

A HISTORY OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLUMBARIUM



The Luyn Memorial Columbarium is given to the Glory of God in remembrance of Michael and Delphine Luyn, former residents of Hacks Point interred elsewhere in the church yard. They were not members of the church, but chose St. Stephen's as their final resting place. After the death of his wife, Mr. Luyn frequently attended our services until he moved to Florida.

Following Mr. Luyn's death in 1998, the Cemetery Committee was informed of monies bequeathed by him for the establishment of a memorial to his family. With the help of Mr. John Gardiner, a nephew, a Columbarium was decided upon.

The Columbarium is built with an eight-sided brick and slate structure in the center, a symbol of the Resurrection of Jesus, with niches for burial of ashes. It is topped with a bronze Latin Cross. There are three brick walls containing additional niches for above ground deposit of remains and a brick flooring with niches for in-ground deposits.

Not only is the Columbarium dedicated to the Luyn Family, but to the unknown at rest in the churchyard where some of the earliest stones are dated 1791. It preserves the site of the original Vestry House where the early leaders of St. Stephen's conducted the business of the church. It will serve St. Stephen's and the community for years to come.

The Luyn Memorial Columbarium was dedicated in October 2002 by Fr. Christopher M. Porteus who was the Rector.