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### **Roadside Memorial Policy**

The Menard County Highway Department is responsible for maintaining safety for motorists within their jurisdictional limits. This responsibility includes the approval of roadside appurtenances, such as roadside memorials. In order to minimize the hazards of non-breakaway posts within the right-of-way, and in order to respectfully acknowledge the accident victim(s) while encouraging the safety of the motoring public, the following policy has been adopted.

In the instance of a fatal accident along a county highway, permission for a roadside memorial may be requested from the Menard County Highway Department. Acceptable memorials shall be located near the edge of the right-of-way line and shall meet the following criteria:

- mounted on a single break-away post (max. 4"x4" wooden post or an approved break-away steel post)
- no more than 3 feet high
- no more than 2 feet wide
- be of a neutral color without lights or reflectivity
- shall not be disruptive to traffic in any way

Any non-conforming memorials may require removal by the highway authority.

Decorations will be permitted for 30 days following the fatal accident. Any decorations in place after that time may require removal by the highway authority.

The proposed placement of the memorial shall be reviewed and accepted by the Menard County Highway Department prior to installation. If the memorial has not been approved, the highway authority has the right to remove it and dispose of it if it creates a hazard to the motoring public.

In the case of a multiple fatality accident, memorials shall be grouped together and shall be of a similar size.

It is the responsibility of the installer to properly contact JULIE to avoid conflict with any underground utilities that exist within the right-of-way. The installer will be responsible for mowing and maintaining the area in the immediate vicinity of the memorial.

If the memorial is damaged in any way, it will be the responsibility of the installer to repair or replace the memorial. Menard County Highway Department will assume no responsibility for maintaining any roadside memorials.