

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery

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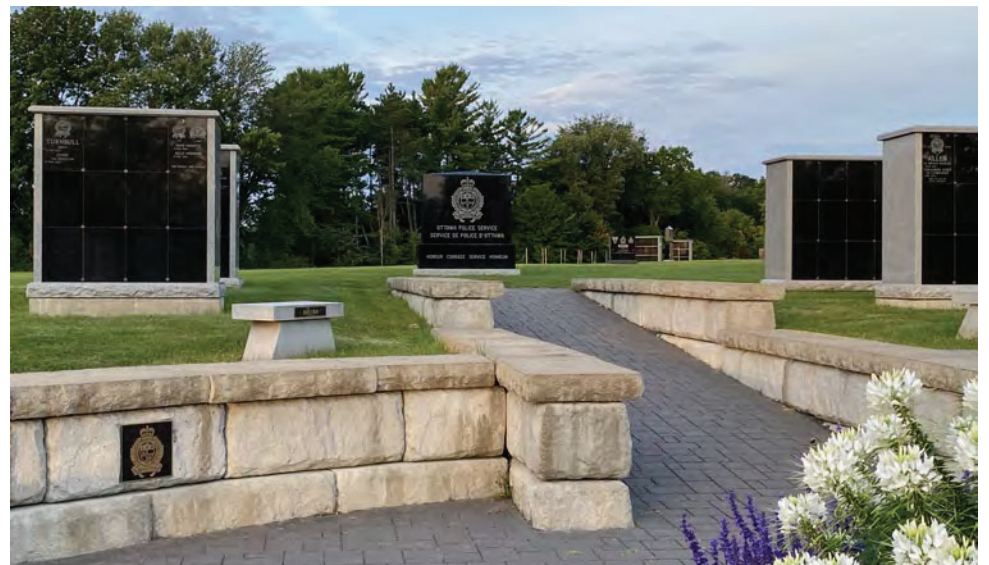
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In October 2011, the Ottawa Police Association and Senior Officers' Association, with the support and collaboration of the Ottawa Police Service and The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation, initiated the development of the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery. This initiative was later strengthened by the partnership of the Ottawa Police Veterans Association, contributing to the historical and event-based efforts at Beechwood.

The cemetery serves as a lasting tribute to the members of the Ottawa Police Service, providing a place where their dedication and pride in their service are publicly displayed. It also offers a central location for their families to be buried and visited for generations to come.

The Inception and Development

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery officially opened in October 2011, marking a significant milestone in the recognition of the service and sacrifices of OPS members. The development involved meticulous planning, extensive collaboration, and a shared commitment to honoring the legacy of the Ottawa Police Service.





The Main Monument Unveiling

On October 27, 2021, under a clear blue October sky, the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery Main Monument was unveiled. This monument represents the culmination of ten years of fundraising, community engagement, and dedicated efforts by numerous partners.

The OPS Main Monument reflects over 150 years of Ottawa policing and recognizes the unwavering commitment of OPS members and their families to the community. The monument features the official OPS Crest and the motto:

“HONOUR, COURAGE, SERVICE, HONNEUR.”

The back of the monument honors the history of the regional police services that served the community before amalgamation, featuring the historic crests of the Gloucester Police, Nepean Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Ottawa Police, and Vanier Police.

The epitaph on the back reads:

**“IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN
SERVICE”**

**“EN MÉMOIRE DE TOUTES LES PERSONNES QUI ONT DONNÉ LEUR
VIE EN SERVICE.”**

This epitaph pays tribute to all those who lost their lives in service to the community, whether killed in the line of duty, died from seen and unseen wounds, or perished in accidents on and off duty.



Evolution of the Ottawa Police Service

Since its humble and challenging beginnings, the Ottawa Police Service has evolved into a highly trained and technically equipped organization.

The OPS Memorial Cemetery celebrates this evolution and the enduring pride in policing shared by all members and their families.

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery:

- Celebrates over 150 years of policing.
- Recognizes members and their families for their unwavering commitment to the community.
- Honours the community work of members and their families through policing.
- Celebrates the enduring pride in policing.

Eligibility

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery is available to all OPS regular members, veterans of all amalgamated police forces, civil servants employed by the Ottawa Police Service, and their families.

For more information, visit the Ottawa Police Service website or the Ottawa Police Association website.





A Place for Generations

Beechwood has dedicated a plot of land with over 350 gravesites and four granite columbarias with the capacity to hold thousands of niches in the years ahead. Beechwood provides a dedicated family services representative to help families make the right decision for their loved ones.

Ground Interment

Families have the option of both casket burial and/or urn interment with up to eight urns per grave. Each location is designed to accommodate an upright monument with the OPS badge and surname, service dates prominently placed at the top. Monuments can be constructed in a variety of colors and designed to allow eight or more names, enabling multiple generations of casket or cremation burials in one location.

Columbarium Niches

Beechwood has constructed two granite columbaria for families choosing above-ground inurnment. Each location has room for two urns, with identification placed prominently at the top on a granite plaque along with the OPS badge.



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.

IDENTIFY AND SELECT ALL NECESSARY BURIAL ITEMS

CASKET - IN GROUND	CREMATION - IN GROUND	CREMATION - COLUMBARIUM
1. Monument 2. Interment (Opening-and-Closing)	1. Monument 2. Urn 3. Vault (optional) 4. Inurnment (Opening-and-Closing)	1. Granite niche front 2. Urn 3. Inurnment (Opening-and-Closing)

INSCRIPTION

All inscriptions on the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery monument can vary, however the following is commonly found:

- OPS badge of another service which you have served in;
- Your name, rank, service number, and dates;
- Your next of kin's name, rank (if applicable) and dates; (this varies depending on size of lot and monument);
- OPS badge of next of kin (if applicable).





A Place for Generations to Commemorate

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery stands as a testament to the dedication and service of OPS members and their families. It provides a place for reflection, remembrance, and pride for generations to come.

Supporting the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery

The Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery is a not-for-profit collaboration and needs your support for current and future projects and programs.

The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation issues tax-deductible receipts for donations of \$20 or more. The charitable registration number is 88811 2018 RR0001.

Find out more at:

<https://www.beechwoodottawa.ca/en/communities/defence-and-security-services/ottawa-police-service-memorial-cemetery>.

Join us in making a lasting impact. Choose the donation option that works best for you and become a part of this important legacy. Your support helps us honour those who have given so much to our community. Thank you for being a part of our history.



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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.