

Flags will be permitted on graves in honor of our Veterans to include Veterans Day and Independence Day. Any flags remaining on graves after seven (7) days will be removed without notice.

Shepherd Hooks/Solar Lights Maximum of two (2) are allowed on each grave lot or double marker. They must be placed in-line with monuments and close to the foundation. They shall be constructed of a durable material to withstand mowing and weed eating equipment working around them.

Potted plants will be permitted only on Special Days of Observances. Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, anniversaries and birthdays. They must be removed within seven days or staff will remove and dispose of them without notice.

Items not permitted. The placement of chairs, stone benches, glass jars, trellises, toys, metal signs, welded features, figurines, statuettes, dolls, stuffed animals, poles(plastic or metal), beer cans, glass bottles, picture frames, wind chimes, items hanging from trees, rocks, edging, fences, foundations, shoes, clothing items, sports equipment or any other item placed on grave site is inconsistent with proper keeping of the grounds **are not permitted** and will be removed.

Days of Special Observances

Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day
Independence Day, Memorial Day,
Veterans Day, birthdays, and
anniversaries.

Memorial Day Decorations and flags may remain on graves for a period of two weeks following Memorial Day. Dates for decorations and flags will be posted at the entrances to the cemetery for this special observance period.

Cemetery cleanup will be held twice a year. Once in **April** and then again in **October**. Any decorations not in compliance with the rules will be removed and discarded. The cemetery urges families and friends to remove all old and excessive decorations during this time.

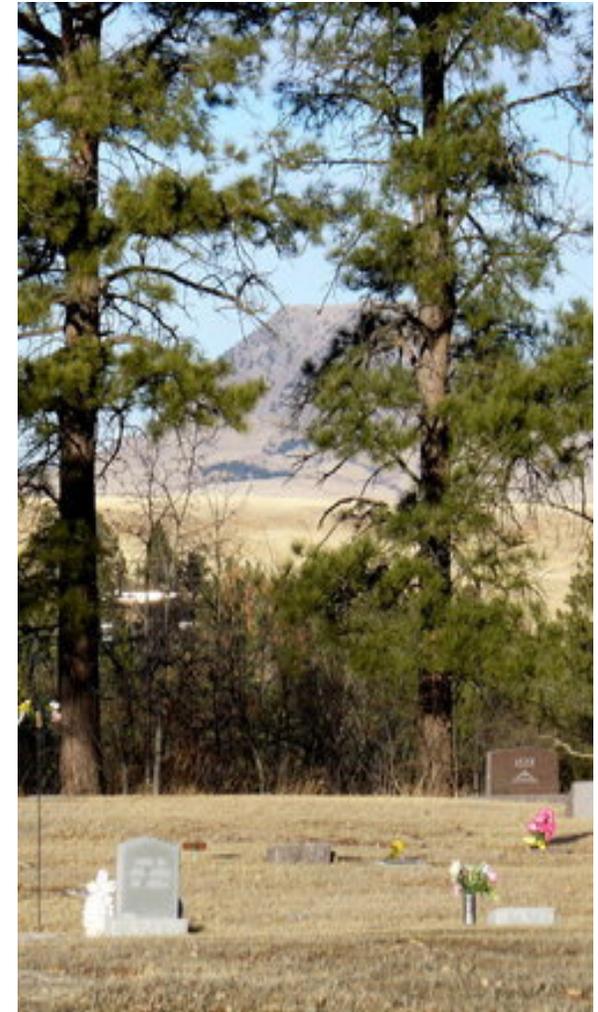
Refer to the City website for Cemetery Ordinances.

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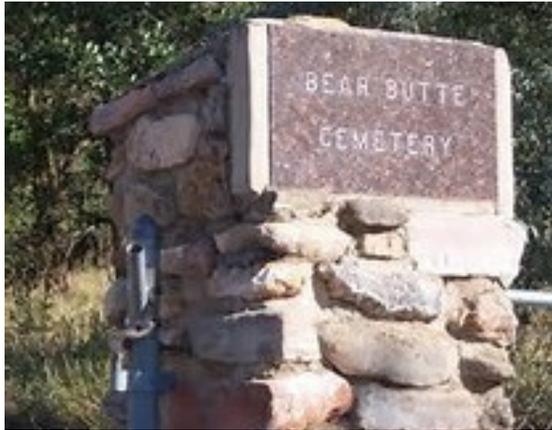
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BEAR BUTTE CEMETERY

Spring 2016

Rules and Regulations



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Mission Statement

The Parks Department for the City of Sturgis is striving to maintain Bear Butte Cemetery in a manner that will continue to beautify the grounds and control operational costs as the cemetery expands.

The cemetery staff is asking families and friends of loved ones buried at the Bear Butte Cemetery to refrain from overly decorating grave sites, which makes it difficult for staff to maintain the grounds.

We ask that family and friends visit frequently in order to remove old decorations, remove overgrown grass and weeds and anything else that will ensure the beauty of their loved ones lots as well as the cemetery.



Absolutely no alcohol or glass containers allowed in the cemetery.

Location:

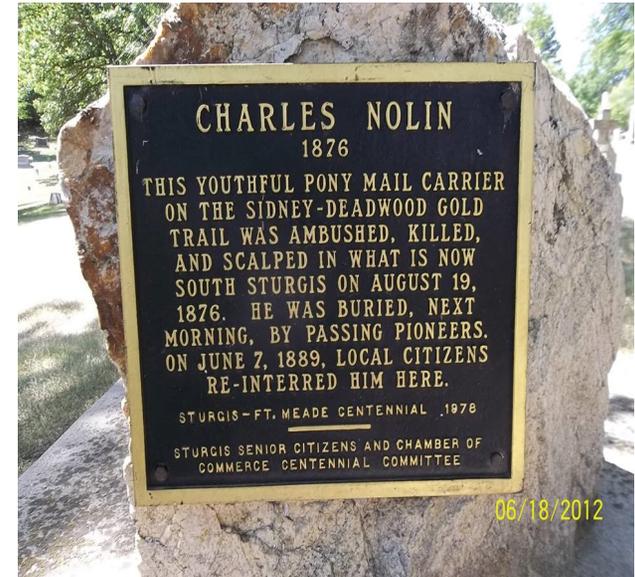
The Bear Butte Cemetery is located on the far east end of Sherman Street. It rests on top of a beautiful hillside covered in pine trees.

Details:

The 24-acre cemetery became a City cemetery on June 1, 1953. There is a covered shelter just inside the cemetery entrance containing a Cemetery Directory so that the public may have easy access to the burial information in the cemetery.

Hours:

The cemetery will be open during the summer season from 8:00 AM—8:00 PM and during the winter season from 9:00 AM –5:00 PM.



Funeral Flowers will remain on the grave for three (3) days depending on condition of the flowers due to the elements.

Fresh cut flowers shall be placed in vases on the monument or in special features made for attaching decorations. (Vases shall be the type described in **Cemetery City Ordinance 6.04.11**).

Artificial flowers, with the exception of Days of Special Observances and Spring/Fall clean up, shall be permitted in vases mounted to foundations or monuments as described in Cemetery City ordinance 6.04.11. Flowers may be attached to monuments with flower saddles, shepherds hooks or similar **factory constructed** devices designed for hanging or holding flowers.