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COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM UPDATE



We have added 82 niches to the East Hallway and 82 niches to the West Hallway making way for an additional 328 inurnments. In addition to the new niches, there are crypts available for casket burials. Anyone, who hasn't already done so, should tour our beautiful mausoleum as part of their pre-planning process and see how affordable the crypts truly are. You don't need to purchase a vault or headstone/marker like you do when choosing ground burial. Our Chapel is free to use for anyone that owns a burial space here and the Gathering Room is available to rent for after service gatherings and they are both located in the Community Mausoleum.



Did you know... Old Glory Plaza is the backdrop for our Flag Day Celebration and there are spaces still available for purchase. Many people think that you have to be in the military to be buried there, but it simply isn't true. If you are a patriot at heart or you are moved by the beauty and grace of our majestic flag you couldn't make a better choice.

Over the past year we have been producing stunning video and photographic images capturing seasonal changes along with our community activities. We hope to be able to share them with you soon on our website.



5th Annual Flag Day Celebration 2017



Free hot dog, chips and a drink
for everyone!



Mark your calendars for
next year!
Friday, June 8, 2018



Door Prize Winner:
George Hanselman
Congratulations George!



Approx. 600 guests enjoyed the concert!



USAF Wright Brass

Mark your holiday calendar...

Christmas Eve Luminaries

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Beginning @ Dusk



With heavy hearts....

On July 31, 2017 we lost a former trustee, former employee and more importantly a dear friend, James Widman. After serving two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict Jim followed his dad into the auto repair business at Widman's Garage for 25 years and went on to instruct auto repair at Kettering JVS for 14 years. He was an active life-long member of David's Church, a Kettering Volunteer Firefighter for more than 30 years and he was married to Ruth for almost 58 years. In 1969 Jim became a David's Cemetery Association Trustee and beginning in 1998 a part-time employee. David's Cemetery is the place that Jim found his next "love" and everyone at David's Cemetery loved him back. Jim will be remembered for his big heart, his sense of humor and his dedication to the cemetery families that he walked through a most difficult process. He will never be replaced and will always be in the hearts of those that knew him.

On March 2, 2017 we lost another dear member of our cemetery family, Robert Rohr. Bob proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean War, retired from Frigidaire after 35 years, was a Captain on the Kettering Fire Department, was married to Joan for 65 years and spent 25 of his "Golden Years" from 1986 to 2013 here at David's Cemetery working on the grounds. He loved this cemetery and the extended family he created here and they loved him back.

They will be missed!



Jim Widman and Bob Rohr 2010

Previous issues of our newsletters are available on our website, www.davidscemetery.com.

Superintendent's Message

I was just reading an article in the current issue of "The Magazine of Colonial Williamsburg Trend and Tradition." It stated that in 1825, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to place a cornerstone for a monument celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the start of the revolution. Marquis de Lafayette the famous soldier who came from France to help General Washington train our troops came back from France for the ceremony along with forty soldiers who fought against the British in this first battle for independence, along with approximately 100,000 others to attend the dedication.

This got me thinking about David's Cemetery history and some of the people who helped shape the cemetery which began in 1826. Christian Creager was the farmer who owned this land and was approached by a circuit rider preacher Rev. David Winters (his first name is where the cemetery got its name) to donate land for a cemetery and a church. That little act got me thinking of all the different people who have served as Trustees of this cemetery from the past (and no I did not know all of them) to the present. There are too many to list but I would like to mention a few. Men such as Abram Prugh (President), George Whipp (Vice President), Cyrus Creager (Secretary) and Jonathon Lefevre (Treasurer) were the first Trustees to form and serve David's Cemetery Association. These founding Trustees helped place the cemetery on the right path after the cemetery was separated from the church in 1890. The Trustees that followed the founding Trustees were given the difficult task of guiding the cemetery through the Great Depression- when over 25 % of the American work force was unemployed. Trustees such as J. Mason Prugh (President), J. Finley Marshall (Vice President), Sam Groby (Secretary) and Harry Wilson Routson (Treasurer), all helped keep the ship upright during those very difficult times. These Trustees were then followed by Russell H. Young (President), Gove Himes (Vice President) and Milo Herr (Treasurer). These men had the foresight to purchase more land after WWII thus enabling the cemetery to continue to serve our area as suburbs began to use all the surrounding land for new homes. These Trustees gave the reins over to a new group of Trustees that included Victor Greimann (President), James Widman (Vice President), John R. Dill (Treasurer) and Paul R. Young (Trustee), all of them served in either WWII or Korea. They helped shape a new direction for the cemetery with the construction of two mausoleums and the cremation scattering garden called the Remembrance Circle. Those Trustees have now turned the cemetery over to the current Trustees led by Kay C. Wick (President), Kevin McCoy (Vice President), and Frank Sensel (Treasurer). They built the Community Mausoleum (crypt and cremation niche areas) that contains our Chapel (free for any space owner to use) and Gathering Room (rentable for families to congregate for a meal or beverages after a funeral/memorial service). They also built David's Columbarium (cremation niche area) and Old Glory Plaza (cremation niche area). Old Glory Plaza has a 120-foot flagpole with a 38 x 64 ft. U. S. flag flying proudly, which we believe to be the largest in Montgomery County. There are five granite military tablets surrounding the base of the flagpole which honors all branches of our military. This cremation niche area is open to everyone, not just the military, for placement of loved one's cremains.

I am glad to have known quite a few of these Trustees past and present and I can state that they all have given a great deal of love and dedication to help make this cemetery what it is today.

I wish to thank all of you who have chosen this cemetery to use as a final loving tribute to your cherished loved ones, and we the Trustees and Staff, will strive to carry on with the caring tradition started back in 1826.

Please remember that the cemetery grounds and all three mausoleums will be cleaned off starting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 24th, 2017 (the day after Thanksgiving). If you have any items you wish to keep, please remove them before that day. You may place decorations back into the cemetery and the mausoleums on Friday, December 1st, 2017.

2017 HOLIDAY WREATH/ POINSETTIA PROGRAM

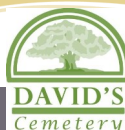
•2017 ORDER
FORMS AND
INFORMATION
ENCLOSED

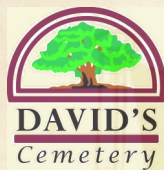
•SPECIAL
DISCOUNT ON
WREATH ORDERS
PLACED BEFORE
OCTOBER 16th, 2017.



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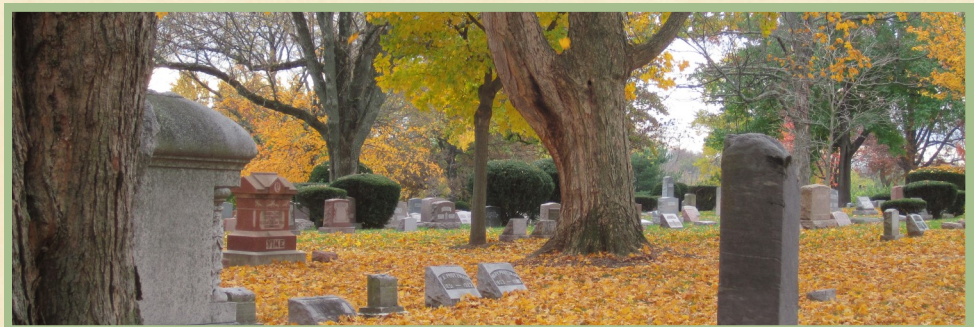




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20th Annual Holiday Decoration Order Form Enclosed

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David's Cemetery

Rediscover a local treasure!

Get your **FREE Walking Map** or other important information in our office during regular business hours or at our **Information Station** west of the office parking lot!

Cremation Scattering Garden/Indoor-Outdoor Niches/Indoor Crypts/Vaults
Monuments/Pre-Planning Services/Chapel/Gathering Room/Many Spaces Available





Monument Design...

Did you know that we provide free monument design services with every purchase of an upright monument or flat marker? Whether you're in need of a simple gravestone or elaborate monument, our friendly and expert staff is here to assist you in designing the perfect memorial.



Monument Cleaning...

DO'S

- *Always check out the stability of the stone first-make certain it is a candidate for washing. Ask yourself why-and if-washing is really necessary.*
- *Use only soft bristle brushes-if you wouldn't use it on your face, don't think about using it on a stone.*
- *Often water, a soft brush and a wooden popsicle stick (for scrubbing), is all that is needed.*
- *If a chemical cleaner is needed, consult a stone conservator, who will match the soiling with an appropriate cleaner.*

DON'TS

- *Sand blasting, regardless of the grit or the pressure is far too extreme and will irreparably damage the stone.*
- *High pressure water can also cause spalling (spalling is to break off chips, scales, or slabs) of the stone.*
- *The use of bleach will stain and cause spalling of the stone as chlorides attempt to resurface.*
- *Acid cleaning etches marble, resulting in a distinctive, glossy surface and should never be used on historic stones.*
- *Never attempt to clean a stone that is spalling, flaking, delaminating (delaminating is a separation into layers) or otherwise damaged. Consult a conservator instead.*

Many spaces and burial options are still available, call (937) 434-2255.