

ARLINGTON National Cemetery

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Fact Sheet

Tomb of Remembrance

The Tomb of Remembrance – a dedicated, dignified place where the cremated remains of service members that may be comingled, unidentified, or unclaimed can be protected in the sanctity of this cemetery. It serves as a final resting place for these specific types of remains to ensure all who have given their lives in selfless duty are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Located in Section 72 near the intersection of Patton and York drives, the Tomb of Remembrance is made entirely of granite. It features a cairn ('kern) placed on a mosaic of multicolored white, gray and black granite and bordered by a bench and Memorial Wall.

Surrounded by Cherry and Black Gum trees, the Tomb of Remembrance has an inscriptions which reads: Here We Remember Those Who, "Have Laid, So Costly a Sacrifice upon the Altar of Freedom."

— Abraham Lincoln

Each placement receives a simple, dignified committal service attended by a cemetery representative, military chaplain, and a cemetery caretaker. Visitors are welcome to pay their respects any time the cemetery is open.



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Who can be placed at the Tomb of Remembrance?

The Tomb of Remembrance (TOR) at Arlington National Cemetery is for the placement of portions of the cremated unidentifiable or unclaimed remains of deceased active duty members of the Armed Forces eligible for interment and serves as an alternative to Department of Defense directed retirement at sea.

Comingled, unidentifiable, or unclaimed cremated remains received from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFMAO) may be placed in the TOR.

Comingled unidentified cremated remains from an incident where every person involved has previously individually identified remains, may be interred in the TOR, provided they are received from AFMAO.