

Internet links:

Findagrave.com

gravelocator.cem.va.gov

billiongraves.com

Military tombstones: www.cem.va.gov

CARVINGS

Arches--- Victory in Death

Arrows--- Mortality

Bouquets/flowers--- condolences, grief, sorrow

Buds/Rosebud--- Morning of life or renewal of life

Roses--- Brevity of earthly existence

Portals--- Passageway to eternal journey

Bugles--- Resurrection and the military

Crossed Swords--- High-ranking military person

Flying Birds--- Flight of the soul

Fruits --- Eternal plenty

Garlands --- Victory in death

Imps--- Mortality

Shells--- Pilgrimage of life

Thistles--- Remembrance

Tombs--- Mortality

Trees--- Life

Trumpeters--- Heralds of the resurrection

Willows--- Earthly sorrow

Morning Glory--- Beginning of life

Butterfly--- Short-lived; early death

Full-Blown Rose--- Prime of life

Palm Branch--- Signifies victory and rejoicing

Ivy--- Friendship and immortality

Laurel--- Fame or victory

Oak Leaves & Acorn--- Maturity, ripe old age

Weeping Willow--- Emblem of sorrow

Corn--- Ripe old age

Sheaf of Wheat--- Ripe for harvest, divine harvest time

Poppy--- Sleep

Lamb--- Innocence

Dove--- Innocence, gentleness, affection, purity

Cherub--- Angelic

Cross--- Emblem of faith

Anchor/Ships--- Hope or seafaring profession

Broken Ring--- Family circle severed
Broken Column--- Loss of head of family
Torch Inverted--- Life extinct
Urn with Blaze --- Undying friendship
Harp--- Praise to the Maker
Handshakes--- Farewell
Hearts--- Soul in bliss or love of Christ
Horns--- The Resurrection
Hourglass--- Swiftness of time
Open Book/ Bible--- Deceased teacher, minister, etc.
Lily or Lily of Valley--- Emblem of innocence and purity
Tree Stump w/Ivy--- Head of family; immortality
Urn with /wreath or crepe--- mourning
Stars & Stripes Around Eagle--- Eternal vigilance, liberty
Hourglass w/Wings of Time--- Time flying; short life
Candle being Snuffed--- Time, mortality
Coffin, Father Time, picks/shovels, darts--- mortality Hand of God
Chopping--- Sudden death
Winged Effigies--- Flight of the soul

Military Tombstone Belief Images

AUTHORIZED EMBLEMS (See block 11)



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CHRISTIAN



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BUDDHIST



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JUDAISM



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PRESBYTERIAN CROSS



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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS



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LUTHERAN CROSS



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EPISCOPAL CROSS



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UNITARIAN CHURCH
FLAMING CHALICE



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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AARONIC ORDER CHURCH



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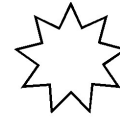
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SERBIAN ORTHODOX



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GREEK CROSS



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BAHAI-9 POINT STAR



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ATHEIST



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MUSLIM-
CRESCENT AND STAR



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HINDU



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KONKO-KYO FAITH



(20)
REORGANIZED
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS



(21)
SUFISM REORIENTED



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TENRIKYO CHURCH



(23)
SEICHO-NO-IE



(24)
THE CHURCH OF WORLD
MESSIANITY (IZUNOME)



(25)
UNITED CHURCH OF
RELIGIOUS SCIENCE



(26)
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH



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UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH



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ECKANKAR



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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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