



Rutherford Cemetery Association

Established 1851

NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Members Informed

January 2012



2012 Important Dates ... See inside for more details



Annual Meeting

- Tuesday
April 10
- 7pm
- Stillwater
Evangelical
Free Church

Clean Up Day

- Saturday
May 5
- 9am
- backup date
May 19

Memorial Day Ceremony

- Monday
May 28
- Program
commences
6:45am

Rutherford Cemetery Association is a nonprofit cemetery association governed by a board of trustees

General Information

email: RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com

phone: 651-430-2669 (Ron Johnson) website: www.RutherfordCemetery.org

Monuments

As I'm sure everyone is aware, the Association Rules and Regulations state that a headstone or marker must be placed within twelve months of burial. Links will be included on our web site to monument suppliers we've used in the past. These companies are familiar with the styles found within Rutherford Cemetery and can advise you of a variety of options.

Need Information?

If you are interested in a cemetery lot or just want some information, your source would be the team of Ron Johnson & Kathy Henke. Ron is in charge of Lot Sales and has been involved with Rutherford Cemetery for many years. He is assisted by Kathy, our secretary who is an executive assistant with a Minnesota-based international company.



Is your information current?

Please let us know if you have a change of address, phone or email.

Please note that any newsletters returned which had no forwarding address will be removed from the mailing list. If you know of members who have had changes, please ask them to contact the secretary, or perhaps you could make the contact in order to keep our records accurate. Updates can be sent by email to RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com or by phone to the secretary, Kathy Henke, 651-247-9176.

Remember to add this email address to your email contacts to ensure delivery.

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A message from our President, Khal Slayhi



2010 was a difficult year financially for the Association and so in our last Newsletter we asked our Members if they could consider a donation to the Rutherford Cemetery Association. The response to this plea was overwhelming. So many of our members came forward with donations of money, services, equipment and time and effort in many areas.

The first few months of 2011 the donations came in a steady stream and they continued right up until October. In all you donated over \$6,000 and every penny received has been crucial to the Association. We had another year of low lot sales but still we incurred costs for grass cutting, tree trimming, plowing, liability insurance premiums, postage, maintenance and improvements, just to name a few. These donations have allowed us to continue the regular upkeep of the cemetery without the need to withdraw funds from one of our CD's.

With your help our accomplishments throughout the year included a new lighted flag pole, an onsite storage shed, a cemetery free of "little furry critters", plus a "New Fence" Fund has been established.

I, and the entire Board, want to sincerely thank all of you who have so generously made donations. We realize these are still tough financial times and we are honored that you consider the Association a worthy cause. It is because of our dedicated members that the Rutherford Cemetery will continue and be successful. We can't thank you enough.

Here's hoping 2012 will be as successful.

Khal Slayhi

President



Our Storage Shed

Another generous donation from an Association member was the storage shed which now stands on the south side of the cemetery.



A restored marker

One of our very old markers dating back to 1879 was restored during summer by one of our members. Sadly time takes its toll and there are some markers on which we can no longer decipher the inscription at all.



before



after

Rutherford On Display

Boutwell's hosted an Informative Day to residents and the community in February 2011. Rutherford Association was represented and we displayed our brochure, Newsletter, the Cemetery plan and various pieces of information and provided handouts and cards to those who stopped by. Our thanks to Judy and David Stone for setting up the display and spending the day at Boutwells, and also to Khal Slayhi, Ron Johnson and Bob Wilfer who stopped by to lend a hand throughout the day. Although no sales seem to have come from this display, it was good to be seen and make people aware we are here.



Our new flag pole

Our flag pole was damaged during one of the summer storms in 2011 and needed replacing. Our sincere thanks to Association members who provided the new flag pole and light and to the volunteers who installed it.

Veteran markers:

We have been informed by Veteran Services that they no longer hand out the metal memorial flag holders without a copy of the discharge papers. We have also been advised these markers are being stolen from cemeteries and being melted down and also the manufacturers of these holders may possibly cease to manufacture them and so replacement of any stolen markers will be impossible.

As Veteran burials occur, we will request the family to provide discharge papers in order for us to obtain a flag holder, but if the family doesn't provide the documents, it will be their responsibility to get one for the grave site if they so wish.

We will need to make a log of the gravesites that currently have holders and take these up for safe keeping. The holders will be returned to their respective gravesites for Memorial Day Services.



2012 CLEAN UP DAY Saturday May 5



The 2012 Annual Clean Up day is set for **Saturday May 5** with a **backup date of May 19** depending on weather. We gather at 9a.m. There is always something for everyone, so please come along and join your fellow members in giving the area a good sprucing up. We will have several tools and supplies available, but buckets, rakes, shovels and gloves will no doubt come in handy. If you have questions regarding this day, please contact **Ron Johnson, 651-430-2669** or e-mail us for further details.

Members who passed away in 2011

Our sympathies to the families of these Association members who passed away in 2011.

- Guse, Reinhold "Reiny" (06/24/2011)
- Benson, Gerald (07/01/2011)
- Collins, Robert (08/13/2011)
- Nelson, Duane F. "Doc" (09/18/2011)
- Carlson, Wayne J. PhD (12/03/2011)
- Wilfer, Robert Anthony (12/21/2011)



Rutherford

**Rutherford Cemetery
Annual Memorial Day Program**



Monday, May 28, 2012
Program commences at 6:45am

We are honored that Rutherford Cemetery is the resting place for veterans dating from the Civil War and we want to make sure all veterans are acknowledged. Please let us know if you have any updated information. Call 651-247-9176 (Kathy Henke) or email RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com

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Donations & Memorials received in 2011. Our most sincere thanks to everyone.		
Tom & Cheryl Arnold	Swanville MN	Donation
William & Susan Brosious	Golden Valley MM	Donation in memory of parents William & Myrtle Brosious
James & Susan Burton	Forrest Lake MN	Donation
Gary Campbell	Stillwater MN	Donation
David & Marsha Chizek	Brooklyn Park MN	Donation
Vernon Chizek	Roseville MN	Donation
Michael & Leslie Dorendorf	Stillwater MN	Donation
Troy & Lori Ewert	Vadnais Heights	Donation
Florence Emme	Lakeland FL	Donation In Memory of Vida & Arthur Vollmer (parents)
Florence Emme	Lakeland FL	Donation In Memory Of Arlene Peterson
Maxine A. Enfield	Stillwater MN	Donation
Lori Foley	Stillwater MN	Donation
Audrey L. Gimmestad	Stillwater MN	Donation
Donald L. Grund	Stillwater MN	Donation
Vivian Guse	Las Vegas NV	Donation
Ruth Guse	Stillwater MN	Memorial Funds from Reiny Guse for flag pole
Lucretia (Keta) Haire	Stillwater MN	Donation
Kathy Henke	Stillwater MN	Postage and Newsletter
Iona Holsten	Stillwater MN	paid to have old grave marker restored
Iona Holsten	Stillwater MN	Light for the flagpole
Michael W & Tamra R Holsten	Stillwater MN	Donation
John C. Jentink	Austin MN	Donation
Ronald & Joan Johnson	Stillwater MN	Donation
Joe and Micki Joslin	Vadnais Heights MN	Donation
Bill & Dorothy Koepcke	Palos Verdes Estates CA	Donation
Fred E. & Ruth Kruger	Spooner WI	Donation
Patrick D. Kruse	Oak Park Heights MN	Donation
Scott & Kum Cha Kruse	Leesburg VA	Donation in memory of Linda L. DeValois (Mother)
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Tim & Heather Kruse	Stillwater MN	Donation in memory of Linda L. DeValois (Mother)
Dr. Thomas & Ginny Lange	Maplewood MN	Donation
Julie LeMoine	Hugo MN	Donation
John & Mary Maroney	Stillwater MN	Donation
Judson Marshall	Mahtomedi MN	Donation
Nick & Ann Mastrodicasa	Aguanga, CA	Donation
June McComas	Merrifield MN	Donation in memory of Ramsden Family
Roger & Darlene Mooney	Blaine MN	Donation
James J. & Marlene McKeown	White Bear Lake MN	Donation
Paul Roth	White Bear Lake MN	Donation
Matthew A & Kimberly J. Rowley	Rochester MN	Donation
Dick & Beryl Schoonover	Woodbury MN	Donation in memory of Royal & Jeanette Masterman
Margaret Seifert	Hugo MN	Donation in memory of Reiny Guse
Margaret Seifert	Hugo MN	Donation in memory of Gerald Benson
Khal & Clara Slayhi	Stillwater MN	Donated the shed for the cemetery
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Steve Speltz	Stillwater MN	Donated services to rid cemetery of "little furry critters"
Cindy Trefethren	Shoreview MN	Donation in memory of Elliot Trefethren
Lois Vietor	Hugo MN	Donation
Elizabeth Welke	Stillwater MN	Fence donation in memory of Skip (Harold) Welke
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John & Janet Wojtowicz	Stillwater MN	Donation for cemetery upkeep
Judy & David Stone, Iona Holsten,		Set up and manned the stand at Boutwell's facility
Khal Slayhi, Bob Wilfer, Ron Johnson		
Donations received at Annual Meeting		Donation

A Reminder.....

Flowers and plants may not be planted on grave sites and no artificial plants are permitted. It is important that everyone is aware of the governing rules of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. You'll find a copy of the current Rules & Regulations in this Newsletter as well as on the website.

Wildlife Control Now

A special *Thank You* to *Wildlife Control Now* who provided their services free of charge to the Association to rid the Cemetery grounds of several pesky little critters. Steve Speltz and his team spent a lot of time and effort at the grounds over the summer and did a fabulous job. The RCA Board would highly recommend *Wildlife Control Now* should you ever have need of their services.



Wildlife Control Now
 "Moles, Gophers and More!"
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 Steve Speltz
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2012 Annual Meeting 7:00pm Tuesday April 10

Members of the Rutherford Cemetery Association, friends and the public are invited to the annual meeting of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. The meeting will be held next door to the cemetery, at the Stillwater Evangelical Free Church. Pot luck snacks will be served after the meeting.

Positions for election are listed below and if you have an interest in one of these positions, please contact a Board member.

- Secretary
- 3 Trustees

Meeting location:

Stillwater Evangelical Free Church
 7671 Manning Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082

Burial Lot Rates

Current Rates for Rutherford Cemetery as at August 2011
 (Prices may vary at any time)



There are no additional fees for burials or cremations on weekends

Full Burial	\$ 575.00
Cremation	\$ 575.00
2 nd interment	\$ 250.00
Columbarium (includes first interment)	\$1,500.00
2nd Internment in a single niche	\$ 250.00

Opening/Closing Charges:	Summer	Winter
Full Burial	\$575.00	\$725.00
Cremation	\$375.00	\$400.00
Cremation with vault	\$575.00	\$575.00

Honoring our Veterans

We are honored that Rutherford Cemetery is the resting place for veterans dating from the Civil War and we want to make sure all veterans are acknowledged. Please let us know if you have any updated information.

Email RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com or call 651-247-9176 (Kathy Henke)

CIVIL WAR

Fairbanks, Joseph N.	CO D 28 ME INF & metal star
Hall, Watson W.	GAR -- Co. E. 113 ILL. INF
Keene, John M.	CO C 16th Maine Vol.
Powell, Stephen W.	GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865
Ramsden, Thomas P.	CO B 11 MN INF
Rutherford, Wm. H.	CO K 13th Reg MN Vol. (Soldier Rest) (in WWI and WWII)

SPANISH AMERICAN

Masterman, Joseph	Cpt.
Rutherford, Wm. H.	CO K 13th MN INF (in WWI and WWII)

WORLD WAR I

Beecroft, Albert	MN PFC Signal Corps
Ramsden, Charles J.	US American Legion Star in front of marker-- metal Veteran star in front of family marker. WWI??
Seifert, Frank L.	MN Sgt 161 Depot Brigade WWI - & metal star that says WWI US 1917-1918

WORLD WAR II

Benson, Ronald	US ARMY
Brosious, James E.	US ARMY
Brosious, William	US ARMY
Chizek, Shirley	June 14, 1944 to June 18, 1946 US NAVY - PHM 2 c
Collins, Robert C.	WWII
Gilbertson, James E.	WWII – no information of branch of service (1923-1984)
Gimmestad, Richard A.	US NAVY
Grund, Robert	US NAVY
Reinhold (Reiny) Guse	US ARMY (Europe)
Guse, Wm.	Tech 4 US ARMY
Jordan, Robert	US NAVY
Kruger, Fred	US NAVY, Seabee
Marshall, Warren	US NAVY
Masterman, Royal James	US NAVY
Michaletz, Raymond H.	Seabee
Peterson, David LeRoy	AVCAD US NAVY
Schilling, Clinton John	PFC US ARMY
Schoonover, Charles	MN SF 2 USNR
Stone, George D	US COAST GUARD
Stone, Ronald S.	NAVY Seal
Van Duren, Arthur Dale	(03/31/1919 - 12/30/2010) ARMY Air Corps - WWII



MERCHANT MARINE

Carlson, Dale	Served 1944-1946
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KOREAN WAR

Brosious, William	US ARMY
Kruger, Roland	US ARMY
Speltz, Donald	US ARMY
Wilfer, Bob	US ARMY -- Korean War 1952-1954

VIETNAM WAR

Michaletz, Raymond A.	US ARMY
Welke, Harold "Skip"	US NAVY

OTHER VETERANS

Haire, Gerald	US NAVY 1958-1961
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Current Veteran Members

Benson, Darryl	
Christison, Dean A.	veteran of the Korean War: 1957 – 1959 – US ARMY
Dahler, Jodi	UA Air Force
Johnson, Ronald	US NAVY

A special mention for contributions to the war efforts, but who has no official recognition: Hall, Cora - WRC

Rules Of The Rutherford Cemetery Association

Rules as at August 10, 2011

1. All graves must be ground level.
2. All headstones must be level with the ground.
3. Monuments are no longer allowed on the old cemetery area. A family marker or monument, if used in the new cemetery area, is to be placed on the east end of the family lot with a ground level footing of light material extending a minimum of four inches beyond the marker on all sides.
4. A head stone or marker must be placed within twelve months after burial. A lot must be paid in full before a head stone or marker is placed.
5. All headstone bases shall be predrilled to accommodate urn stands. All urn stands must be placed in predrilled holes or adjacent to the head stone.
6. In case of vandalism, damage caused by the elements, common enemy, thieves, malicious mischief makers, explosions, invasion, insurrections, riots, etc. in Rutherford Cemetery, lot owners or their descendant shall be responsible for any damage incurred. If a lot owner is deceased and there are not direct descendants, Rutherford Cemetery Association will attempt to repair the damage.
7. Casket burial vaults shall be required in Rutherford Cemetery. They must be made of cement or a material approved by the cemetery association.
8. Two overburials of cremains in approved caskets or three urns will be allowed on an existing grave. No more than two cremain caskets or three urns will be allowed per burial lot. The top of said container(s) shall be no less than 18 inches from ground surface.
9. Burial prices: refer to Lot Salesman for current rates
10. Rutherford Cemetery will assess a \$15.00 transfer fee if a person sells (or gives) a lot to another person.
11. Twenty five percent (25%) of this amount is designated to the permanent care fund.
12. No artificial flowers nor flowers or plants are to be planted on the graves. The cemetery grounds committee reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub, vine, plant, flower, or any other object which may become unsightly, dangerous, or not in keeping with the landscape design of the cemetery. This also includes the placing of vases or other containers for flowers at ground level.
13. Annual salaries to be paid are:
 - Lot Salesperson \$200.00
 - Treasurer \$200.00
 - Secretary \$200.00
14. A fall meeting of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the President.
15. Definitions:
 - A family marker or monument is a stone designating a family lot of four contiguous lots.
 - A monument is a stone no greater than 26 inches high from the top of the cement base (which is to be at ground level) that can be used either as a family lot marker or a headstone.
 - A marker is a stone of three feet wide and no greater than 26 inches high from the top of the cement base (which is to be at ground level) that can be used either as a family lot marker or headstone.
 - A headstone is flush with the ground and will designate an individual lot but may contain multiple names.

A reminder to all members regarding grave markers or monuments.

- Any marker or monument must have prior approval from the Ground and Improvement Committee before proceeding.
- Any marker or monument must comply with the current specifications as laid down by the current Board.

Contact Ron Johnson if you have questions.

In Closing....

Each of us has an opportunity to serve our association, to create a cemetery that helps to heal our losses, to celebrate life and to preserve our heritage.

If you are interested in taking a more active part in the Rutherford Cemetery Association, please contact any one of the board members listed below or email us at:

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Remember that all donations, whatever the amount, are crucial to the upkeep of the cemetery and we are truly grateful to everyone who is able to contribute in any way.

Donations are tax deductible.

The Current Board

		Term of Office
Khal Slayhi	President	2010-2013
Tim Kruse	Vice President	2011-2014
Julie LeMoine	Treasurer	2011-2014
Kathy Henke	Secretary	2009-2012

TRUSTEES

Maxine Enfield	2009-2012
Elizabeth (Betty) Welke	2009-2012
David Stone, Past President	2010-2013
<i>open position</i>	<i>2010-2013</i>
Darrell Benson	2010-2013
Leslie Dorendorf	2011-2014
Iona Holsten	2011-2014

*Sadly our Trustee and friend Bob Wilfer passed away in December 2011.
Bob was also on the Grounds Committee.*

Committees

<i>Lot Sales</i>	Ron Johnson (Chair)
<i>Brochures:</i>	Ute & Chuck Buehler Joe Joslin Kathy Henke
<i>Long Range Planning:</i>	Ron Johnson (Chair) Joe Joslin David Stone
<i>Grounds Committee:</i>	Tim Kruse (Chair) Ron Johnson
<i>Membership:</i>	Kathy Henke
<i>Family Burial Historian:</i>	Kathy Henke
<i>Veterans Update:</i>	Kathy Henke Iona Holsten
<i>Newsletter:</i>	Kathy Henke

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