AND THE DUST
RETURNS
TO THE EARTH
AS IT WAS,
AND THE SPIRIT
RETURNS
TO GOD
WHO GAVE IT.

Ecclesiastes 12:7
OUR MISSION:
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is called by God through the church to educate men and women to participate in the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ in the world.

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

In honor of Lela N. Rhodes

Louisville Seminary’s Lela N. Rhodes Memorial Garden is a tranquil site on campus where individuals can rest in God’s peace or honor loved ones with a brass plaque placed on the garden wall. It’s nestled in a park-like setting where family and friends often return and share memories of their loved ones.

“The tears of the Lord, which raised Lazarus to new life, the cross marks this Memorial Garden as hallowed ground, a place where the tears of God have fallen, and as a place where the creative, life-giving love of God is everlasting,” Weaver says.

The Garden is named in honor of Lela N. Rhodes, who served as Bookstore Manager at Louisville Seminary from 1967 to 1985. Along with her husband, Dr. Arnold Black Rhodes, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, who died in 2002, Mrs. Rhodes was an integral part of the Louisville Seminary community for more than sixty years until her death in 2016.

Individuals with strong ties to the Seminary and who desire to have their ashes committed to the ground are welcome to be interred in Memorial Garden.

An interment fee includes the cost of a bronze plaque. The 10” x 4” plaque will bear the name, date of birth, and date of death of the deceased. Space for two lines of personal words can also be included. Each plaque is mounted onto metal lattice work.

Gifts to the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund are welcome at any time and will be used for maintenance and future enhancements of the Garden. All gifts and fees should be made payable to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and designated for the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund on the check. If you wish to memorialize your loved one somewhere else on campus, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement for other opportunities.

For more information about policies and fees or to make a gift to Memorial Garden’s endowment, please contact Louisville Seminary’s Office of Institutional Advancement at 502.992.9353.