

The National Military Cemetery

Honouring those
who have served Canada

THE NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY
OF THE CANADIAN FORCES



LE CIMETIÈRE MILITAIRE NATIONAL
DES FORCES CANADIENNES

Beechwood Cemetery
proudly serving our community
since 1873

 **BEECHWOOD**
Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services
Services funéraires, cimetière et crémation

The National Military Cemetery

The National Military Cemetery is a national focal point of honour which recognises the men and women of Canada's Armed Forces who have served their country with distinction in war and in peace. As a national site of recognition, this cemetery is unique within Canada.

The mission of the NMC is to provide a dignified and serene place of rest for deceased eligible members and their families following the traditions and regulations of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The vision of the NMC is to preserve the important balance between the collective identity of the Canadian Military as an institution and the individual identities of the members who comprise it.

The collective identity is maintained by preserving historical traditions, uniformity of appearance, and equality of treatment regardless of rank or status. Individual identities are maintained by allowing a degree of personal expression on headstones, by maintaining a sense of natural beauty, and reserved solemnity that gives families peace to remember their loved ones for whom they once were.



Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

- Currently serving and honourably released Regular and Reserve Force members of The Canadian Forces
- Members honourably released from a former Canadian Service
- Canadian Veterans of the World Wars or Korean War, and the Canadian Merchant Navy

One family member may also be interred in the same plot as the service member. Verification of entitlement will be established in every case through the application process.





Internment in the NMC

Military burials are based on tradition and the carrying out of that tradition must always be done in a dignified and professional manner to ensure those we mourn are provided the honour and homage that they have earned.



APPLY

You must complete an [official DND application](#) to be approved by DND's Director of Casualty Support Management.

If you require any help with this application, please feel free to reach out to nmc@beechwoodottawa.ca



CHOOSE YOUR BURIAL PLAN OPTION

First, cremation or casket burial? This choice is very personal and it is best to make it with your loved ones. Beechwood Cemetery's knowledgeable family service representatives will provide you all the information that you may require to make an informed decision.

All locations are provided based on next available location, following the same traditions of military cemeteries around the world.

IDENTIFY AND SELECT ALL NECESSARY BURIAL ITEMS

CASKET - IN GROUND

1. Monument
2. Vault
3. Internment (Opening-and-Closing)

CREMATION - IN GROUND

1. Monument
2. Urn
3. Vault
4. Inurnment (Opening-and-Closing)

IDENTIFY YOUR NEXT OF KIN

All plots in the NMC provide two burials space for the eligible member and their chosen next of kin. The eligible members can designate a partner or close family to be buried in their plot.

INSCRIPTION

All inscriptions on the NMC monument must follow a standard format.

- Ensign or badge of the regiment which you have served in;
- Your name, rank and dates;
- Your designated next of kin's name, rank (if applicable) and dates;
- Ensign or badge of next of kin (if applicable) or approved religious symbol.





SPECIAL BURIAL SERVICES

If desired, a military presence can be made available at graveside service when conducted within Section 103. Subject to availability, the Honour Guard, Padre, Bugler or Piper can be provided at no charge.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

To honour the memory of our Canadian service personnel, an urn or casket can be placed on the large, black granite plinth in the Hall of Colours, an area for the exclusive use of military members and veterans.

Through the Hall's beautiful memorial stained-glass window, donated by the Canadian Military Chaplains' Association, sunlight shines on the plinth and the laid-up Colours of Canada's Military Regiments. Families, colleagues and friends may visit the urn or casket prior to interment in the National Military Cemetery.



Beechwood can assist in all types of pre-arrangements or at time-of-need arrangements.



Questions?

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About us

Beechwood is the National Cemetery of Canada and is the home of the National Military Cemetery, the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery, the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery, the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery and many more organizations and religious groups. Beechwood has been proudly serving our community since 1873.

Take advantage of all the services offered by Beechwood Cemetery, including pre-arrangements, full service funerals, cremation, cemetery services and executor assistance. Beechwood Cemetery can meet whatever wishes you may have from visitations, informal gatherings, life celebrations, memorial services, catered receptions, to a custom monument or memorialization.

Beechwood Cemetery is here to provide you with everything you need to make the right decision for you and your loved ones.

Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services is owned by The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation and operates on a not-for-profit basis. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, it is the only organization of its kind in Ottawa. In choosing Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, you can take comfort in knowing that all funds are used for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of this National Historic Site. The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation was created for the purpose of safeguarding Beechwood's future and increasing public awareness of Beechwood, as well as the important historical persons buried within it.