

# DAVID'S CEMETERY

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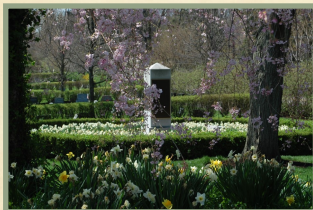
*"Generations of Care"*

## Our commitment is to educate you...

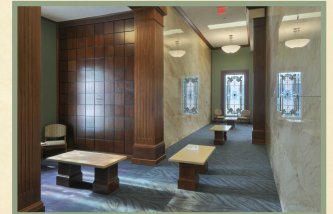
*David's Cemetery has been serving the residents of all faiths in Kettering and the surrounding communities since 1826. We take pride in the grounds and the services we offer.*



*Our burial options have grown along with the changing attitudes of our community. The popularity of cremation has provided opportunities for our cemetery to construct outdoor burial spaces and a cremation scattering garden for our families. We have developed additional areas of traditional ground burial spaces to provide areas for future generations to be buried near their family and friends.*



*Our commitment to you is to educate you. You and your family have many options—some you may not even realize that you have. We never pressure you into any decisions. We consider your choice of David's Cemetery as a life long commitment to you and your family. We offer ground burial spaces and vaults, mausoleum spaces, indoor and outdoor niches, cremation gardens and a beautiful scattering garden.*



*We have a beautiful chapel and a fully equipped gathering room for after service fellowship that allows you and your family to have all the services you need in one location—you never have to leave the grounds!*



*You can purchase a monument or marker from us too. We can offer you many design options as well as a temporary marker until your monument or marker arrives.*



*We encourage you to contact us with any questions you may have about the services we offer!*

## PREPAREDNESS BRINGS PEACE OF MIND...

Only about one-fourth of Americans actually pre-plan their burial arrangements and yet almost everyone thinks it's a great idea to do so.

Laying the foundation for a well thought out plan for you or a loved one takes a bit of time, but, it's worth every moment spent. After all, you're setting the stage for a more relaxed and enjoyable life, because you'll have the peace-of-mind preparedness brings.

Planning ahead carries another benefit: the cost savings. Once your property and goods and services are purchased, you will not be affected by future price increases. When the time comes—no matter how many years from now—your burial arrangements will be in place.

It is important to remember that your spouse and children will have some very strong feelings about your final arrangements. These are usually influenced by their love for you and their own particular aesthetic perceptions of honor and dignity. We urge you to discuss your plans with them to ensure that they will understand and accept your preferences and choices. Taking their feelings into consideration in the decisions you make now will be a comfort to them in the future.

Your family is everything. So the last thing you'd want is to put them in a difficult position. A time of loss is a time of confusion, but your final arrangements don't have to add to the uncertainty. Pre-planning your cemetery services can save your loved ones from having to make decisions while they're grieving. And they won't have to guess what you'd want. Making pre-arrangements is the responsible thing to do. Instead of getting bogged down in details, your family will be able to focus on celebrating your life.

6th Annual

# Flag Day Celebration

Friday, June 8, 2018

featuring the University of Dayton's  
New Horizon Oompah Band



The day started out sunny, the set-up was flawless, the harp played beautifully and then the threat in the sky became obvious. Everyone grabbed some food and drink as the wind began to blow. Our majestic Old Glory Plaza was to play host to the New Horizons Oompah Band, but mother nature had other plans. As the sky became more threatening and the rain more certain-we flipped the stage to David's Columbarium. The band played, the guests stayed in their seats huddled under the tent and the show went on! The rain was so intense at times that it was difficult to hear the beautiful music. We would like to thank everyone for their support on such a wet and stormy day! Hope to see you next year!



Caitlin Lavilla

Mark your calendars for next year!  
Friday, June 14, 2019



Door Prize Winner: *Karen Zokowski*  
Congratulations Karen!

Mark your holiday calendar...

## Christmas Eve Luminaries

Monday, December 24, 2018

Beginning @ Dusk



Open to everyone!



Old Glory Plaza is home to our Flag Day Celebration. If you haven't seen it, please take the time to do so. It's a beautiful, majestic area and anyone who wishes to be cremated could not choose a more peaceful or patriotic final resting place.

That giant flag swaying in the breeze is something to behold!

Words do not do this area justice!

### Did you know...

Historic Congressional Cemetery has been a final resting place for Washingtonians for over 207 years.

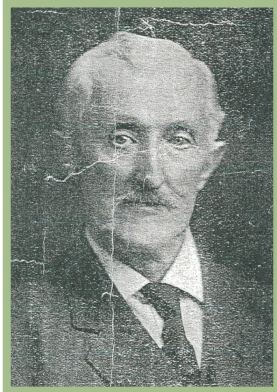
The cemetery almost immediately became associated with the US Congress, becoming the first national cemetery (50 years before Arlington was created in the late 1860s). In 1807, only three months after the first burial (Capitol stonecutter William Swinton), Connecticut senator Uriah Tracy died; the new cemetery was the logical place for his interment. Until the mid-1830s, practically every Congressman who died in Washington was buried in Congressional Cemetery, marked by cenotaphs designed by famous architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe.

The cemetery had no formal name for its first four years. After it was deeded to Christ Church on Capitol Hill, its name became "Washington Parish Burial Ground." In 1830, after Congress had purchased several hundred sites, built monuments to Members who died in office and appropriated money for improvements, the public and the members of Congress began referring to it as "Congressional burying ground". Eventually that was shortened to "Congressional Cemetery."

[www.congressionalcemetery.org](http://www.congressionalcemetery.org)

*David's Cemetery-where peace and beauty provide rest and solitude.*

# Superintendent's Message



In the last year's Superintendent's Message, I wrote about the many people who have helped shape David's Cemetery Association. I was lucky enough to come across an article printed in the "The Valley Messenger," Volume 1, Number 1, published by C. E. Societies of Valley Charge, dated September 2, 1918.

On the front cover was a photo of Cyrus H. Creager who was David's Cemetery's first Secretary of the Board, he had passed away on August 11, 1918 and inside the publication was his life's story and I thought I would reprint it for your enjoyment.

*Cyrus Hamilton Creager was born June 10, 1843, in Van Buren Township, Montgomery County on R.R. 7 (what is now Kettering, Ohio, 4625 Far Hills Ave. the big gray house, just South of the cemetery which houses the Far Hills Travel Agency). He was the eldest son of Henry and Elizabeth Creager and had four brothers, Henry, William, Albert and Wesley Creager, all which preceded him in the departure of his life.*

*He spent the whole of his early life in the neighborhood where he was born and reared until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enrolled July 25, 1863, at the age of twenty in Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the O.V.M. Later on, May 2, 1864, he was transferred and enrolled in Company H. 131<sup>st</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was stationed in Washington D.C. and Fort McHenry, and he remained in the service until the close of the war.*

*After the war he returned to the neighborhood and took up private life as a farmer. Rev. David Winters (his first name is the name of the cemetery) confirmed him on April 22, 1866. On September 7, 1867, he was elected to the office of Secretary of David's Church which ran the cemetery at that time and he served in this office until his death for 50 years, 9 months and 5 days.*

*When David's Cemetery separated from the church in 1890, he was elected to Secretary of David's Cemetery and served unchallenged for 28 years until his death.*

*He was a member of Montgomery Lodge of the Order of Odd Fellows.*

*Mr. Creager never united in marriage and since August 15, 1895, had lived with the family of Martin H. Young, who had purchased Mr. Creager's farm.*

*Mr. Creager was gentle, loving and very modest and endeared himself to all who knew him whether in business or private life. His friendship and acquaintances were many.*

*Mr. Creager knew practically little sickness and enjoyed apparent normal health even to the last hour. The pangs of death stole over him while walking from the City Car Line to his home, having spent the day in business routine and shopping. Death apparently was due to paralysis, very sudden, and he succumbed seemingly without pain or distress at age 75 years, 2 months, and 2 days.*

The immediate relatives that survive him are his nephews: Roy, Raymond and Emory Creager.

*Foot Notes: Mr. Creager was related to Walter Creager, the first constable of the City of Oakwood and Walter's son was Earl D. Creager, long time owner of Earl D. Creager Construction.*

**Please remember that the cemetery grounds and all three mausoleums will be cleaned off starting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 23, 2018 (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 Saturday, December 1, 2018.**



*Stephen D. Hopkins*

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## 2018 HOLIDAY WREATH/ POINSETTIA PROGRAM

•2018 ORDER  
FORMS AND  
INFORMATION  
ENCLOSED

•SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT ON  
WREATH ORDERS  
PLACED BEFORE  
OCTOBER 15th, 2018.

