



## Columbarium FAQ

### 1 What is the Columbarium?

- A columbarium is a structure that is used to store urns containing cremated remains. It encompasses designated areas called a Niche, which holds the urn and has a plaque that helps remember and memorialize a loved one.

### 2 How big is a Niche?

- Each niche is 10" x 10" square with 14" front to back.
- This accounts for the 12" x 12" granite plaque's frame.

### 3 How many urns can go into a niche?

- The City of Yorkton does not currently define the number of urns placed in a niche, however fees and charges vary depending on the opening and closing requirements.
- A niche will accommodate as many urns as will fit within the dimensions of 10" x 10" x 14".

### 4 What is included in the cost of a niche?

- The first inurnment is included in the purchase price.
- The engraving is included in the purchase price.
- The price of a niche is comparable to the fees associated to a cremation interment within the ground at the City of Yorkton Cemetery.
- Any additional urns may be placed within the Niche, but are subject to opening and closing fees as well as Care and Maintenance and Perpetual Care Fees.

### 5 How do I inscribe my Columbarium niche?

- Inscriptions will be engraved to the front of the niche spaces. They will all have a consistent design.
- Inscriptions may be arranged through the City of Yorkton Cemetery Administration Office at 306-828-2452 or [cemeteryadmin@yorkton.ca](mailto:cemeteryadmin@yorkton.ca).

### 6 What can I inscribe on my Columbarium plaque?

- To maintain the columbarium in a uniform manner, the City of Yorkton will arrange for the engraving of the plaque.
- The name, birth date and death date of the person(s) inurned will be engraved on the plaque. The fee for this is included in the niche purchase price.

### 7 Is there a special kind of urn that we must use?

- We recommend the use of urns made of ceramic, metal, composite or another non-combustible material.
- Your local funeral provider will have a selection of cremation urns available for purchase.