

## **Burial at Spring Grove in the Miami Quarter Section 43**

Since 1861, Miami Quarter has owned Section 43. The requirements for burial in the section have not changed since that time:

Our Trustees, by any of them after consultation with at least one other of them, are authorized to admit to interment therein the remains of the following persons:

- A. Any person or member of the immediate family of any person who is a member of any meeting affiliated with the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends;
- B. The spouse, parent, child or any member of the immediate family of any person who has been buried in those lots;
- C. Any member of the Society of Friends who has died while visiting, traveling, or on business within 50 miles of the Cemetery of Spring Grove; and
- D. Such other persons whom the Trustees determine are within the spirit though perhaps not the letter of the foregoing.

In 1985 the Quarterly Meeting delegated to the two Cincinnati area meetings appointment of the Trustees and said "The Trustees are directed to report to the Quarterly Meeting in February of each year as to all requests received by them during the year for admission of remains to interment in the subject lots, and their disposition of those requests." Currently two trustees are appointed by both Community Friends and Eastern Hills Friends.

Spring Grove requires that the names of current trustees be communicated to them by the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, on the Quarter's letterhead.

Friends are encouraged to plan for their burial. Spring Grove advisors can go through all options, including viewing the actual available burial sites.

Although the lots have been paid for, Friends are reminded that there are significant costs associated with opening and closing a grave, chapel services, any tents or chairs, and for any marker. Current costs may be discussed with a representative of the cemetery. Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum is located at 4521 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati 45232. 513-681-7356, or [www.springgrove.org](http://www.springgrove.org).

Transport of a body from outside Cincinnati is another expense to consider.

In this old section of the cemetery, all burials must include a concrete vault. There are options for a relatively "green" burial, but the vault is still required. Spring Grove can make provision for burials that are considered much "greener" in other parts of the cemetery. Friends are encouraged to discuss current options with a Spring Grove representative. As of 2023, two cremains may be interred in one lot.

As of February 2023, there are approximately 23 burial sites remaining. At the January 2023 Quarterly meeting, Friends approved having lots 111-119 engineered to determine how many actual burial sites exist in that area. Friends also approved setting up a fund to gather donations needed for the engineering (\$2700).

As of February 2023, the Spring Grove Trustees are:  
From Community Friends: Frank Huss and Eric Wolff  
From Eastern Hills Friends: JP Lund and Alice Palmer  
Trustee contact information may be found in the OVYM Directory