

Memorial Services and Interment Policies and Fees

Satchidananda Ashram–Yogaville®, Inc.

- 1) Contact the Ashram’s Office of Spiritual Development to arrange for the recitation of Tryambakam mantrams at an Ashram group meditation during the dying process of a sangha member.
- 2) A designated representative family member or friend is responsible for the cremation of the body, for any pre-death matters or for preparing or organizing legal documents. It is necessary to provide the Ashram with a copy of the death certificate before the interment of the cremated remains.
- 3) Ashram Sangha members whose cremated remains may be interred include Sannyasins, Integral Yoga Ministers, devotees of Sri Gurudev, Vidyalayam students or those who have served at the Ashram or an Integral Yoga Institute or Center and regard the Ashram as their spiritual home or the Integral Yoga teachings as their spiritual path.
- 4) The cremated remains of these sangha members may be interred at Memorial Meadow (left of the Memorial Grove). The cremated remains need to be provided in an urn prior to the memorial service (or interment if no service), and the remains will be interred with the urn. Ashes are not to be scattered on Ashram grounds. There will be a memorial plaque covering the remains. For the sake of Memorial Meadow maintenance, artificial flowers or artefacts may not be placed on or next to the memorial plaque.
- 5) Memorial services for the sangha member may be held in Sivananda Satsang Hall on a Sunday or weekday morning. A shortened or a full-length service may include a puja (worship service) or arati to Sri Gurudev at his altar, or to the Light at a temporary altar that may be set up for the memorial. If requested ahead of time, the memorial service may be recorded and livestreamed. If a smaller attendance is expected, the memorial may be held in Guru Bhavan without an option for recording and livestreaming. If preferred, the term “Celebration of Life” may be used instead of “Memorial”.
- 6) The Memorial Coordinator from the Ashram’s Office of Spiritual Development will be in charge of the memorial services and will connect

with one designated representative family member or friend (the “Designated Representative”) to set the date for the memorial service and to prepare an announcement of the service. The service will be designed by the Memorial Coordinator, within the format for Ashram memorial services, along with input from the Designated Representative. The Memorial Coordinator will arrange for audio video support and for other staff support such as an emcee and pujari.

- 7) A program with a photo of the deceased may be printed if the contents are ready two weeks in advance of the service. Also, a video montage may be created for the service if digital photos of the deceased and digital music are submitted to the Ashram Audio/Video department two weeks in advance. The Designated Representative may provide (i) a framed photo, 11”x14” or smaller, as well as the cremated remains, to be placed on a table next to the altar and (ii) extra flower arrangements.
- 8) In the afternoon of the memorial, the Memorial Coordinator or Ashram designee will also oversee the interment of cremated remains ceremony at the Memorial Meadow.
- 9) If a special lunch from the Ashram’s repertoire is sponsored, the Memorial Coordinator or another Ashram designee will arrange for the lunch with the kitchen manager. Up to twelve family/friend members may be served at a reserved table. If there is no sponsor, the standard lunch fee will be applicable.
- 10) The Designated Representative may contact the Ashram Reservation Center (ARC) to obtain fee information and reserve any rooms needed for family or friends of the deceased sangha member.

Ashram Memorial Fees

A) \$1,008

Memorial Service in Sivananda Satsang Hall -- including printed programs (if information is submitted on time), staff support for set up, altar flowers, puja, clean up, tributes, video montage (if contents are submitted on time), audio/video support, recording and live-streaming.

B) \$2,000

- 1- Interring cremated remains in a plot at Memorial Meadow-- including digging the plot, placing and securing the urn, filling the plot and ongoing maintenance.
- 2- Arranging for an inscribed slate memorial plaque, 24" wide, 14" high, 2" deep, to be placed level to the ground over the interred remains. The Deceased Representative should furnish the Memorial Coordinator with the necessary inscription information, including the deceased's name, birth date and death date as well as an optional dedication line that will fit within the memorial plaque.
- 3- Holding an afternoon interment ceremony at Memorial Meadow.

C) \$2,000

Sponsored lunch for up to 150 memorial attendees or 15.00 per person.

Please note:

- 1) Memorial fees are subject to change over time.
- 2) The services referred to in A and B above, or just section B, may be acquired ahead of time. To do so, contact _____.
- 3) Donations in general for Ashram memorials may be made to _____.

Please sign and date indicating that you agree with the Memorial Services and Interment Policies and Fees at Satchidananda Ashram--Yogaville®, Inc.

Signature _____

Date _____