

# DAVID'S CEMETERY

*"Generations of Care"*

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## *Memorial Mausoleum Makeover*

We invite you to stop in the Memorial Mausoleum and see all the changes. We replaced the carpet, removed the old seating, purchased new furniture and accessorized this mausoleum in a way that has transformed it into a welcoming and comfortable space for our families to visit their loved ones.



## Section G

**Beautiful Place-  
Brand New Space**



*Please stop by  
to see why we are so proud.*

Upon completion of *David's Columbarium* we began the process of opening Section G.

This section surrounds the columbarium and will eventually be home to more than 2000 monument or flat marker ground burial spaces. It is one of the most economical monument sections in your cemetery and we think one of the most picturesque. This section offers something for everyone; spaces near the roadway, spaces near the beautiful columbarium, spaces near mature trees, and spaces near beautiful landscaping.

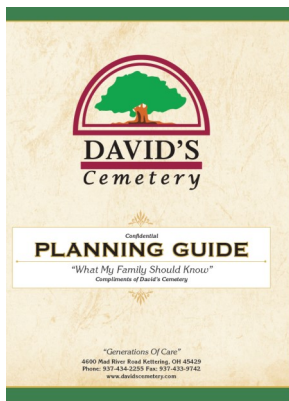


**PRE-PLANNING  
SERVICES ARE  
ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

Throughout your life you have tried to protect and ease life's path for your loved ones. Now you have a chance to help them at a time when they will need it most. Because you care, because you love them, take time to plan. It is truly one of the best, most unselfish gifts of love you may give.

## *"You Gotta Know Jim....."*

STOP BY OUR  
OFFICE FOR A  
FREE COPY OF



Nowadays you don't see him around here as much, but he left his mark. Families come in our office and say : "Jim Widman sold us these spaces!" or "Jim Widman told us we could..." or sometimes it's just "Where's Jim?".

Last June, Jim and his wife of 53 years, Ruth, were in a car accident. They both suffered serious injuries and Jim's leg was the worst. He fought his way through the surgery and then some grueling rehab, with a "halo" brace on his leg.

Jim graduated from Kettering Fairmont High School in 1947. He still sees many of his high school classmates and it is quite a treat to witness them reminiscing about the "good ol' days".

Jim has always been our "unofficial" historian and storyteller. You bring up a subject and he's got a story for you. No one really knows if they are all *absolutely* true but they are assuredly entertaining. They may be stories about the city founders, stories of his family

history, stories of his college days at DePauw University, stories of his time on the Kettering Fire Department, stories of teaching at Kettering High School or stories of the cemetery and its history.

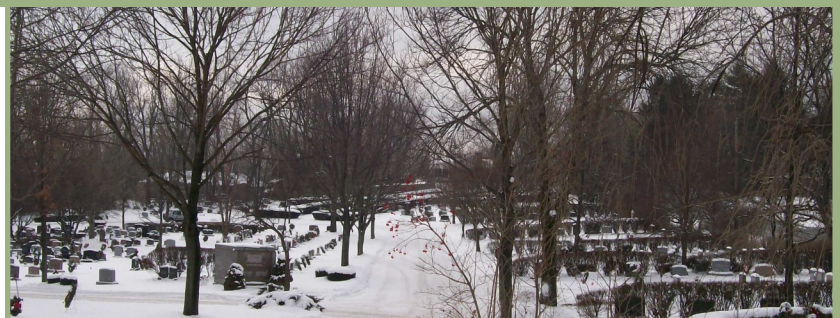
So if you ever see a jolly man in a red hat or plaid pants and you hear the phrase "...and so on and so forth...", that's probably our Jim!!



**Thanks Jim!**

**REMINDER:**  
OVER 4000  
LUMINARIES WILL  
LIGHT YOUR  
CEMETERY ON  
CHRISTMAS EVE !  
COME SEE THE  
DISPLAY

Beauty can be found in your  
cemetery no matter the time  
of year!





# Superintendent's Message

## ATTENTION

### Special Warning

*Do you have...solar lights, fences, statuary, signs, saddles, memorabilia, artificial or natural flowers at our cemetery on grave spaces or in the mausoleums?*

*The Board of Directors reminds you of the semi-annual Cemetery Clean Up that will begin the day after Thanksgiving, November 23, 2012.*

***Everything***, will be removed-no exceptions.

- You may place winter decorations on graves and in mausoleums starting December 1, 2012.
- Winter decorations will be removed after February 28, 2013 from all grave spaces and mausoleums.
- Due to weather at this time of year, please do not place Spring decorations until March 15, 2013.

From its inception, David's Cemetery has been a work in progress, starting as a small country cemetery to what you see today. We have strived to beautify and improve the cemetery to meet the wants and needs of our families, neighbors and future generations. Every step along the way, over many years, we have gained insights into what worked and what fell short. We have continuously improved; using new techniques and ideas to meet the demands of our families, while striving to make sure it is beneficial to the cemetery.

Today, once again, we find ourselves checking our assumptions against a shifting world, tested to keep up with a society that never sits still. In the span of a generation, communication technology has fundamentally altered the way people acquire, absorb and share information. Computers in tablets and smart phones possess powers that were inconceivable 20 years ago. It is a new world. Yet with all this easy, instant access to knowledge, we see a concurrent decline in awareness and compassion for our fellow man, which some have described as "cultural amnesia".

We, in turn, have asked ourselves whether David's Cemetery could make a more powerful and effective contribution to improving this amnesia. We answered in the affirmative. You may ask exactly how is David's Cemetery advancing this affirmative answer? We have developed and implemented a speaker program providing any group, teacher, or small circle of friends a history presentation about the people buried at the cemetery-at no charge. This talk gives some day-to-day insight on their lives, what historically they might have done, and how it may be of importance in *your* life. You may contact Eric Watne at (937) 434-2255 to schedule a presentation. We feel that presenting the history of David's Cemetery might show how past generations dealt with situations that we face today and help us connect with previous generations.

Eric is also available to speak to groups on the many cemetery and cremation options available and how they fit into your life.

***In the past, during the Cemetery Clean Up, some items have been allowed to remain in place even though they have been in violation of our By-Laws. We are now compelled to enforce our policy by removing EVERYTHING during the two Cemetery Clean Ups each year. Please remember to remove EVERYTHING before November 23, 2012.***

Thank you, and from your cemetery staff, we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*Stephen D. Hopkins*

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## 2012 HOLIDAY POINSETTIA PROGRAM

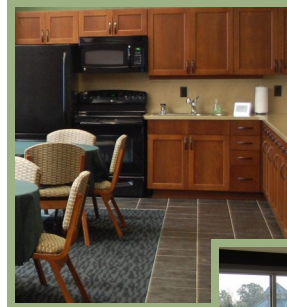
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FORMS AND  
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•SPECIAL  
DISCOUNTS ON  
ORDERS PLACED  
BEFORE  
OCTOBER 22, 2012



# Gathering Room

COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM



After every service the issue of gathering family members close together arises.

The Gathering Room provides a warm, comfortable and convenient atmosphere for your family. It has a full kitchen, serving area, chairs and tables with tablecloths.



***Stop by or call our office for Gathering Room rental information!***

*It's a fact...*

## ***Abraham Lincoln***

- 1. Had the largest funeral service ever held in the United States of America.***
- 2. Funerals were held in thirteen different cities.***
- 3. The funeral procession traveled 1700 miles.***
- 4. Lincoln's remains were moved 11 times between 1865 and 1901.***

## **Office Remodel**

*We have remodeled the display area in our office which is located just inside the Mad River Road entrance.*

*These changes make the selection process more pleasant and timely for our families.*

*Stop in and feel free to look around!!*



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