



FOREST HILLS CEMETERY

Boston's premier garden cemetery since 1848

Historical Areas Burial Options

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, Forest Hills Cemetery has initiated a project to identify gravesites in the “historical” areas of the Cemetery. We are fortunate that the original founders and designers of Forest Hills provided for generous margins of land between family lots—today these are areas that we can offer for burial.

Within these areas originally developed during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, we have identified available spaces in areas as diverse as near Lake Hibiscus or on Milton Hill.

By expressing your preferences to us—such as a preference for a forested area or an elevated terrace with a vista, or near the grave of a celebrated “resident,” we can often identify space that could accommodate cremation or full-casket burial, in accordance with your needs and wishes.

Besides acquiring a gravesite in one of the landscaped areas for which Forest Hills is justifiably renowned, possibilities for memorialization at many of these sites are much more flexible than what is currently permitted in the Cemetery's newer sections. Although we require granite as the material (instead of the traditional nineteenth century preferred material of marble), grave owners may opt for shapes, forms, sizes and heights similar to the Victorian marble monuments that dot the historic areas. However, at some gravesites in historic areas we permit only a flat marker, in order to maintain the existing visual characteristics of the surrounding landscape.

Historic grave and cremation lot possibilities in our catalog include:

Tritoma Path

A beautiful, elevated, very quiet area near the footbridge, and near one of our magnificent Daniel Chester French sculptures (The George White Memorial).

Snowdrop and Alpine Paths

A terraced area of older marble monuments, with a spectacular outlook (Alpine) or near total seclusion (Snowdrop).

Mayflower Path

A somewhat private path backed by a forested area.

Catalpa Avenue

A series of plots in varying configurations, depending on specific site. The eminent German-American Boston restaurateur Jacob Wirth is buried on Catalpa Avenue. A beautiful bronze allegorical figure marks his family's gravesite. Bicycle manufacturer Alexander Pope is also buried on Catalpa.

Fountain Avenue

Fountain is a prominent avenue with a combination of late nineteenth century marble memorials and early twentieth century granite monuments.

For more information on the Historical Gravesite Project, please contact Elise M. Ciregna, Director of Sales and Marketing, directly at eciregna@foresthillscemetery.com.



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