

# DAVID'S CEMETERY

*"Generations of Care"*

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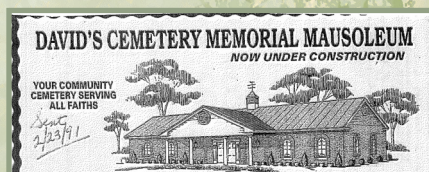
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## The Memorial Mausoleum: Looking Back Thirty Years

In 1991 your cemetery opened it's second mausoleum. Four grand hallways of crypts for above ground burial and a beautiful wood paneled common area. In 2012, the interior was renovated with new carpet and furnishings. Very few crypts are available in this mausoleum today, but it still stands with grandeur in honor of our community members entombed there.

### THEN:



### NOW:



The Memorial Mausoleum was designed by past president of David's Cemetery and former Kettering Planning Commission member, Vic Greimann. Vic served on the board for 37 years and was president for 22 of them.

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



# 2021 Brood X Cicada Invasion

Your cemetery was not spared the invasion and it made for unbelievable sights and sounds!



*By coming out in huge numbers,  
all the predators that eat cicadas can get their fill and there will still be  
plenty of cicadas left to breed and perpetuate the species.  
It's a survival strategy call prey satiation.*



**FREE consultation/design for a monument or a marker is always available at your cemetery.**  
**Call our office to schedule an appointment with Eric.**



Mark your holiday calendar...

## Christmas Eve Luminaries

Friday, December 24, 2021

Beginning @ Dusk

### Introducing...

For those of you who have been to the cemetery lately, we are pretty sure that you have seen a new face in our grounds department. In July of 2021, we officially welcomed a new grounds crew member to our cemetery staff family: Dustin Houghton. Dustin works in our cemetery grounds department with Trevor Garrett and Steve Hopkins and is from San Diego, CA but currently resides in Kettering. He is the father of two boys: Cory and Ryder. He came to us after working at Fed Ex and Amazon as a delivery driver. Dustin enjoys nature walks, hiking, playing sports, and riding bikes.

### APPRECIATION DISCOUNT

**FOR ACTIVE MILITARY  
PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND  
ACTIVE OR FORMER FIRST  
RESPONDERS ON THEIR  
PRE-NEED BURIAL SPACE  
PURCHASE.**

**Please call our office  
for more details**



Thanks to Boy Scout Troup 375  
for placing flags all around the  
cemetery for Memorial Day!

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



# Superintendent's Message

Rose E. Miller



This year's person of focus is Van Buren Township/Kettering native Rose Eloise Miller. Miss Miller was born on June 28, 1888, at 3225 Wilmington Pike, a white two-story home that still exists on the West side of Wilmington Pike between Devon Ave. and Marshall Rd., to parents Jacob and Malinda T. Miller. John and Marguerite Bowden (parents of Richard Bowden who grew up on the property and is one of your cemetery Trustees) bought the house and 1½ acres from Miss Miller in September of 1952, for \$18,500.00.



Rose E. Miller Home

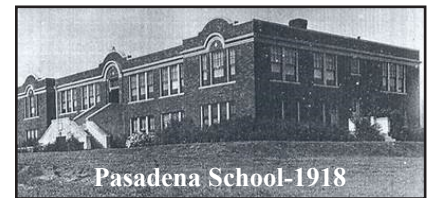
Miss Miller attended Van Buren District Elementary School #9 that is now a white house located at 1766 E. Dorothy Lane on the South side of the road, ½ mile East of Wilmington Pike, across from Morris Sons Funeral Home. She then graduated and moved up Dorothy Lane near Wilmington Pike and attended the first four year Van Buren Township High School held in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall near the current Kettering Church Parking Lot on E. Dorothy Lane. She graduated from High School in 1905. She then attended Professor Shauck's Dayton Normal School and College. A Normal School was an institution created to train high school graduates to be elementary teachers in two years. Some of these Normal School's became comprehensive public or state supported teacher colleges and later universities such as Ohio Northern, Kent State, and Bowling Green. Miss Miller graduated in 1907, with a 2-year degree enabling her to teach elementary school. She furthered her education in summer sessions at Heidelberg, Ohio State, Miami University, and Wilmington College.



Van Buren Township School #9

Miss Miller was hired in 1907, by the Van Buren Township Board of Education to teach at the new combination Fairmont elementary/high school in 1907, which was built near Far Hills Avenue and West Dorothy Lane just West of where Saint Albert the Great Elementary School now stands and taught elementary school there until 1909. She then transferred to Van Buren Township District School #1 from 1909-1911. The school was located at E. David Road and Bigger Road near Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church and is now a private residence. In 1911, she transferred back to Van Buren Township School #9 the original elementary school she attended and taught there until 1917. In the fall of 1917, she became Principal of the new Pasadena

Elementary School at Devon Avenue and Marshall Road, now North Marshall Road. Pasadena/Rose E. Miller school was razed in 1974, but a small park was placed between the new homes that were built around the park. The original dedication plaque for the school is in a garden where the sidewalks come together. The Van Buren Township School Board then closed District Elementary Schools 1, 6, 9, 11, and 12 in 1917, and those 150 students were consolidated to the new Pasadena School. Miss Miller not only was Principal but instructor in arithmetic (grades 4 to 8), penmanship (grades 3 to 6), hygiene, agriculture, and civics (grade 7 and 8). In addition to this work, she had charge of the reading, memory work, and other activities of her room. The growth of Van Buren Township caused new additions to Pasadena School in 1929 and 1939. In 1951, Miss Miller retired from education, and the Kettering School Board renamed Pasadena to Rose E Miller Elementary School in 1957. She became a member of the Chester Roush Hall of Fame on May 17, 1983. The decline of student population in the late 1960's and early 1970's caused the closure of the school in 1971, and it was leased to the City of Kettering who named it Rose E. Miller Senior Citizen Center. In 1974, the buildings were razed, and new homes were built.



Pasadena School-1918



Rose E Miller passed away on February 16, 1967. She will be remembered for all the children's lives she touched such as my mother Mary Ellen Hopkins who wrote the following story. "In 1928, 1929 I was in 1st and 2nd grade at Pasadena Elementary School where Miss Miller was principal. The schoolyard grapevine was that she kept a paddle in her desk drawer for misbehaving students. I was a believer, and both feared and was in awe of her. Miss Miller attended my church and when I saw her there, I liked her and had no fear of her."

*Stephen D. Hopkins*

**Please remember that the cemetery grounds and all three mausoleums will be cleaned off starting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 26, 2021 (the day after Thanksgiving).**

**IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WISH TO KEEP, PLEASE REMOVE THEM BEFORE THAT DAY.**

**You may place decorations back into the cemetery and mausoleums on Sunday, December 5, 2021.**