
- Cremains must be in a durable container approved by a funeral home—they may either be placed in a single durable container or in any container placed inside a durable outer container. Permanent containers are usually placed by the headstone a foot below the surface. A referral can be made for someone to do this. Caskets require vaults.
- Unless arrangements are made, burials or placement of headstones cannot take place until full payment for the lot has been received and a deed certificate has been issued.
- The purchaser of a monument is its owner and is responsible for its upkeep. Monuments from the Veterans Administration or any natural stone monuments from a monument company are allowed. Monuments can only be placed after permission by the Wadena Cemetery Association.
- A funeral director coordinates burial excavations. The excavator fills and levels the site and seeds for grass. Because success of the seed maturing depends on weather and moisture, families are encouraged to assist by watering, fertilizing, and weeding.
- Winter interments receive additional soil and grass seeds in the spring.
- If, after time, the site or monument settles, the family is responsible to correct the settling.
- Placement of non-monument benches, concrete planters, or any other permanent items must be approved by the Wadena Cemetery Association.