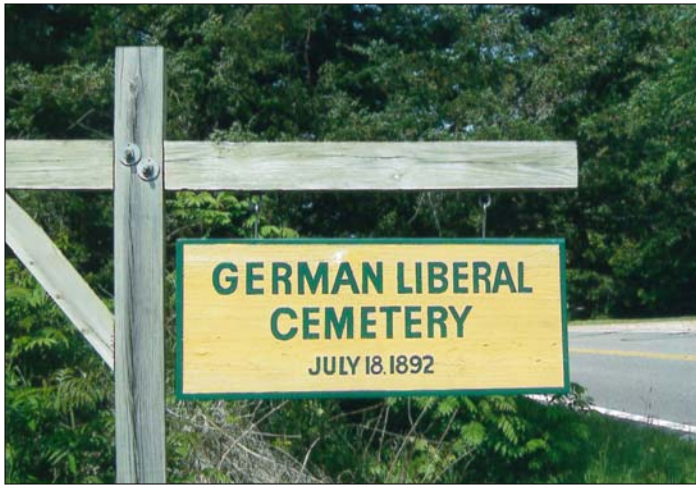


The German Liberal Cemetery is located at 2695 Hamel Road in Medina, Minnesota.



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GERMAN LIBERAL CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS



LOCATED AT:
2695 HAMEL ROAD/C.R. 115
MEDINA, MN

In order to preserve the natural beauty of the German Liberal Cemetery for the living as well as the beloved deceased, we ask the cooperation of all site owners and all others to observe the following regulations.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Gravestones shall be flat, level with the ground, and allow 1½” on either side to fit within the gravesite, which is 39” wide. If a single stone is used over two or more gravesites, a margin of 1½” must be allowed on either side. Gravestones may be as deep as the purchaser wishes, but must be mounted on a cement base. Gravestones must be positioned at the west end of the gravesite. Footstones are also permitted under the same guidelines.

Gravesites are standard size only. Burials per site may be one casket, one casket and one cremation, or up to three cremations. Burial vaults are required for all remains. Currently, the price is \$2,000 for a gravesite.

Payment to the City of Medina is required at the time of gravesite purchase. If a vacant gravesite is repurchased by the German Liberal Cemetery, 50% of the sale price is refunded to the owner. To initiate a sale back to the City, return Certificate of Ownership with written request to the City of Medina, Attention: German Liberal Cemetery.

FLOWERS

Fresh cut flowers, potted plants and artificial flowers are permitted from April 1 to October 31 and must be placed in a flower pot mounted in a single staked iron cemetery stand of standard size and sturdiness. For grounds keeping purposes, no shepherd’s hook plant stands or inappropriate

containers such as glass jars or coffee cans are acceptable. Planting directly into the ground is prohibited except in designated garden areas.

Evergreen wreaths and winter artificial decorations may be placed from November 1 to March 31 and must be securely staked to avoid blowing or tipping.

Any items to be saved must be removed before the spring or fall deadline to allow for spring and fall cleanup.

Solar lights, balloons, lanterns, wind chimes and other items which are designed or intended to emit light or sound or which move by wind, mechanical or electrical power are prohibited and subject to immediate removal.

Items which become unkempt or unsightly may be removed by the groundskeeper or cemetery board members.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome to the cemetery from sunrise to sunset each day. Please park only on the paved area or in the designated Hamel Road parking area.

Service animals are welcome in the cemetery. All other animals should remain in the owner’s vehicle.

Please do not alter any plant, flower, shrub or decoration that does not belong to you.

All activities which are not respectful to the memory of those buried in the cemetery or to their visitors are prohibited.

HISTORY

The German Liberal Cemetery is one of two remaining “Free Thinkers” cemeteries in the state. The Free Thinkers Society was a movement that began in Germany during the 1840’s as a protest against the unquestioning acceptance of the authority of the church regarding religious truths. The main focus of these groups was to promote a spiritual freedom and to recognize a person’s right to believe religious truths that are evident through science, history, personal knowledge and experience.



This acre plot of land was donated by Bernard Gaspar. The cemetery was used as early as 1862 and was officially recorded and recognized by the state in 1892. The City of Medina assumed ownership and operation of the cemetery in fall of 2010.

A Memorial Day service is held each year with the color guard of the Hamel American Legion participating. Please consult the local newspaper for the time of the service.