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Mayor Nelson Santos  
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Dear Mayor Nelson Santos and Town Council Respectfully;

Our names are Andrew and Faith Vercruysse. We are writing this letter as a request to amend a by-law with regards to the Greenville Cemetery. We are aware that the last name is all that is allowed on the back of a monument. We are asking for authorization to permit us to include a small phrase with pictures on the back along with a last name. Please find enclosed a copy of the monument outline. We have spoken to Stephanie Olewski as well as Shawn Martinho. We were denied our request from Shawn Martinho. He did tell us that if we were not satisfied, we could take our cause to town council. That is why we are here tonight. Shawn informed us that the reason for not putting illustration on the back of a monument is because it can lead to a grave being dug in the wrong direction. Where our plot is, there will never be a grave dug behind it as there is a tree directly behind it and the plots around it are full.

The reason for this request is that the monument is for our daughter Jocelyn. Jocelyn passed away suddenly and in the most tragic way. To say we were in shock would be an understatement. In many ways we still are. Shortly after her death, my sister came to the house and brought us a plaque with this phrase on it (see copy). There was an angel on it as well. My sister was not only Jocelyn's Aunt she was Jocelyn's Godmother. One of my biggest fears as a mother who has lost a child, is that your child will be forgotten... The plaque is in our living room and I see it everyday... It would mean so much to me if I could leave it with her as well. The other photo represents Jocelyn's devotion to her Faith. Jocelyn was an active member of her parish. As a young child she served on the Altar (Altar Girl) and as a teen and young adult, she was a lector. Unfortunately, Jocelyn's funeral was and still is a foggy memory. It wasn't until a year or so later that I had a vast realization, and much regret, that we did not put a Rosary in her hand. I really wanted to have something on her headstone for this reason.

It took me a long time to come to terms with the idea of putting a monument on Jocelyn's grave. If it wasn't for her brother's insistence, I still don't think I could have done it. I never truly put much thought to the phrase "it's not written in stone" until now.

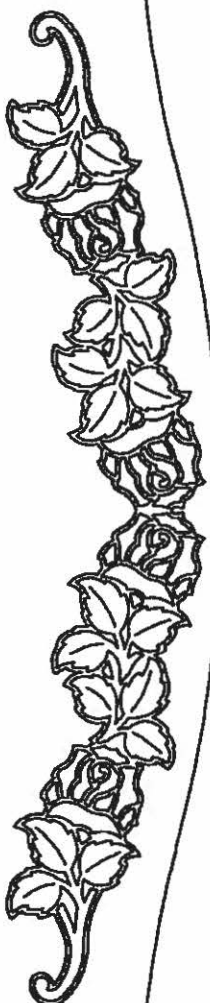
I have learned that the purpose for a monument is to provide the bereaved a focus for mourning and remembrance when they visit and to serve as a memorial of the deceased. All we ask is that you please consider our request for her monument so when we visit her we can leave her to rest with a feeling of peace that we left a piece of us with her and also that we honoured her memory on her monument the best we could in the space provided.

Thank You

Sincerely Andrew And Faith Vercruysse

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*Faith M Vercruysse*

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JOCelyn MARIE

FEB. 9, 1990

APR. 16, 2013

Forever more than a memory



A breath away is not far  
to where you are...



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Someone Remembers,  
Someone cares,  
your name is *Whispered*

Someone's  
*Prayers*

