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## Literal & Occupational Symbols



Reverend holding Bible (minister's grave)



Head with Angel Wings



Finger pointing to Heaven

Soul rising to Heaven,  
two fingers pointing up; hand of God



Buell Family Crest



Organ donor emblem



Family



Nurse



Farm tractor



Train car



Fire Department



Painter

## Organizational & Military Symbols



Modern Woodmen of America



Shriners



Masons



Order of the Eastern Star (Women's Auxiliary to the Masons)



International Order of the Odd fellows I.O.O.F



Daughters of Rebekah (Women's Auxiliary to I.O.O.F.)



Order of the Moose



U.S. Veteran



Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW marker



American Legion marker



Military branch of Service



Grand Army of the Republic (Civil War Union Veteran Organization)



Flags

Patriotism, military service

### Figurative/Suggestive Symbols



Dove

Purity, childhood



Lamb

Childhood, innocence



Laurel Wreath

Victory, eternity, triumph, immortality, chastity



Weeping Willow

Grief, sorrow, immortality



Holding Hands

Matrimony, heavenly welcome, earthly farewell



Draping

Mourning, loss; Victorian way of 'softening' the harshness of the grave



Acorns

Spiritual growth; prosperity, fruitfulness,



Pinecones

Immortality and incorruptibility



Day Lily

Innocence, purity, virginity, surrender to God's will and grace, renewal, resurrection



Lily of the Valley

Innocence, purity, virginity



Torch

Guidance, enlightenment



Book

Open book; Book of life, bible, register of the dead, Closed book; a finished life



Palm Frond

Victory, triumph over death





Primrose

Eternal Love, Memory, Youth, hope and sadness



Squirrel

Strife and confusion, one of Satan's animals



Bushel of Wheat

Long and fruitful life, typically more than 70 yrs;  
immortality, resurrection



Olive Branch

Peace, fruitfulness, strength, victory



Ivy

Immortality, fidelity, attachment, friendship,  
undying affection



Broken Tree

Life cut short



Broken Pillar

Life cut short



Madonna Lilies (Easter Lilies)

Purity, chastity



Cat

Historic: Darkness, laziness Modern: No symbolic meaning other than being a cat lover



Anchor

Seafaring or Hope; one of the 7 Virtues



Shield

Protection, faith, military service



Fern

Humility, frankness, sincerity



Bell

Marriage, church affiliation



Shell

Resurrection, femininity, fertility, prosperity



Acanthus Leaves

Journey from life to death, triumph of eternal life



Calla Lily (with Anthurium)

Love, marriage, safety, majestic beauty



Hummingbird

Mostly decorative can mean heart of warrior



Feather

Ascent to heaven, justice,



Oak Tree

Prosperity, fruitfulness,



Oak Leaves

Strength, endurance, eternity, honor, liberty, hospitality, faith and virtue.



Violets

Humility



Thistle

Earthly sorrow



Heart

Love, courage, joy



Tulips

Rebirth, eternal life, vulnerability



Daffodils

Love, hope, rebirth & new life

### Religious Symbolism



Faith

One of the 7 Virtues. Depicted as a woman holding a cross, chalice or candle.



Heavenly Gates

Ascension into Heaven



Jesus and his flock

Christian symbol, protection



Sunrise

God



Lamp

Wisdom, faithfulness, holiness



Dogwood

Christianity, Devine sacrifice, Resurrection



Sunflower

Devotion to one's faith



Grapes

Eucharistic wine



Chalice

Oneness with God, Eucharist, faith



Passion Flower

Christ's Passion, Redemption and Crucifixion



Crown

Christian symbol for God or faith



Praying Hands

Christian reminder of faith or pioussness



Thorns

Christ's crown of thorns, grief



Angel

Guardian, Messenger of God

## Jewish Symbols



Star of David

Divine protection



Cohanim hands

Symbol of the ancient tribe of Aaron, hands form an opening to direct the radiance of God down to earth, symbol for the Cohen family



Mosaic Decalogue

10 Commandments



Menorah

Righteous, symbol for the Temple of Solomon



po nikbar

Hebrew words for "Here Lies"