



*The tranquil entrance to the Memorial Garden*

Dedicated in 2005, the Memorial Garden was created in response to an increasing number of people who wished to be memorialized or to memorialize loved ones at Duke Gardens. More than 850 designated spaces, each with a limestone marker, edge the pathways that loop through the garden. Many of the markers have been engraved with the names of loved ones who have passed, and in most cases, ashes of the deceased have been interred behind the markers.

Here you will find engraved stones memorializing scores of Duke alumni, faculty and friends. The Memorial Garden is, after all, the only place on Duke's campus where one can be buried.\* You will also find people who wanted their final resting place to be in such a beautiful, inspiring setting.

*\*Burials at Duke Chapel are restricted to Duke's founders and others who shaped the university.*

Sarah P. Duke Gardens creates and nurtures an environment in the heart of Duke University for learning, inspiration and enjoyment through excellence in horticulture and community engagement. More than 600,000 visitors from all over the world visit Sarah P. Duke Gardens annually, enjoying its 55 acres of world-class gardens. Admission is free, and Duke Gardens is open 365 days a year.

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## A PLACE TO REST AT DUKE FOREVER

# The Memorial Garden at Duke Gardens





**The Memorial Garden at Sarah P. Duke Gardens** is a beautiful and serene garden with exquisite plantings and shaded benches where family and friends can remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones in the heart of Duke University.

Located on two acres in the Historic Gardens at Duke Gardens, the Memorial Garden has the feel of a peaceful private wooded retreat. Mature trees form a canopy over camellias, azaleas and other shade-loving flowers. Shaded benches invite visitors to find moments of respite and reflection. And winding paths lined with limestone bricks commemorate the lives and stories of people who have made their mark on the world and have chosen to have their remains rest here at Duke forever.

*A shaded bench in the Memorial Garden offers friends and family a place to remember loved ones who are commemorated with limestone markers along the pathway.*



Participation in the Memorial Garden is accomplished through a new contribution of \$25,000\*\* per individual to a Memorial Garden fund that supports the garden's long-term growth. The majority of the contribution is tax deductible. Gifts entitle donors to have their ashes or the ashes of a loved one buried in the Memorial Garden and marked with an engraved limestone marker with up to three lines of text. Participants are also able to have an intimate burial service at the Memorial Garden.

*\*\*The minimum giving level required for burial is \$25,000 as of December 2021, but this minimum level may increase in the future. Duke must receive your gift in full before ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden.*



For more information about the Memorial Garden, including a virtual tour, frequently asked questions, ways to give and a list of people memorialized here, please visit [gardens.duke.edu/memorialgarden](https://gardens.duke.edu/memorialgarden).

We would also be delighted to speak with you further about your interest and answer any questions you may have. Please email the Duke Gardens development staff at [memorialgarden@duke.edu](mailto:memorialgarden@duke.edu), call 919.668.1711, or detach and return the interest form below.

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