



United Church of Chapel Hill

Memorial Garden Plaques

The bronze plaques in the Memorial Garden are a uniform size with an identical lettering style. Each plaque is 13 ½-inches by 3 3/8-inches and has four lines available for name, dates, or an inscription.

There is no fee for the use of the Memorial Garden, but it is expected that the family will pay for the plaque. **Currently, the cost of a plaque is \$375.**

It is customary for the interment of ashes to precede the attachment of the plaques to the wall so decisions about wording do not have to be made in haste. Once ordered, the plaque will arrive in 5-8 weeks. Please speak with the Senior Pastor or Church Administrator for more details about ordering a plaque.

Line 1: The person's (or family's) name will be in ½-inch letters. A line of ½-inch letters can accommodate 32 spaces (letters + blank spaces). All letters will be in UPPERCASE and names that need more spaces will be spread over two lines.

Line 2: Underneath the name line will be the birth and death dates in 3/8-inch letters.

Optional Lines 3 & 4: There are two optional lines available for an inscription using 3/8-inch or ¼-inch letters.

a) A line of 3/8-inch letters uses 35 spaces, which means that an inscription would have fewer than 70 spaces (letters + blank spaces). All letters will be in UPPERCASE.

or

b) A line of ¼-inch letters uses 42 spaces, which means that an inscription would have fewer than 84 spaces (letters + blank spaces). All letters will be in UPPERCASE.

All of the lettering will be centered. There will be a ¼-inch border around the plaque.

Sample wordings and an order form to be returned to the church office are below. An inscription of the family's choice is allowed with the approval of the Senior Pastor.

Sample Wording:

ABRAHAM PAUL JONES
JANUARY 1, 1920 – JULY 4, 1974

MARY REBECCA SMITH
APRIL 3, 1950 – NOVEMBER 14, 1987
"WHETHER WE LIVE OR WHETHER
WE DIE WE ARE THE LORD'S."

JAMES ISSAC MCDONALD
JULY 14, 1900 – MAY 25, 1987
A FAMILY MAN

A couple can plan to have their names together on one plaque. A plaque can be cast for one member of the couple and then following the death of the surviving space a new plaque may be cast that will include both names. Below is an example.

JOHN WILLIAM JONES
AUGUST 3, 1913 – AUGUST 12, 1979
SUSAN EMILY JONES
MARCH 24, 1916 – AUGUST 15, 1987

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NAME -----
(1/2-inch letters, 32 spaces per line)

DATES -----
(3/8-inch letters, 35 spaces per line)

WORDS -----

(3/8-inch letters, 35 spaces per line or 70 spaces total)

or

WORDS -----

(1/4-inch letters, 42 per line or 84 spaces total)

Payment can be made by check (payable to United Church of Chapel Hill) or on the Online Giving page at unitedchurch.org (specify "Memorial Plaque" in the text field next to "Other & Misc. Payments").