

## The Committal of Pets

Pet ashes may be scattered on the rocks in the Pet Committal Area. This is a do-it-yourself event for the family or individual. Ask the rector for special prayers that will be appropriate for your service.

For pet cremation service, consult the web for "pet cremation services Williamsburg Va."

It's a good idea to check with the parish administrator for your date and time. If this will be on a school day morning, also check with the Co-op Pre-school to see if they have any activity scheduled in the immediate area.



## Plaques

To maintain the appearance of the garden, two types of small plaques will be used. One plaque, approximately 4"x2 1/2", is affixed to one of the three crosses in the bell tower area. A bronze plaque, 3"X 5", with raised letters, will be used to mark the interments located in the garden area. These plaques may contain only the name of the deceased and the dates of birth and death.

These plaques must be ordered through the church office and the office will arrange for the placement of the plaque.



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# St. Martin's Bell Tower Memorial Garden



The Bell Tower was erected in 1968 with a bell donated by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Norge. The first ashes were committed at the Bell Tower in 1975 and at the Common Committal Ground in 2013.

## The Bell Tower Memorial Garden

The three options for committing a person's ashes to the ground are each to be used in conjunction with the "Committal" service in The Book of Common Prayer (page 484 or 501) or with the prayer book supplement "Enriching Our Worship."

### Option 1: Burying of ashes in the Ground

The priest pours ashes into a prepared grave in the ground (or places the ashes contained in a biodegradable container in the grave). Plots may be reserved in the designated interment area for future burials by contacting the Parish Administrator. A bronze plaque in the ground is placed later. The cost of this option is \$150 for the plaque.



### Option 2: Scattering of ashes under the Bell Tower

The priest scatters the ashes of the deceased person on the rocks underneath the Bell Tower. If the family prefers, family member(s) may scatter the ashes. With this option, a simple plaque goes on one of the pillars of the Tower as a memorial. The cost of this option is \$45 for the plaque.



### Option 3: Burying of ashes in the Peace Garden

The priest pours ashes into the earth of the raised area dedicated to the burying of parishioner's ashes. No one who has ashes in the Common Committal Ground has a unique "spot," but rather the ashes are mingled with the earth and other ashes over time, signifying our union in the one body of Christ and one fellowship. A simple plaque is placed on the ledge of the raised area to serve as a memorial marker. The cost of this option is \$45 for the plaque.

