

# *The Memorial Scatter Garden*

of  
*Historic Gulf Cemetery*



Gulf Cemetery  
ESTABLISHED JUNE 17,1914  
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# HISTORY

## **ORIGINAL PATENT GRANTED BY PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON ON JUNE 17, 1914**

Granted by the United States, unto the said THE GULF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, the track of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said The Gulf Cemetery Association and to its successors and assigns, forever; subject to reversion "To the United States should the land or any part thereof be sold or cease to be used for the purpose" in said act provided. The patent was signed on the 17th of June, 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson.

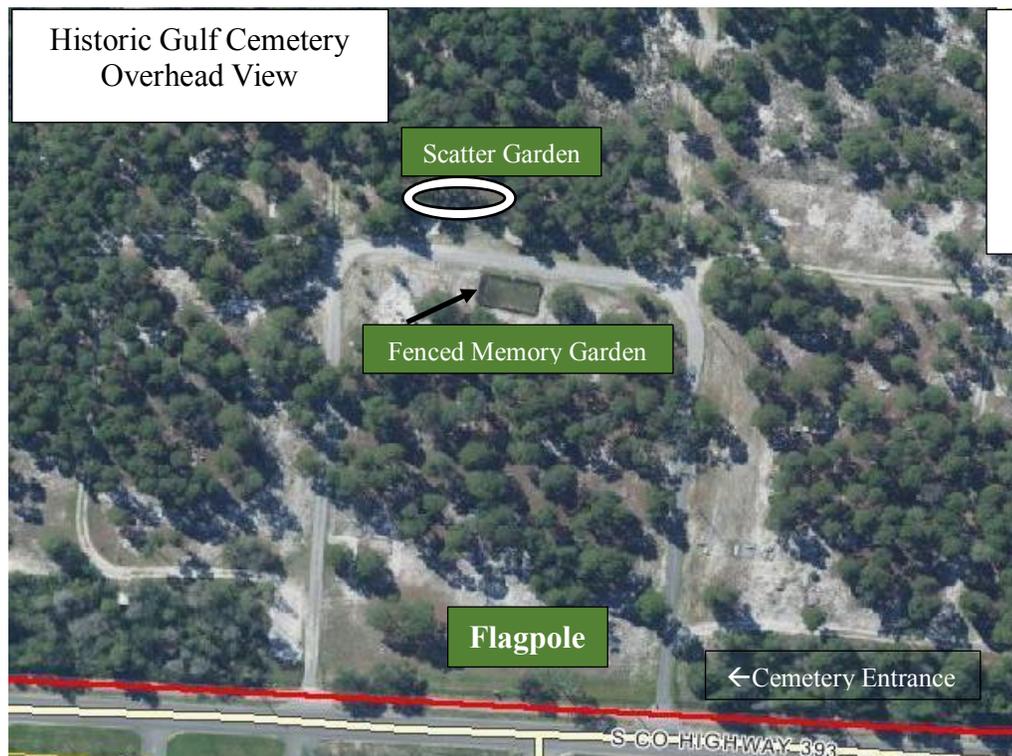
Gulf Cemetery rests on 40 acres of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 2 South, Range 20 West of the Tallahassee Meridian, Florida. The cemetery is accessible on the north by U.S. Highway 98, and from the south by County Road 30A, a state designated scenic highway. It's bordered on the east by County Road 393S, the scenic highway connection road where the cemetery entrance and exit are located. *Gulf Cemetery Association* was organized as a non-profit organization governed by five directors with the authority to establish the governing rules and regulations of the cemetery. The first directors were: M.L. Butler, W.H. Butler, George Gibbons, H.T. Lavermour, and John Erickson.

## **RECORD OF THE FORMATION OF THE GULF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC**

Gulf Cemetery Association, Inc. was registered with the State of Florida as a Non-Profit Corporation on June 18th, 2007 and established a governing body of a seven-member Board of Directors.

As a non-profit association, it is organized under IRS code 501(c)13. The cemetery is still overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors just as it was more than 100 years ago. The Gulf Cemetery was designated as a *Historic Site* by the State of Florida and the Historic marker was unveiled at the May 26th, 2014 Memorial Day/Centennial Day Celebration.

In May 2018, the Memorial Scatter Garden of Historic Gulf Cemetery was established by the Board of Directors. The Memorial Scatter Garden provides an additional area to memorialize deceased loved ones who were cremated, as well as others with no remains available. This provides a reasonable option that is in keeping with current practices and needs for interment. The overhead photo below illustrates the location of the Memorial Scatter Garden. This photo shows only a small portion of the rustic 40-acre cemetery property.



# **THE MEMORIAL SCATTER GARDEN of Historic Gulf Cemetery RULES & REGULATIONS**

**PURPOSE:** *The Memorial Scatter Garden of Historic Gulf Cemetery* was created in May 2018 for the purpose of providing an additional area of the cemetery for memorializing and honoring deceased loved ones. It specifically provides a place for the surface scattering of cremated human remains and a memorial marker to be placed in memory of the deceased individual. Specific areas in the WEST Section of the cemetery are designated for this purpose. A family member or other individual(s) associated with the deceased will purchase the “right” to scatter the cremated remains in the manner described here. In some cases, there may be no remains to scatter, and the “right” purchased will include the option to simply place a memorial stone or bench in this specific location of the WEST Section. These Rules & Regulations provide the guidelines for the use and maintenance of *The Memorial Scatter Garden*. They do not in any way conflict with the interment or burial rights or privileges of the deeded lot owners of Gulf Cemetery. Enforcement of these guidelines will help protect your cemetery and create and preserve its natural and cultivated beauty. All those purchasing these scatter rights and the right to place a memorial marker shall be subject to said RULES & REGULATIONS, amendments or alterations, as shall be adopted by the Gulf Cemetery Association Board of Directors. As the use and maintenance of the Garden transitions over time, the needs and operating procedures will be assessed and adapted.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES:**

1. *The Memorial Scatter Garden* client or purchaser is a family member or other individual(s) who purchase the “right” to scatter cremated human remains in a specific area of the WEST section. This also includes the “right” to place a memorial marker, stone or bench in their designated area. This initial designated area on the Gulf Cemetery survey map includes sections in the WEST Sections area.
2. There will be no underground “burial” of remains or burial of cremation urns or boxes in *The Memorial Scatter Garden* area. It is intended for surface scatter of cremated remains, as well as placement of memorial markers.
3. A purchaser will schedule an appointment with the Gulf Cemetery Board representative(s). The Gulf Cemetery representative will explain the process, rules and costs to the individual.
4. The purchaser will be charged a one-time fee of \$150 or \$300 depending on the size and type of memorial marker that is chosen and as described below. The Gulf Cemetery fee includes the option of the purchaser, family members or designated purchaser representative to spread cremated human remains at a specified time and location, as well as the right to purchase and place (at additional cost) a specified memorial bench or flat grave stone or plate at that location.
5. Cost Options:
  - The one-time Gulf Cemetery fee of \$150 will be charged for the right to place one memorial engraved ground plate or flat stone not larger than 12” x 24”. Another option for the \$150 cemetery fee is the right to place 2 smaller memorial ground plates not more than 6” x 8” each. Arrangements to purchase and obtain any of these ground

plates from an approved vendor (e.g. Gulf Coast Monuments, GLMCO Memorials) are the additional financial responsibility of the purchaser. The Gulf Cemetery representative will provide contact numbers for the approved vendors.

- The one-time Gulf Cemetery fee of \$300 will be charged if a purchaser chooses to buy and place a memorial bench up to 4 ft in seat length with a base and a ground height of approximately 20". The \$300 cemetery fee is based on the larger land space (3' x 6') needed for appropriate placement of this memorial. Again, this cemetery fee does not include the cost of the memorial bench. The purchaser is responsible for making all arrangements with the approved vendor(s) and making payment directly to the vendor for the bench purchase and placement.
- 6. In the application process, the purchaser will provide their name, address, phone number and email address and other alternate contact information, as applicable, and pay the appropriate cemetery fee as well. The purchaser is responsible for updating the Gulf Cemetery Association regarding any changes in their contact information.
- 7. The purchaser, with cemetery representative guidance, will select a specific site for spreading cremated remains and placing a memorial marker. The Gulf Cemetery representative will then flag the specific area approved in the WEST Section. The designated "spread area" will be 3' x 3' per site (1 square yard).
- 8. In addition to the memorial bench, stone or plate, purchasers may place a bouquet of flowers. Unsightly or dead flowers and memorabilia will be removed from *The Memorial Scatter Garden*. If an individual desires to place various memorabilia or a traditional upright grave stone, they will be advised to purchase a lot(s) available in another area of the cemetery.
- 9. Vendors are also subject to the Rules & Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Violation of these Rules & Regulations will upon a majority vote of the Board prohibit them from offering their services at Gulf Cemetery.
- 10. The purchaser does not "own" the "scatter site" or memorial site, but is expected to keep their memorial area tidy. The site remains the property of the cemetery and there is no property deed given. Again, if the individual desires to own a lot, be given a Certificate of Interment Rights recorded with the Walton County Clerk of Courts, and be a voting member of the Gulf Cemetery Association, they will be advised regarding the process for deeded lot purchase.
- 11. No fragile or hazardous containers will be placed on any site considering the safety factor. They will be removed and discarded.
- 12. No trees or native vegetation will be removed without the approval of the Gulf Cemetery Board. However, individuals are welcome to present a proposal to the Board if they wish to fund a landscape enhancement of some kind that will beautify or improve the Gulf Cemetery and/or *The Memorial Scatter Garden*.
- 13. The purchaser will advise if the individual is a military Veteran and will provide the military service information such as rank and branch of service. A Gulf Cemetery Board Member will then also place a miniature flag holder (pipe) and small flag at that memorial location. This will ensure the Veteran is appropriately recognized on Memorial Day and for the annual "Wreaths Across America" program in December of each year.

14. Approved “stone” materials for the memorial grave stones and bench are granite, marble, slate, limestone or sandstone. Commonly used plates are a durable weather-hardy material, generally made of bronze or cast iron.
15. In addition to the name of deceased individual and the date of birth and death, inscriptions on grave markers may include items such as epitaphs and quotations that honor, praise and/or memorialize the individual. Language will be respectful and honoring in nature.
16. When the Gulf Cemetery Board President and/or appointed Board representative is advised of the need to schedule spreading of cremation remains in the specific 3’ x 3’ area, they will confirm the grave marker site has been appropriately and correctly identified.
17. The date of cremation remains and/or memorial placement will be documented in Gulf Cemetery records. Cremation remains are not spread until the scatter site is identified and marked and the Gulf Cemetery fee is paid. Cemetery Board rep(s) will make every effort to consider individual needs and circumstances and will ensure the scheduling does not conflict with other cemetery events or funeral services.
18. In the rare event that a catastrophic storm or disaster significantly damages the Gulf Cemetery grounds, the Gulf Cemetery Association Board and volunteers will make every effort to restore and/or coordinate repair of the grounds to the greatest extent possible. The Gulf Cemetery Association however assumes no liability in this regard and would depend on donations and volunteer support to accomplish this restoration.
19. No moving or removal of memorial stones or benches is permitted without prior approval of the Gulf Cemetery Board.
20. Any individual, whether private citizen or vendor representative, who willfully disrespects the deceased by driving on gravesites and not using designated roadways, will be prosecuted for any damages as well as face possible denial of future use of the cemetery, as determined by the Board of Directors.
21. Gulf Cemetery is routinely patrolled by the Walton County Sheriff team. However, all patrons are asked to report any evidence of vandalism, trash littering or any other abuse or misuse of Gulf Cemetery property. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Apply the rule of “See something, say something”.
22. Visitation of Gulf Cemetery is CLOSED from dusk to dawn.
23. Individuals who purchase site rights in the Garden are asked to consider volunteering to help keep the rustic Gulf Cemetery grounds beautiful and maintained. The Gulf Cemetery Association Board and the volunteers receive no payment for their work of service to our community.
24. Annual donations: The \$150 or \$300 fee for each site in the Garden is a one-time fee for that one site. Purchasers of scatter site rights are asked to consider an annual tax-deductible donation, as permitted by law, to the Gulf Cemetery Association. Purchasers are encouraged to provide donations on a regular basis if they are able to do so.
25. Upon purchase of *The Memorial Scatter Garden* rights, the purchaser will receive a copy of cemetery information, to include: History of Gulf Cemetery, these Rules & Regulations, vendor information, Board contacts, donation information, and *The Memorial Scatter Garden* site location.
26. These Rules & Regulations for *The Memorial Scatter Garden of Historic Gulf Cemetery* will be reviewed by the Board at least annually and will advise regarding updates.

## Memorial Markers for *The Memorial Scatter Garden*

### Vendor Contact Info and Sample Price Information

The options for the *size* of the memorial markers in the Scatter Garden are specified and limited, but many options are available in terms of stone selection and engraving. *Discuss current pricing with Vendor.*

**Vendor:** GLMCO Memorials, 3979 State Highway 2 West, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433  
Phone: 850-834-4345 Contact: *Wendy Wilkerson* Email: [Wendy@glmcomemorials.com](mailto:Wendy@glmcomemorials.com)  
Web: [glmcomemorials.com](http://glmcomemorials.com).

1. Granite (ground stone): 12"x12 is \$150. 12"x16" is \$195. 12"x24" (standard size flat marker) is \$250. Includes engraved lettering of name, date of birth, date of death, symbol. They can be ready / set in 2-4 wks.
2. Bronze plate info same as noted above -- \$250 and up, plus cost of granite stone for securing.
3. Benches: Beautiful polished granite 4 ft bench. Family name engraving and installation included. \$695. Additional charge for additional engraving on top and sides. The 3 ft granite bench is only slightly less, because standard length in the granite bench is 4 ft.  
Rock pitched edged bench, 4ft is \$495. Only the top (seat) can be engraved, as the side is pitched. The 3ft rock pitched edge bench would be \$455. Additional price information available upon inquiry.



**Vendor:** Gulf Coast Monuments, 109 Racetrack Rd NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
Phone: 850-362-6540 and 850-362-6541 Contact: *Denise Chapman*  
Gulf Coast Monuments Crestview Office: 850-682-800 Contact: *Ali Lukehardt*

1. Granite Stone – Gray Color. Size: 12" x 12" or 16" x 10". Cost: \$150. This marker would include the name/dates and a small emblem like a cross, praying hands, flower, angel or other small item.
2. Bronze engraved plates. Size 4" x 8". Engraved with name, date of birth and date of death and a small symbol. Cost: Varies, but very costly -- estimated over \$250 and up.
3. Granite Bench – Gray Color. 36" seat length. Cost: \$1100. Includes the family name and dates inscribed on the top or the front and back of the bench. Gulf Coast Monuments would install on site. Samples below.



# THE MEMORIAL SCATTER GARDEN of Historic Gulf Cemetery

## Application Form

*PLEASE PRINT the following information to request the "right" to scatter cremated human remains and/or place a memorial marker in The Memorial Scatter Garden of Historic Gulf Cemetery.*

### PURCHASER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL phone: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME or WORK Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CONTACT INFO (Phone number and/or address of family member or friend):

\_\_\_\_\_

PLACE "X" BELOW AS APPLICABLE

\_\_\_\_\_ OPTION 1: I will place or make arrangements for placement of one memorial engraved ground plate or flat stone not larger than 12" x 24". Will obtain this memorial marker from an approved vendor and pay them whatever the cost. I will also pay a \$150 one-time fee to GULF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

\_\_\_\_\_ OPTION 2: I will place or make arrangements to place 2 smaller memorial ground plates not more than 6" x 8" each. Will obtain these memorial markers from an approved vendor and pay them whatever the cost. I will also pay a \$150 one-time fee to GULF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

\_\_\_\_\_ OPTION 3: I will make arrangements to place a memorial bench, up to 4 ft seat length and approximately 20" high. Will obtain this memorial bench from an approved vendor and pay them whatever the cost. I will also pay a \$300 one-time fee to GULF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cremated human remains will be scattered at this site when scheduled with the Gulf Cemetery and when all fees are paid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cremated remains will NOT be scattered, and only a memorial stone or bench will be placed.

NAME(s) and DEATH DATE(s) of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE (if known) for placing memorial and scattering remains: \_\_\_\_\_

If unknown, just state "TBD". If no remains will be scattered, note "N/A"

Is deceased a military Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, indicate full name, Rank and Branch of

service: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purchaser Agreement: I agree to comply with the Rules & Regulations for The Memorial Scatter Garden of Historic Gulf Cemetery. I will review the regulations prior to ordering a memorial marker and will follow the specific guidelines given. I will pay all required fees and arrange for placement of memorial markers and schedule any applicable ceremonies relevant to the deceased with Gulf Cemetery representatives.*

Signature of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Gulf Cemetery Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For GULF CEMETERY USE ONLY**

WEST Section where memorial will be placed \_\_\_\_\_

DATE of MEMORIAL / REMAINS SCATTER: \_\_\_\_\_

PVC Flag Holder Placed for military: Y / N

FEE Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes \_\_\_\_\_

*Information filed with other Gulf Cemetery Sales Information.*

*Historic Gulf Cemetery*

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Contact the Board of Directors via email: [GulfCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:GulfCemetery@gmail.com)

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# **DONATION REQUEST**

## ***Historic Gulf Cemetery*** **STATE OF FLORIDA HERITAGE SITE**

The Gulf Cemetery Board is committed to maintaining our historic cemetery to show the utmost respect for those buried and memorialized on these beautiful grounds. It is only through lot sales and donations that we are able to ensure the cemetery is well-maintained. The Board continues to make every effort to minimize the cost of lots and memorial options at the cemetery so that a proper resting place is affordable for as many people as possible. We rely on donations from the community, our supporters, lot owners and those whose loved ones are buried and memorialized at Historic Gulf Cemetery.

Donations are tax-deductible, as permitted by law, and can be sent to:  
Gulf Cemetery Association, Inc.  
PO Box 1746  
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459.

A receipt will be provided for your donation.  
Thank you for your continued support!