

THE  
**BEECHWOOD** WAY

SECTIONALS

Niches





# NICHES

As you walk through Beechwood Cemetery, the grounds are forever changing, revealing beautiful gardens, hilly sections, rows of 100-year-old trees and large pastoral areas with historic monuments waiting to be discovered.

Throughout these grounds, small structures appear in harmony with their surroundings, placed on paths surrounded with hostas, on either side of a staircase leading to the historic Beechwood mausoleum or as central features in a beautiful garden pathway. These columbaria are placed across Beechwood Cemetery in beautiful and peaceful locations for the use of our families.

Did you know: Columbarium is a structure with compartments of niches (small spaces) for placement of urn(s) containing cremated remains. It may be outdoors, part of a mausoleum or indoors in a columbarium room.



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## INDOOR NICHES

**H**igh on a hill overlooking the Beechwood National Memorial Centre, sits the Beechwood Mausoleum. The first stones, quarried from Beechwood's very ground, were laid in the late 1920's and the exceptional building was finally completed in 1930. Unique in Ottawa, this 1930's Gothic mausoleum reflects the same architecture as the Parliament Buildings, representing a revival of ancient building features, particularly the elaborately-carved stonework depicting mythological and other creatures, and the use of finely-crafted stained glass windows. Columbaria were installed years ago to house within meticulously crafted urns of wood, bronze or marble, the cremated remains that can be memorialized in glass and marble niches.

The Beechwood National Memorial Centre, attached to the 19th-century stone office building, is a 7,000-square-foot state-of-the-art reception centre that provides families with classic comfort. With its sunlit wall-to-wall windows, the inviting warmth of its fireplaces, and bright gleaming hardwood floors, the centre provides families with what they need. Located within is our Columbaria room where families can choose this exclusive and private chamber to memorialize their loved ones.





# THE GREAT COLUMBARIA WALL

**A**cross from the Beechwood National Memorial building stands this large grey and black granite structure. A staircase, leading you to the historic Beechwood mausoleum, divides the Great Columbaria Wall. The staircase is framed with two flowerbeds that bring an element of natural beauty to this architectural feature.

The columbaria is centrally located in the cemetery and still has numerous niches available for all our families use.



**DID YOU KNOW:**

Couples can choose two single urns or a double urn so they may be together for eternity.



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# SIR ROBERT BORDEN STRUCTURES

Located in front and behind the gravesite of Sir Robert Borden, the 8th Prime Minister of Canada, stand two columbaria. These architecturally interesting structures are surrounded by benches and provide a place of quiet contemplation.

The columbaria are covered by the canopy of heritage trees near the original road leading up from our 1873 entrance. These columbaria are ideal for those who have a passion for what Beechwood represents – heritage, history and Canada.



**DID YOU KNOW:**

Comingling ashes is the process of a couple sharing a double urn.





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# FAMILY BENCHES

Overlooking the Parliament of Canada, Poet's Hill stands tall above the city that has changed so much since Beechwood first opened its doors in 1873. The meandering path climbing alongside the large stone retaining walls leads you to the focal point of this section - the monument of an open book - inscribed as "Poet's Hill, l'aire des poètes". The century old trees nearly enclose Poet's Hill, giving visitors the feeling of quiet and contemplation. The beautiful Poet's Hill, originally conceived as the last anchor of the Poet's Pathway, became a reality in 2006.

Throughout our gardens among a natural canvas of flowers, plants and trees, Beechwood's Family Bench of Stone Memorials have some of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the historic cradle of our nation's government, Parliament Hill.



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# HOSTA GARDEN AND ROCKERIES OF BEECHWOOD

**B**eechwood is home to one of the largest hostas collections in Eastern Ontario and Western Québec. This feature mirrors why Beechwood is renowned for our unique landscaping, as well as monuments and markers of considerable architectural and historical interest.

Families may choose from a large variety of columbarium niches found in Beechwood's natural rockeries and hostas pathways. Families may choose to accommodate two to twelve urns with or without a bench where they may sit and enjoy the serene landscape and the magnificent surroundings.



**DID YOU KNOW:**

Beechwood developed these columbaria niches at the request of our families.





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# RCMP NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY AND OTTAWA POLICE CEMETERY NICHES

The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association, the RCMP and Beechwood Cemetery Foundation developed the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery. Beechwood constructed two granite columbaria for families choosing above ground inurnment. Each location has room for two urns. Identification is placed prominently at the top on a bronze plaque along with the RCMP crest.

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery is a dedicated section available for the exclusive use of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS). Beechwood recognizes and appreciates the service of our Ottawa Police. Beechwood has recently added a new niche structure to provide choice for our OPS and their families.

