
Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



History



King of King's Memorial Garden was dedicated on May 4, 2008, to the glory of the Lord in loving memory of Randy Faber, who fell asleep in his Savior's arms on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Randy was an arborist at Universal Orlando. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, whose passion in life was his family.

The Memorial Garden became a reality through the help of many people within the congregation, particularly the Faber family. We pray that it will be a blessing to the congregation and its members for generations to come.



King of Kings Memorial Garden



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When Mary Magdalene wept at the tomb of Jesus, those tears of sorrow soon became tears of joy at the resurrection of Jesus. Filled with hope, she returned to the others with the news, “*I have seen the Lord.*” John 20:18



Jesus Appears to Mary

Although the death of a loved one brings tears to our eyes, we do not grieve like the those who have no hope. We know that because Jesus lives, we too shall live (John 14:19).

So, when we commit the body or ashes of our loved one to the ground, we do so with the knowledge that these “bones” will one day come to life again on the great Day of the Lord. “*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*” (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Generally, when God calls our brothers or sisters in Christ to their eternal home, we return their bodies to the ground (“earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust”). King of Kings Memorial Garden is intended to be the final resting place for the ashes (cremains) of those Christians who wish to have their bodies cremated.

The Memorial Garden is a testimony to their Christian faith. In committing the ashes to the place where one has worshipped, there is an inherent testimony to the faith and hope that we have in the resurrection. Furthermore, there is a testimony regarding the oneness that we have in Christ, a unity that is not limited by time or space. United to Jesus in this life, we are still united to Jesus in death, and will continue to be united in the resurrection.

Members of King of Kings and loved ones who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their only Savior and Lord, and who wish to have their ashes returned to the ground in our Memorial Garden and welcome to do so.

If the memorial service is held in the church, those present would adjourn to the Memorial Garden where the pastor will commit the ashes to the ground. If there is no memorial service or the memorial service is held elsewhere, a special ceremony may be scheduled. Either way, this brief, dignified Christian ceremony offers closure for those who mourn and gives testimony regarding the Christian hope that we have.

King of Kings Memorial Garden Interment Application

All cremains will be washed into the ground of King of Kings Memorial Garden so that the dust of the ashes returns to the dust of the ground (Genesis 3:19). No containers will be buried.

For each person interred, there will be a fee of \$200 for members of King of Kings and \$250 for non-members. The fee is needed to keep the garden a place of beauty and peace. Payment should accompany application. Checks should be made out to “King of Kings Lutheran Church.” *In cases of financial hardship, please speak with the pastor.*

The name, birth date and death date can be etched into a paver and placed in the Memorial Garden. This service is included in the fee. (There is a \$50 fee for just a paver.) The oversight of the Memorial Garden falls completely under the oversight of the Board of Trustees of King of Kings Lutheran Church. Any special requests will need to be made through them.

Full Name of the Deceased: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Death Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Amount Received: _____

Church Rep.: _____

Date Received: _____

