



FREETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

Town Hall, P. O. Box 438 Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

Frequently Asked Questions Assonet Burying Ground Veterans Section

Is there any cost associated with purchasing a grave?

Yes. The cost for a traditional grave in the Veterans Section is \$500.00 for the veteran and \$800.00 for his/her spouse. The cost for a cremation lot is \$150.00.

Are there any discounts available?

No. The \$500.00 (or \$150.00) charge for veterans is already a discount off the standard \$800.00 (or \$300.00) charge for non-veterans. The amount asked of veterans is the contribution to perpetual care that is required of all graves purchased in the cemetery.

Are payment plans available?

Yes. The Cemetery Commission is happy to make arrangements for payment plans, bearing in mind that a grave must be paid in full prior to use.

Is there a charge for opening the grave?

Yes. The cost of purchasing a grave does not include the cost of opening the grave when the need arises. At the present time, that cost is approximately \$600.00.

Is there any cost associated with marking a grave?

Yes and no. Veterans who qualify for the Veterans Section would also qualify for a free headstone from the VA. However, spouses and children do not qualify for free headstones, and therefore the family would need to purchase a stone privately. Privately-purchased stones must match the VA style. No other style is permitted.

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