

Yankton Municipal Cemetery



Cemetery Hours
May 1-October 1
8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
October 2-April 30
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

<u>Telephone Number</u> (605) 668-5231 <u>FAX Number</u> (605) 668-5237

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In 1868 the Yankton Cemetery Association was established to develop a cemetery for the Yankton Territory, The committee consisted of F.J. Dewitt, Bartlett Tripp, Territorial Governor J.L. Pennington, Newton Edmunds, G. Heard, Joseph Ward, E. Wilcox, M. Parmer, J.W. Burdick, J.C. McVay, Jacob Max, L. Wynn, J.R. Sanborn, Peter Seydet, Jacob Bender, G.E. Brooks and W. Miner.

The first recorded burial was James McBinn in 1876. The initial cost for cemetery lots were \$12.50 for a lot, \$20.00 for half a block and \$35.00 for an entire block.

Many prominent figures from Yankton history are buried at the Cemetery, including: General Custer's bandleader, several Territorial Governors, State Senators and Congressmen and the notorious Jack McCall, who was hung for Wild Bill Hickok murder March 1, 1877.

The Yankton Cemetery Association transferred ownership of the cemetery to the City of Yankton in 1972. There are approximately 6,800 deceased buried in the cemetery.

The Cemetery is non-denominational.



YANKTON MUNICIPAL CEMETERY RULES

- 1. Visitors are required to drive only on designated streets and driveways of the cemetery. Vehicle speed limit is 10 miles per hour. Visitors are forbidden to pick flowers, or injure shrubs, trees, or plants, or mar or deface monuments, stones, or structures in the cemetery.
- 2. Dogs and horses are not permitted in the cemetery.
- 3. Firearms are allowed in the cemetery only at military funerals.
- 4. Any alterations to any lot shall be done by cemetery personnel. The City of Yankton retains the right to remove or alter any lot improvements if they become unsightly or pose a safety hazard. Any of these services should be requested thought the Department of Parks and Recreation Office.
- 5. Fresh cut flowers, potted plants and wreaths shall not be allowed on grave lawns longer than 3 days, except during the period from December 1 through March 1, and for the two weeks following Memorial Day. Unless removed by the owner within the above time the cemetery staff will remove all remaining items.
- 6. All urns, plant material, etc. will be in line with the headstone.
- 7. The City of Yankton is not responsible for any object placed on or near headstones.
- 8. One rod iron decoration per grave.
- 9. No homemade or handmade monuments.
- 10. Perpetual lights are not the responsibility of the City of Yankton, even if placed by monument company.
- 11. Headstones cannot exceed the width of the grave space or spaces.



INTERMENTS

The Sexton requires at least a forty-eight hour notice prior to interment. Interments are normally scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interments on weekends and holidays will be done at an extra cost and require permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

CHARGES

All payments are due at time of purchase unless special prior arrangements have been made through the office of Department of Parks and Recreation. 6% sales tax applies to all internment fees.

Grave Space Sales (NO tax applies)

Adult \$500.00 Infant \$200.00

Grave Interments (tax not included)

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Adult (Weekday)	\$510.00
Adult (Weekend/Holiday)	\$590.00
Cremains (Weekday)	\$250.00
Cremains (Weekend/Holiday)	\$350.00
Infant (Weekday)	\$200.00
Infant (Weekend/Holiday)	\$350.00
Less than 48 hour notice	\$100.00

Disinterment (All) (tax not included)

Reburial within Cemetery—3 x interment Reburial out of Cemetery—2 x interment

Other (NO tax applies)

Setting Markers and Monuments \$50.00

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