

# St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Sherman TX

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter provides official notification that many gravesites located in St. Mary's Cemetery, Sherman Texas, currently do not meet the established guidelines of St. Mary's Cemetery Rules and Regulations published January 1, 1982. These rules ensure that St. Mary's Parish can properly maintain the cemetery at the highest standards of excellence for all members at reasonable expense keeping prices as low as possible. These Rules and Regulations ensure a standard uniformity across the entire cemetery and are followed by other leading cemeteries. They are not unique to St. Mary's Cemetery. A copy of the complete Rules and Regulations will be provided to you upon your request.

St. Mary's Cemetery Rules and Regulations include the following:

1. Enclosures of any kind, curbing or coping around a lot, ornaments, chairs, settees, or other similar objects are not permitted.
2. Objects of wood of any kind are not permitted.
3. Planting trees, shrubs, or flowers is not permitted.
4. Only a single headstone or marker is allowed at the head of each plot.
5. An official military service plaque is allowed at the base of the plot.
6. Headstones may contain up to two mounted individual vases for seasonal flowers. No other additional decorations or memorabilia are allowed on the gravesite. This includes additional flowers, crosses, statues, benches, concrete slabs, wood mulch, rock, ivy, annual flowers, lighting systems, or other items.
7. All flowers, to include plastic, are seasonal and must be removed quarterly.
8. Only St. Augustine grass is authorized on top of each grave site after interment.

You are encouraged to remove all personal items for your keepsake. We will start removing (and discarding) all remaining items on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September with the intent of bringing all cemetery gravesites into compliance. If you have questions, you may contact the undersigned at 903-267-8290.

Yours truly,

Gregory P. Koenig,

St. Mary's Cemetery Board