



## BLOODLINE HEIR OWNERSHIP

**The burial rights to a lot/grave pass to all bloodline kin upon the death of the lot/grave owner.**

*Please see the following steps to determine ownership:*

1. Lot/grave owner = full ownership for burial decisions.
2. Lot/grave owner dies = equal ownership goes to the children and spouse.
3. No children = ownership goes to the spouse.
4. No living children or spouse = ownership goes to children of the deceased children.
5. Some living children = equal ownership goes to living children of the lot/grave owner and the children of the deceased children.
6. No living spouse or children = property goes back to mother and/or father of the original lot/grave owner.
7. No mother or father = ownership goes to the siblings of original lot/grave owner.
8. No brothers or sisters = ownership goes to bloodline descendants of original lot/grave owner.
9. If original lot/grave has co-owners, ownership is shared equally with the surviving bloodline heirs of both sides. All above rules still apply with regards to ownership.
  - **For burials**, a bloodline heir has the right to bury someone on a first come, first served basis. The bloodline heir does not need to get permission from other bloodline heirs.
  - **For transfer of ownership** in the case of the sale of a grave or transfer to another person, all bloodline heirs must sign off on the transfer.

**Other ways to take over ownership of a grave/lot:**

- If a person is specifically mentioned in a will, the cemetery and the location of the lot/grave must be specified. The will must be presented to cemetery manager.
- Adopted children also count as bloodline kin, but stepchildren do not. Adoption papers must be presented to cemetery manager.

**How to make burial arrangements for a deceased who is not a bloodline heir:**

- When a grave/lot owner is not able to sign for pre-need or imminent funeral arrangements, (perhaps due to a disability) an individual who has power of attorney (POA) or who is the executor for that person, can make funeral arrangements for them. POA documents and an ID must be presented to cemetery manager.

