



Newsletter

Rutherford Cemetery Association

February 2017



*A message from our
President, Dr. Tom Lange*

Dear Members and Friends:

I'm not sure who to thank for nominating me for President of our Rutherford Cemetery Association, but *thank you*. It has turned out to be educational, interesting and fun. Aside from some routine banking duties, I got my first taste of the cemetery business at the Minnesota Association of Cemeteries (MAC) meeting, held this year in Hinkley, MN. I attended the meeting with our dedicated Lot Salesman, Ron Johnson where we learned about the importance of the perpetual care fund, and over many many years, that it will need to be maintained, either with new donations or investment income. Right now we are in a good position to be able to continue to add new grave sites and/or niches for the columbarium to support the perpetual care fund.

It appears that cremation is growing in popularity state wide, and has surpassed traditional burials involving embalming, caskets and vaults.

We heard an impassioned talk on "I Matter" and how important the personal touch is when dealing with grieving families. The idea is that every life deserves to be memorialized, with a special event or with some permanent structure. As a part of our service to family members of Rutherford we want to emphasize this in our relationships as stated in our Mission Statement.

In other news, we held a special Fall Board Meeting to authorize the purchase of advertising in the "Current" a Stillwater quarterly newsletter. We hope to boost sales of our niches in the columbarium, and raise awareness of our beautiful Rutherford Cemetery.

Thank you to all the good folks who give time and money to improve our association and the cemetery proper. I hope to see you at the 78th Annual Meeting in April and at our other events through the Spring/Summer season. Stay warm until we meet in Spring.

Sincerely,

Tom Lange

Tom Lange, President



78th Annual Meeting
Tue. April 11, 2017
7pm

Ongoing Maintenance
6pm
June 14, July 12,
Aug. 9, Sept. 13

Clean Up Day
Sat. May 6. 9am

Backup: May 20

Memorial Day
Mon. May 29

7am sharp!





78TH ANNUAL MEETING: TUE., APRIL 11, 2017, 7PM

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.

Meeting location:

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

CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017, 9AM

The 2017 Annual Clean Up day is set for **Saturday May 6** with a **backup date of May 20** depending on weather.

We gather at 9 am. 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 or want to check the date due to weather, please contact

Ron Johnson, 651-430-2669 or e-mail for further details.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM: MAY 29, 2017, 7AM

Rutherford

Monday, May 29, 2017

Program commences at 7am sharp

Refreshments will be available on the Cemetery ground. Everyone is welcome.

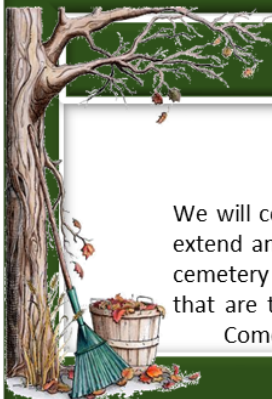
ONGOING MAINTENANCE – 2017

Wednesday's at 6pm

June 14 July 12 August 9 September 13

We will continue the monthly maintenance gatherings as these have been so successful. We extend an open invitation to everyone for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the cemetery starting June 14 and going through September 13. We typically have several tasks that are the focus and are looking for input on things you would like to see accomplished.

Come along to join the fellowship and help out and / or focus on your family sites.



Lot Sales

Burial lots or columbarium niches may be purchased at any time. Burial lot or columbarium fees are due at the time of purchase. Opening / closing fees may be paid at the time of purchase or at interment. Additional fees may be incurred for a winter burial. If you are interested in purchasing a Burial Lot or a Columbarium Niche, please contact: **Ron Johnson 651-430-2669**



General Information

RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com
www.RutherfordCemetery.org

Burial Lot Rates (prices may vary at any time)

No additional fees for burials or cremations on weekends

Full Burial	\$ 575
Columbarium Niche (Includes one interment & name plaque)	\$1,850
2nd Interment in niche	\$ 250

Opening/Closing Charges:	Summer	Winter
Full Burial	\$ 575	\$ 725
Cremation with urn	\$ 375	\$ 400
Cremation with vault	\$ 575	\$ 725

Reminder

Association Rules & Regulations state that a **headstone or marker** must be placed **within twelve months** of burial. Contact Ron Johnson directly if you need information on styles and he can give you further information.

Board Positions

to be filled in April 2017:

We have 2 Board position and 2 Trustee positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting in April 2017. All are important roles and we would like to hear from anyone with an interest in a position. Please contact a Board member or send an email to RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com if you would like to become more involved with the Association. We'd be most grateful to hear from you.

78th Annual Meeting Tentative Agenda

- Welcome
- Minutes from Last Annual Meeting
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Grounds Report
- Lot Sales Report
- Old Business/Updates
- New Business
- Elections:
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - 2 x Trustees
- Social Time



Rutherford Cemetery
Washington Co. Roads 12 & 15 | Stillwater



Mr. Ron Johnson - Sales - 651-430-2669
rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com

Peaceful Pastoral Setting
Tranquil Traditional Plots for Individuals or Families
Above-Ground Interment in our lovely Columbarium

WWW.RUTHERFORDCEMETERY.ORG

**Be on the lookout for this add
in the local Community Paper**

An update from our Secretary, Leslie Dorendorf



Every year we have events you may want to get involved with or just attend. See our list of important dates and mark your calendar! Our Newsletter is sent to all members we have an address for and it's also available on our web site. If you haven't looked at our website recently, please check it out. After working with **Sue Olson** and **Roger Peck** we believe the website has an amazing new look and we have plans for further improvements and additions so keep checking back. Website: www.rutherfordcemetery.org
You might also be on the lookout for an ad in the local Community Paper that the Board approved to run for a year.



Sue Olson
our website mastermind

We take great pride in caring for and beautifying the grounds of the cemetery! Rutherford Cemetery is a nonprofit association and we depend on donations for many of the improvements we make to the cemetery. Most of the upkeep is done by volunteers from our association. If you enjoy getting outside and digging in the dirt or just raking you have found your calling! We are always looking for new faces to help with other projects in the cemetery. Maybe you would enjoy serving as an officer, trustee or working on a committee. We need and value your ideas and input and would love your help! Every spring in May we spend a few hours caring for the cemetery grounds by picking up branches, raking, planting trees and flowers, as well as larger projects like cutting down trees and mulching. We continue to spruce up the grounds with similar projects throughout the year. We have fun getting to know each other while keeping the cemetery looking its best. Please contact us at our email address rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com or just show up! We would love to see you!

Due to generous donations from our members we recently installed a beautiful new fence along the front of the property and added trees to beautify the grounds. Volunteers have donated and planted day lilies around the columbarium and on the hill in front. We plan to continue planting lilies across the entire front hill. If you would like to make a donation please contact us at:

rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com

Our current Fundraising Projects:

- **Storage Shed:** Grounds maintenance is a big part of keeping the cemetery at its best. We need a secure structure to store tools, equipment and supplies. We have a committee working on the planning and purchase of a shed.
- **Tree Removal:** The cemetery is home to many large trees, which makes it a very special place. Some of the trees likely date back to the beginning of the cemetery in 1850. Many of these trees are ash trees which will need to be removed in the next few years due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Due to the size of these trees it will require a tree service to take them down which can be a costly project.
- **Plant New Trees:** We have recently added oak, crab apple, and evergreen trees. As trees are removed we would like to continue to plant new ones in their place. All money donated for trees will go in the tree fund to be used as needed.

**Jim
Masterman**



Records management & lot locations at Rutherford Cemetery

Jim Masterman has spent many hours converting the old Rutherford documents into a user-friendly computer program. There's still a lot to be done, but so much has been accomplished. Read below for an overview of this project.

Objectives:

Anyone with basic computer skills & 15-mins of training should be able to record a lot sale or burial & print a deed in 5mins.

Anyone with basic skills in reading maps, using a tape measure & 15-mins training should be able to locate & flag a lot for sale or burial in 5-mins.

The means of achieving these objectives is of course a computer program. It is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet using VBA and Excel was chosen for 2 reasons: 1) many people are familiar with it, and 2) it is likely to be viable for the long term. Relying on small companies for long term data is problematic because they may quit the business at any time.

The obvious application for Excel is managing the lists of names, dates, locations, etc. I have designed the program to be easy to use. In the future years, as in the past, many people will be involved in management of these records and everyone is on a part time basis. Certain common errors such as selling the same lot twice or entering invalid locations are automatically prevented.

Another key component is a map. Understanding lot locations without a map is difficult. It requires a significant investment in time to study the old paper maps and their numbering scheme. Since Excel spreadsheets consist of an array of rectangular cells and likewise the cemetery is generally laid out as a rectangular grid it is possible to make a spreadsheet look like a map. This is a key element of the program since it makes clear the relationship between the list of data (name, date, etc.) and actual location on a map. Another key advantage is that there is only one copy of the original maps. If it is lost the information is permanently lost as well. The Excel maps may be reprinted as often as necessary for \$4 at Fed Ex.

Accomplished in 2016

- All the existing survey and section markers were located & raised to the surface.
- The Excel program was developed to manage data, print deeds and display maps.
- Cemetery sections "Old", "New" and "Newest" were renamed to "1850", "1950" and "2005" as these were the earliest graves in each section.
- Lots in the 2005 section have been partly marked with timber spikes and ID tags on each corner to make location and identification easier.

Plans for 2017

- There are still some bugs in the Excel program that need to be fixed.
- Finish lot markers in the 2005 section.
- There are some "add-in" lots near the 1850 and 1950 sections that must be added to the maps.
- Add maps for the Columbarium.
- Begin marking lots in the 1850 and 1950 sections.
- Make some of this information available on the Rutherford web site. A map and a list of occupied graves will be first.

Remember!

Flowers & plants may not be planted on grave sites and no artificial plants, styrofoam crosses, glass vases etc. are permitted. Items removed from grave sites will be placed on the platform where the shed was so you can retrieve them if you wish. Any planters remaining empty or with dead flowers by July 9 will be removed. If you will be out of town but wish to have flowers in your planter, it is your responsibility to ensure you have someone tend to your planter in your absence. 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.

Donations were received from:

John Jentink, Austin MN
Vernon Chizek, Roseville MN
Bruce Goldstrand, Stillwater MN
Cynthia Trefethren, Hugo MN
Kimberly Rowley, Rochester MN
Dorothy & Wm Koepcke, Palos Verdes Estates CA
Darlene & Roger Mooney, Blaine MN
Timothy Kruse, Stillwater MN
Donald & Bonnie Howard, Marblehead MA
Sylvia Dalzell, Somerset WI
Ron & Joan Johnson, Stillwater MN
Richard & Ruth Guse, Stillwater MN
Jerry Brosious, Minneapolis MN
Iona Holsten, Stillwater MN
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Linda Foth, Little Canada MN
James & Susan Burton, Forest Lake MN
Khaled & Clara Slayton, Stillwater MN
Betty Welke, Stillwater MN
Iona Holsten, Stillwater MN
Janet Gifford, Fort Ripley MN
Kim Stone, Washburn WI
Edward Kotoski & Susan Tobin, White Bear Lake MN
Nick & Ann Mastrodicasa, Lompoc CA
JC & BD McComas, Merrifield MN

*+ donations of time, goods & services
from many members.*

Thank
You!

Our sympathies to the families of these Association members who passed away in 2016

Robert Louis Speltz	Jan. 30
Maria Szajner	Jan. 13
Joy Schilling	Feb. 15
Kacee Tollefsbol	July
Ashlee Steele	July
Joy Myers	Aug. 18
Robert Myers	Aug. 18
Evan Myers	Aug. 18
Dr Robert Meisterling	Aug. 23
Audrey Gimmestad	Sept. 23
Margaret Grund	Nov. 5
Jonathan Fishken	Nov. 10
Betty Derosier	Nov. 27
Coralyn Sedlacek	Nov. 27



DONATIONS REPORT

from our Donations Coordinator

MAXINE ENFIELD

Our sincere thanks to each and everyone of you who donated your time, services, and financial contributions.

**\$2,160 received in
Donations for 2016**

You'll find included with this Newsletter, a self-addressed envelope should you wish to use this to send in a donation. If you misplace the envelope and need to know where to mail a donation, please send an email to

RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com



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Steve Speltz: ph: 651.705.6585 / 651.689.3079

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2016 Memorial Day at Rutherford Cemetery. Every year more and more people attend this special event where we remember and honor those who served our country. It is especially heartening to see young children and teenagers standing proudly beside their families.

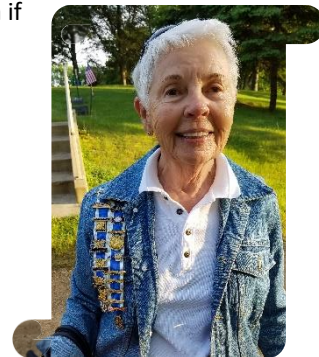


Mark Enfield proudly wears the jacket his grandfather, Lindsey Miller, wore during World War I

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.

Iona Holsten keeps our Veteran list updated so please contact Iona if you have any updated information.



Iona Holsten
ionajh@aol.com

ph: 651-439-3708

CIVIL WAR	April 12, 1861 – April 9, 1865
Fairbanks, Joseph N.	Co. D. 28 ME.INF.
Hall, Watson W.	Co. E. 113 ILL. INF
Keene, John M.	Co. C. 16th Maine Volunteers
Powell, Stephen W.	GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865 GAR
Ramsden, Thomas Peach Jr	Co. B. 11 Minn. INF
Rutherford, William	Co. K 13th Reg MN Vol.
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR	April 1898 – August 1898
Masterman, Joseph N.	Captain
Rutherford, William Henry	CO K 13th MN INF
WORLD WAR I	July 28, 1914 – November 11, 1918
Beecroft, Albert Ernest	WWI MN PFC Signal Corps
Ramsden, Charles (Chas) J.	WWI US American Legion Star
Rutherford, Lyle S.	WWI US Army
Seifert, Frank L.	WWI MN Sgt 161 Depot Brigade 1917-1918
WORLD WAR II	September 1, 1939 – September 2, 1945
Benson, Ronald Martin	WWII US Army
Brosious, James Elmore Jr.	WWII US Army
Brosious, William A.	US Army (WWII and Korean War)
Carlson, Dale V.	WWII US Navy Merchant Marine
Chizek, Shirley	WWII US Navy - PHM 2
Collins, Robert C.	WWII US Navy Medical Corp
Gimmestad, Richard Allen	WWII US Navy
Grund, Robert A.	WWII US Navy
Guse, Reinhold Bud Ludwig	WWII US Army - Europe
Guse, William	WWII US Army Tech 4
Jordan, Robert Manseau "Bob"	WWII US Navy
Krueger, Fred E.	WWII US Navy, Seabee
Marshall, Warren J.	WWII US Navy
Masterman, Royal James	WWII US Navy - Veteran star
Michaletz, Raymond H. Sr.	WWII Seabee
Peterson, David LeRoy	WWII US Navy Vet AVCAD
Schilling, Clinton John	WWII US Army PFC
Schoonover, Charles A.	WWII USNR Minnesota SF 2
Speltz, Robert Louis	Army Vet of the Cold War
Stone, George D.	WWII US Coast Guard
Stone, Ronald S.	WWII Navy Seal
Van Duren, Arthur Dale	WWII US Army Air Corps
KOREAN WAR	June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953
Brosious, William A. - repeated	US Army (WWII and Korean War)
Derosier, Elmer	US Army
Joslin, Robert George	US Naval Air Corp. 1950-1953 in Guam & Fallon NV (He was a tail gunner in a B24)
Krueger, Roland Henry	Korean War US Army
Lehmicke, Eugene	Army
Maley, Ron	Korean War Veteran
Speltz, Donald	Korean War US Army
Wilfer, Bob	Korean War US Army 1952-1954
VIETNAM WAR	November 1, 1955 – April 30, 1975
Colombo, Barrett Lorne	Vietnam War US Army Captain:1968-1972
Michaletz, Raymond A. Jr.	Vietnam War US Army
Welke, Harold 'Skip'	Vietnam War US Navy
Veteran	
Haire, Gerald Lee	US Navy - 1958-1961
Hurley, Dennis P.	Veteran: details tba
Kotoski, Avis	US Coast Guard Veteran
Roth, Paul	USMC



Veteran markers

the family will be responsible to obtain metal flag holders for the grave site if they so wish.

And do remember, if you are considering pre-planning a funeral, and are a veteran, include an appropriate emblem in the headstone or niche. Ron can provide more information.

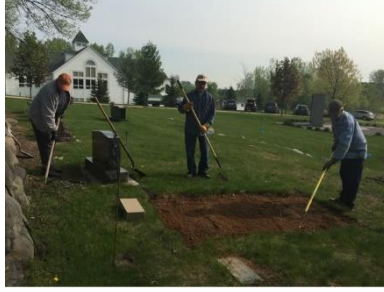
CURRENT	MEMBERS
Benson, Darrell	Veteran
Christison, Dean	Korean War US Army 1957-1959
Dahler, Jodi	US Air force
Francis, David	Navy Captain
Johnson, Ron	US Navy
Kotoski, Edward, Jr.	US Coast Guard Veteran
Lange, Thomas (Dr.)	US Navy Vietnam 1968-1975
Olson, Jeffery	US Army
Ramsden, Bruce	USAF 1959-1963 A1C
Siegle, Philip	US Navy

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

Clean Up Day 2016

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LITTLE TIME AND EFFORT CAN MAKE. THE TREES THAT HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THE DAY LILIES ON THE FRONT SLOPE NOW BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO COMES TO THE ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY, AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO COMES TO THE MONTHLY SUMMER CLEAN UP EVENINGS, OR WHO SIMPLY VISIT THE RESTING PLACE OF THEIR LOVED ONES AND WHO TAKE SOME TIME TO PICK UP SOME STRAY BRANCHES, OR PLACE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AT THE GRAVESITE. EVERYTHING HELPS MAKE OUR CEMETERY A PLACE OF PRIDE AND BEAUTY.



By-Laws of the Rutherford Cemetery Association

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of the association shall be Rutherford Cemetery Association.

Section 2: The purposes are:

- a. To procure and hold or sell lots exclusively for the purposes of a public cemetery.
- b. To manage all real or personal property, necessary or proper for the establishment, embellishment, care, and management of a cemetery.
- c. To sell and convey cemetery lots in the manner provided by law, and convey real and personal property lawfully acquired by the Association, but not needed for cemetery purposes.
- d. Upon adoption of these by-laws a permanent care fund will be established.

Section 3: The Board of Directors of said Association shall consist of President, Vice-president, Lot Sales Person, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) Trustees.

Section 4: Members of said Association shall consist of lot owners and their respective families.

Section 5: All members present at Annual meetings are eligible to vote for elections and bylaws.

Section 6: The Annual meeting of said Association is to be held in April. Time, place, and purpose of meeting is to be distributed to all members in a timely manner.

Section 7: Election:

- a. Quorum. 9 members shall be required for a quorum at the annual meeting of members of said Association.
- b. Vote required. A plurality vote shall be required to carry an election. A simple majority of votes cast shall be required to carry a motion.
- c. Election shall be by ballot when there is more than one nominee for office.
- d. Term of office shall be three (3) years.
- e. Officers shall be elected at the Annual meeting.
- f. The President and Vice-President shall not be eligible for re-election immediately following a three (3) year term. The outgoing President shall automatically become the seventh (7) Trustee for a three (3) year term.
- g. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election immediately following a three (3) year term.
- h. Trustee election. At each Annual meeting there shall be two (2) Trustees elected.
- i. No Trustee, President, or Vice-President, after serving for a period of three (3) years by election, or who has served or filled out one and one-half (1½) years or more of an unexpired term, shall be re-elected to the same office until one (1) year has elapsed.

Section 8: Vacancies, which may occur by resignation or other causes, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 9: Power to change By-Laws: The By-Laws, or any part of them may be changed by amendment or repeal, and adoption of new Articles at any Annual meeting thereof, providing notice of such amendment, repeal, or adoption had been stated in the published notice of Annual meeting in the RCA Newsletter.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: The President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- b. Appoint all committees and be a member ex-officio of all committees.
- c. Call all special meetings.
- d. Prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- e. Perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

- a. Vice-President is chairperson of the Grounds and Improvement committee and shall appoint at least two (2) members to serve on the committee.

By-Laws of the Rutherford Cemetery Association

Section 3: The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep a correct record of all meetings and all board meetings of the Association.
- b. Prepare all notices of annual or special meetings for distribution as appropriate.
- c. Mail notice of Annual meeting to all members.
- d. Keep record of all burial and cremation permits.
- e. Perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

Section 4: Treasurer shall:

- a. Receive all money of said Association.
- b. Keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures.
- c. Pay all bills approved by the Board of Directors
- d. Shall preserve and file all papers relating to the financial affairs of said Association.
- e. Make a full report of amount and location and status of Permanent Care Fund, receipts and expenditures of Operating Fund for current year, and where and how it is kept.
- f. Have record open for inspection at all times.
- g. Perform any other duties in the interest of said Association which belong to this office.

Section 5: Board of Directors

- a. Meet at President's call to meetings.
- b. Meet at least two (2) weeks before the Annual meeting.
- c. Act as nominating committee and prepare a slate of nominees for all vacancies occurring at Annual meetings.
- d. Secure an outside-accredited accountant to audit the Treasurer's books the terminating year of the Treasurer's term of office, prior to Board meeting.
- e. Authorize investment of Permanent Care Fund.
- f. Authorize and secure gravediggers, and establish the cost of grave-digging each year.
- g. Designate the bank location of Operating Fund.
- h. Preserve and protect the Permanent Care Fund in its perpetuity.
- i. Quorum of the Board shall be six (6).
- j. Appoint Lot Salesman.

Section 6: Ground & Improvement Committee: Shall consist of at least 3 members including the Vice-President.

- a. Shall make survey of desired improvement for Annual Clean-up Day(s).
- b. See that materials, such as sod, seed, & other materials & equipment are on hand to execute a desired project.
- c. Make certain grave sites are sodded within reasonable length of time after burials.
- d. Supervise any landscaping.
- e. Supervise any removal of trees.
- f. Supervise any erection or markers of monuments.

Section 7: Lot Salesman

- a. Shall keep accurate record of all past and present burial sites.
- b. Shall keep accurate map of cemetery and records that pertain to it.
- c. Meet with perspective buyers as needed.
- d. After purchase, locate and record on map. Make a deed and mail to client. Get payment to treasurer.
- e. When contacted by funeral home of a death, locate grave space and mark it for the burial.
- f. Contact gravedigger and make arrangements for the grave opening if it is a regular burial. If cremation, arrange for someone to do the opening.
- g. On day of burial for cremation, lay out green carpet over the opening. Wait at cemetery until family leaves and urn is turned over to the cemetery. Cover opening and place flowers on grave.

Rules of the Rutherford Cemetery Association

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 & will designate an individual lot but may contain multiple names.

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: RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com

Remember that all donations, whatever the amount, whatever the service you might be able to provide, is 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 as at 2/1/2017

Term of Office

Tom Lange	President	2016-2019
Bruce Ramsden	Vice President	2014-2017
Julie LeMoine	Treasurer	2014-2017
Leslie Dorendorf	Secretary	2015-2018
Ron Johnson	Lot Sales	2013-continuous

Trustees

Joan Johnson	2014-2017
Catherine Hurley	2014-2017
Betty Welke	2015-2018
John Rutherford.	2015-2018
Donald Grund.	2016-2019
Darell Benson.	2016-2019
Tim Kruse	2016-2019

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to serve the community as an active burial ground and to honor the past generations buried there. We will perform this work as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to ensure this remains a beautiful historic site where we will remember our very humble beginnings in 1851 and where it will always be known as a peaceful place where family and friends may gather in remembrance.

The governing Board of the Rutherford Cemetery shall seek individual and community support and involvement as well as charitable donations to preserve this historic site. It shall express reverence and gratitude for our forebears so that all who come to visit will know that those who have gone were indeed buried with dignity and honor and remembered with affection.



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