

# DAVID'S CEMETERY

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*"Generations of Care"*

## *190 Years: marking another historic milestone (1826-2016)*



*Rich in tradition  
and forward thinking!*



-In the **late 1700's** the Greenville Treaty between the U.S. government and the local Ohio Indians was signed allowing the territory to be surveyed and later sold. The local area known as Dayton, Ohio was chartered in **1803** (the same year Ohio became a state). Dayton was at that time a day's ride from Lebanon and Lebanon was a day's ride from Cincinnati—the nearest town to the Ohio River. An earlier settler, in what is now Kettering, where David's Cemetery is located, was John Patterson. Patterson built Kettering Van Buren Twp's first log cabin in **1798** and by the early 1800's the area was a thriving farming community.

-In **1826** Christian Creager, a local gentleman, donated the first section of the cemetery specifying the land to be used for a place of worship and burial.

-In **1841**, an expanding population forced the creation of Van Buren Township, later known as Kettering. During the early years, both the cemetery and the church were owned by David's Reformed Church.

-In **1867** David's Reformed Church and Cemetery purchased additional land (about ½ acre) from Henry Creager, the son of the original donor.

-In **1890** the cemetery and church separated and the Secretary of the State of Ohio granted David's Cemetery Association Articles of Incorporation in the State of Ohio. With the passage of the Revenue Act of 1913 forming the IRS, the cemetery applied for and became a non-profit corporation. The cemetery officially became David's Cemetery Association and the church later became David's United Church of Christ.

-By **1891** the cemetery purchased additional acreage, another 1.56 acres.

-In **1917** the Cemetery purchased 2.2 plus acres from Martin H. Young at \$500 per acre.

-In **1945** the cemetery purchased another 32 acres at the cost of \$750 per acre from Bessie Kress.

-In November **1952**, the voters of Van Buren Twp. approved the incorporation of the Village of Kettering, named for its most outstanding citizen, the famous philanthropist and inventor of the automobile self-starter, Charles F Kettering.

-In **1987** another 15.775 acres were purchased from Georgetown Apartments' owner Richard Jacobs.

Today, David's Cemetery encompasses approximately 55 total acres. Nearly 17 acres remain available for future land development and in-ground burials; above ground burials (mausoleums); in-ground cremations; above ground cremations (niches); and the scattering of cremations. David's Cemetery Association will be of service to our community and our families for many years to come.

# Flag Day

## Celebration

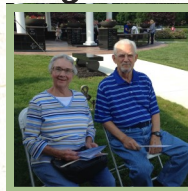
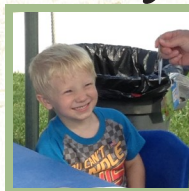
*Beautiful day,  
big crowd....  
great time!*

*Friday, June 10, 2016*



*Kettering Fire Department*

*Fun for all ages!!*



*USAF Wright Brass*



**Flag Day Celebration**  
Door Prize Winner:  
***Jane Inghram.***  
Congratulations Jane!

*Mark your calendars for next year!*  
***Friday, June 9, 2017***

*It's a fact...*

## SPACECRAFT CEMETERY

The European Space Agency is investigating means to remove dangerous debris from space. But massive nets and robotic arms aren't the only ways to get objects out of Earth's orbit – they can also be instructed to crash into a "spacecraft cemetery" once their service is complete. Russia has already buried over 190 objects in the cemetery (formally known as the Oceanic Pole of Inaccessibility), which comprises a patch of Pacific Ocean 2,000 miles north of Antarctica, reports Popular Science. The United States meanwhile has crashed 52 objects there, Europe has crashed eight, Japan six, and SpaceX one.



## Widman Lane!

Former employee and Board Member Jim Widman came to visit his name sake! Jim was thrilled to be honored by the current Board of Trustees when they named our newest roadway *Widman Lane*. He and his beautiful bride, Ruth, stopped by to admire the new signage!

## Prepare: Pre-Plan

*Stop in our office for more information on purchasing services  
like Opening/Closing, Vaults, Monuments or Markers!*

**Mark your holiday calendars...**  
**Christmas Eve Luminaries**  
**Saturday, December 24, 2016**  
**Beginning @ Dusk**

## *Superintendent's Message*

As I sit composing this message it is one of the hottest days in July with a temperature close to 95 degrees and humidity over 90 %. It's funny that I am complaining about this heat and humidity, because this winter when we had sub zero temperatures and lots of snow, all I could think about was how nice it will be when we get to warmer weather. Today however, I wish it would cool down. Isn't that just like life? We think something will be great but when the time comes around, or we get there, it just doesn't turn out as well as we planned or hoped for.

This was not the case at our 4th Annual Flag Day Celebration even though the rain that morning looked like it might not let the celebration happen. Mother Nature cooperated and the rain moved out leaving us with clear weather. The United States Air Force Band of Flight's Wright Brass sat below our 30' X 60' flag that waved crisply over head and was framed by the beautiful blue sky at Old Glory Plaza. We could not have asked for more perfect weather. Wright Brass played a variety of our favorite songs and marches and it seemed everyone was either humming or singing along or as I did, for the non singers, tapping their feet to the beat. The free hot dogs, potato chips, cookies and the ice cold water seemed to make it a perfect evening. We appreciate all those who attended.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all the employees, Board Members, spouses, children, and friends, that enable us to put this celebration on each year-without them it wouldn't be possible. I also want to give a special thanks to Terri Schimer, Assistant Office Manager, who spends countless hours putting this program together each year and without her due diligence this concert would not be possible. She has already started on next year's program and we want you to mark your calendar for the evening of Friday, June 9th, 2017, which is next year's Flag Day Celebration (weather permitting).

Please do not forget that the cemetery grounds and all three mausoleums will be cleaned off starting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 25th, 2016 (the day after Thanksgiving). If you have any items you wish to keep, please remove them before that day. You may place decorations back in the cemetery and mausoleums on Thursday, December 1st, 2016.

Stephen D. Hopkins  
Superintendent

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### 2016 HOLIDAY WREATH/ POINSETTIA PROGRAM

•2016 ORDER  
FORMS AND  
INFORMATION  
ENCLOSED

•SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT ON  
WREATH ORDERS  
PLACED BEFORE  
OCTOBER 17th, 2016.

