



Rutherford

CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER

March 2019

A message from our President



First, many thanks to our Board of Directors and committee members for all of their behind the scenes work on behalf of Rutherford Cemetery and Columbarium. Secondly, thanks to all the Rutherford members, families and friends who have donated time and energy to our various on-site projects.

Our website has been well received. According to Ron Johnson, our lot salesman, the website is responsible for recent interest in our Columbarium. Ron wants the Board to consider authorizing the addition of another column to the cemetery's columbarium area. This will be discussed at our annual Spring meeting. Just the word "Spring" implies changes in weather, greenery, and all that we connect with warming temperatures.

Ginny and I attended the annual Minnesota Association of Cemeteries (MAC) meeting in Hinckley this past September. We listened to many interesting topics, including one about non-traditional funeral services led by funeral officiants. They would engage families of the deceased and help them tell their stories. There is less emphasis on religion and more emphasis on the deceased, with no religious service per se. This would normally be arranged by the funeral home, but done at the cemetery as I recall. The women who spoke work for "Final Blessings". The celebrant speakers emphasized they follow a code of ethics. Their prices for the services are quite reasonable.

Cremation, as a choice for final disposition of remains, was discussed by Kevin Waterston. It is becoming more and more popular, thus increasing the need for niches in the columbarium. At the Thursday banquet, many door prizes were offered by the various vendors. Ginny and I each had a win; Ginny a \$50 Target gift card and myself,

some wine. There is a great deal of socializing at these meetings, in addition to learning a lot about our industry. This year's MAC meeting will at Mystic Lake in Shakopee, September 11-13.

Sincere thanks once again to all the good folks who generously give time and money to continually improve our Association and cemetery. **Please Join Us at the Annual Meeting where we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social in honor of the Association's 80th Anniversary. Meeting/Ice Cream Social to be held: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6pm.** Additional details can be found within this newsletter.

- Sincerely, Tom Lange, President

Our sympathies to the families of Association members who have lost family and friends. Burials during 2018:



Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association Celebrates 80 Years!



As we approach our 80th Annual Meeting, we wanted to include some historical highlights, and feature some of our longest tenure members. We hope you find the following pages interesting. We are so grateful for the dedication and loyalty these folks show to Rutherford Cemetery and the Association.

We know there are *many* more and we will use the newsletter in coming years to highlight and honor these marvelous people.



Rutherford Honors Society *Maxine Enfield*



Maxine Enfield describes herself as a “morning person” with a “positive philosophy” about life. You have likely noticed for yourself, when you’re with Maxine, you see and feel her sparkling and delightful energy and upbeat and bright outlook and take notice of her faithful commitment to being a kind, helpful,

and supportive team member.

Maxine’s relationship with Rutherford began as a neighbor in 1981, when she and Frank, her husband, moved in to and became members of the farm community just half a mile from the cemetery. They were “country kids” she said of herself and Frank, sharing that her own roots started in Iowa. So they purchased their cornfield and built a barn, but never got around to farming all their property and generously let Bruce Ramsden farm their back five acres.

Her relationship with Rutherford became more tangible in the 1990s when she and Frank were discussing burial plans for him and they naturally considered Rutherford by way of its proximity to their home. She and Frank, with whom she shared “41 good years,” had a candid

conversation. He paused and said to her, “Unless it would be too hard for you to pass me every day”; her positive philosophy guided her to reply, “I’ll say ‘hi’ as I pass.”

Maxine also offers us her gift of greeting at our annual meetings at the sign-in table and is the one who shows up early to merrily welcome us with coffee at Rutherford’s Memorial Day honoring and celebration event. In fact, she says it’s coffee that got her involved with the association in the first place! She said folks from one of her volunteer organizations were also Rutherford members, and one of them – Iona Holsten, she said – asked her if she’d bring coffee to the next gathering. (I spoke later with Iona who said that she and Maxine each brought a thermos filled with coffee to the meetings for a while – and now, thankfully and with a larger membership, Judy Stone brings a whole dispenser.) Since that first coffee, Maxine has been a positive and knowledgeable energy in the association and dedicated participant in its activities!

Maxine said in 2015, Kathy Henke, our then-secretary, asked her if she could help with recording mail-in donations. She said she gladly took on that helping responsibility, noting that the secretary position can easily be a two-person task. She speaks gratefully of and gives credit to the members who make contributions for Rutherford’s continued care. She says she doesn’t know many of the members who mail donations and remarked that they are postmarked in places such as Arizona, Florida, and Minnesota – including Stillwater – and that they often include messages of thanks, designations for special funds, and memorials of loved ones. She expressed gratitude for and stressed the importance of the donation envelopes continuing to be sent with the annual newsletter.

Of her time with the Rutherford association, Maxine served only one official term, which was as trustee, but has been involved since that first coffee because “Why not?” and says of her association member friends, “We had fun.” Of her experience, she finds the Memorial Day services memorable, appreciates the comradery of the cleanup days, finds the annual meetings interesting, and essentially “enjoys being part of the group.” In a call to new members, Maxine echoed her message of the value of being a participating member: “Buy your plot and it will be there when you need it. And come be part of the group.”

Maxine is a delight, yet our interview had to end. My last question to her was, “What haven’t I asked that you would like me to know so that I can let others know?” Ever heartfelt and recognizing the important contributions of others, she didn’t miss a beat in replying: “Just tell them ‘Thanks for sending the checks and keep them coming!’”

Maxine, for your cheerful, energetic, enthusiastic, selfless, steadfast, and thoughtful contributions in your years of service to Rutherford’s grounds, community, and celebrations, *thank you so very much!*

by JoEllen Lange, Trustee, on behalf of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, February 2019



Rutherford Honors Society

Iona Holsten



Iona Holsten is a faithful, attentive, and passionate service person and leader who, as Rutherford Association’s then-president and -trustee, took notice of some oversights in how we were honoring members past and present and consequently helped coordinate many

enhancements. While her energy flows as a leader, she sincerely steps back from any potential recognition to give acclaim to and shine light on others.

It may be hard to believe that Iona is a relative newcomer to Rutherford, as her relationship as a member began in 1999, given she has shaped so many facets of the association’s now-legacy practices. She learned of the annual meeting via a postcard (a precursor to our current newsletter) and Bruce Ramsden nominated her for trustee at her first meeting. On completing that term, she became president in 2004. As a committed and active member, she stated, “I saw things that needed to be done.” She then joined with many members whom she credits as being the hard-working resources who did the lion’s share of the work on several large projects.

Iona knew that the bylaws needed updating, especially with information regarding donations. And although she credits others for much of the work done on many

projects, it was she who called all the cemeteries in Washington County that were comparable in size to Rutherford, even visiting some in person, asked many questions, and requested copies of their bylaws. (Iona added that the association rules were still in good shape and inserted that “we are so fortunate that we don’t allow plastic flowers” indicating that this causes issues with grounds care and maintenance.) And so she and others made the updates to the bylaws possible and complete in 2005. She stressed the importance of having these revised bylaws as soon as possible in that it was a critical precondition to achieving nonprofit status – a significant goal achieved in May 2006. In her telling of this, she was clear in praising Bob Wilfer for his energy and drive that propelled this important project to completion.

Other memorable tasks for Iona included organizing the update of Rutherford’s newsletter, noting its importance in keeping members connected, and the maintenance of a membership list. She expresses gratitude and gives credit to Maxine Enfield for the newsletter and to Judy Stone and Margaret Seifert for the member list. She also gave thanks to Ron Johnson and David Stone for their work in restoring the broken limestone marker for a 3-year-old girl buried near the flagpole. Iona had researched this girl’s family name and found no local family members; the mission was not necessarily to preserve the stone per se – although this would be a loving by-product – but to honor the little girl in remembrance and community.

Iona called out appreciation for the state cemetery association meetings. She was glad for the information they offered at their annual gatherings, for example, about things such as cemetery software, columbariums (in fact, Iona was on the Rutherford columbarium committee), the value of committees and membership lists, and more. She added that a clear message from the state association was that those who agree to be on their respective cemetery boards must know that they are agreeing to active service – that is, in Iona’s words, “If I’m going to serve, [one must ask] what can I do?”

Perhaps Iona’s largest passion project was that of creating a veterans’ list. As a member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and a descendant of three Revolutionary War ancestors, this omission was personal. Iona has worked to identify Rutherford’s veterans, from our veterans of the Civil War (1861) to the Korean War (1950) and the Vietnam War (1955) and has given this her special attention since she

effected this critical change in our historical preservation and honoring.

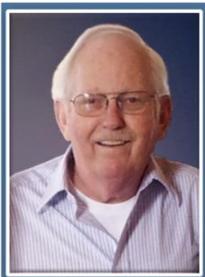
Perhaps most meaningfully for her, she continues her tradition each year by placing the flags for deceased veterans in their bronze flag holders. Weather permitting, she does this on the Thursday before Memorial Day so that we may enjoy the stunning landscape as it is painted by the flags over the special weekend, but especially to call us to and unite us in the honoring of our veterans and their service to country.

If you're thinking that you read or deduced often some flavor of the word "passion" in this article, you're right. Spend a few minutes chatting with Iona and you'll soon understand why. Iona was quick to thank the many she served with – in addition to ones already mentioned, she called attention to Betty Welke, Don Grund, and others, adding "there are so many people." She was indeed reluctant to even share in the credit of the realization of so much loving preservation. *Iona*, for your selfless leadership, passionate drive, bold thinking, and powerful attention to the community of Rutherford you've generously served, *our sincerest and deepest thanks to you!*

by JoEllen Lange, Trustee, on behalf of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, February 2019



Rutherford Honors Society *Ron Johnson*



Ron Johnson – lawn mower, site digger, president, treasurer, salesperson, relationship-builder, educator, consoler, representative, and pragmatist – was a young heir to the heritage of service for Rutherford that had been instilled by his parents, Verna and Herman. Ron's parents were both active members of the

Rutherford community, with his mom, in fact, being one of the founding members of the Priscilla Club, the club that initiated the revitalization of the Rutherford grounds.

In my interview with Ron, he stated that he cannot remember a time when he wasn't involved in the

Rutherford community. With Ron's mom being active in the Priscilla Club, organizing the restoration of the grounds, creating fellowship and raising money through ice cream socials and potlucks, and taking on the role of treasurer for many years, and his dad painting the front fence with aluminum paint (there's a newspaper article with a picture of Herman painting as seen on the photos page of the Rutherford website) and taking on other maintenance and chores, it was natural and largely predetermined that Ron would also be a helper on the grounds. For example, in his teens, he earnestly took on the responsibility of mowing the lawn via a large manual reel mower that couldn't get close enough to the headstones to take down all the grass – what this means (in case this is not obvious to those of us who have never used a push blade mower) is that Ron then had to follow up with hand-shearing around the headstones. Even in recent years Ron has sometimes taken on physical tasks at Rutherford as he has used a post-hole digger himself in order to prepare a site for an urn burial.

Ron has remained actively and wholeheartedly involved in the care of and for the grounds and the Rutherford community. Ron's unmistakable commitment early in his life matured into many other roles and responsibilities at Rutherford, including those of both president and treasurer for many years. In addition to fulfilling the formal and official duties that each role requires, Ron understands well that the interpersonal skills, the ones that are often hardest to define, are likely the most important ones in creating and maintaining healthy and enduring connections and communion. For example, Ron takes many phone calls during the week in his current role as salesperson; he knows how to connect with callers in ways that, in some cases, such as with vendors, encourage friendships and, in other cases, as with families, offer information and comfort. It is in this spirit as relationship-builder that Ron understands that this is key, not only in order to do business, but to also, and perhaps above all, meet the needs of often scared, distraught, and grieving family members.

During these times of grieving for family members, Ron recognizes that he may also serve as educator and consoler to those who are seeking a final resting place for their loved ones. Ron appreciates that educating families regarding the burial process comes with the territory of sales. He recognizes too that an often-beneficial outcome of his informing families of the sequence of steps and necessary tasks is that they are given some comfort in

knowing what to do or expect next. For Ron, his honoring of his responsibilities as salesperson include proceeding as an empathetic consultant with a generous spirit of service in honoring both our treasured historic final resting place and the families who choose it. Know that at any given burial or niching Ron will be on the grounds, both as a presence for and representative of Rutherford and as a resource for the families. In his respect for the certainty of the seasons of life, Ron helps us talk about death and lights the way for bringing honor and peace to the burial ceremonies performed at Rutherford.

I've saved this sweet gem for the end – which Ron stated, fortunately for all of us, that his service to Rutherford has “always been a secret passion.” Many thanks to Verna and Herman for bequeathing to Ron his caring, compassionate, and responsible nature and his love for his community. ***Thank you, Ron, for your generous lifetime of active and treasured service*** to the Rutherford mission, its grounds, and the members and families who have passed before us and those who will confidently receive its celebrated heritage from you and remain to uphold and continue to pass down its distinguished legacy.

by JoEllen Lange, Trustee, on behalf of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, January 2019



Get the Scoop

Join us for an Ice Cream Social



You and your family are invited to an Ice Cream Social in honor of and held during the 80th Annual Meeting of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association



When: April 9, 2019 - 6:00PM
Where: Stillwater Evangelical Free Church (lower level)
7671 Manning Avenue N., Stillwater, MN



Guest Speaker: Brent Peterson, Executive Director of the
Washington County Historical Society
Presenting: *Pioneer Cemeteries of Washington County*

Please consider volunteering on the Ice Cream Committee to help with setting up, serving, and clean-up after the evening! Contact JoEllen at 612-709-8150 or lange.joellen@mail.com (not gmail)

We can't wait to see you there!

Rutherford Cemetery: 1850-Today

A visit to a cemetery provides the opportunity to pause, to reflect and reminisce. The unique beauty and rich history cemeteries encompass have always intrigued me. As I read the inscriptions on gravestones and contemplate the lives of the departed, I am gently reminded of my own mortality. Recently, as I visited my family plot at Rutherford, I found myself looking up at the towering pines thinking, "I wonder who planted these?" The answer came swiftly; surely they were a donation from altruistic person(s) with foresight to the future.

This year, as we celebrate the Rutherford Cemetery and Columbarium Associations' 80th year, I recognize the founding members would be proud of the Association as it exists today, the enhancements the Cemetery has seen over the years, and the stewardship members have displayed. In researching the history of the Cemetery, the dedication our founding members placed on their neighbors is admirable.

The Rutherford Neighborhood

The people who originally established this area, then known as the "Rutherford Neighborhood" due to the number of settlers by the name, left their mark in more ways than one. They established important services within the area such as roads, a school, cooperatives, and a cemetery. Their dedication to family and community was paramount. Today, their names can be read on area street signs; Macey Way, Van Tassel Drive, Boutwell Road, Lecuyer Drive, Liberty, McKusick Road, and others. Since its inception in 1850, the Rutherford Cemetery is the final resting place to many of those who lived, worked, and loved this area.



Albion Masterman
Circa mid 1800s

Our quaint cemetery had its start in 1850 (169 years ago) when settler William Rutherford donated a half-acre portion of his farmstead for a burial ground for the people in the neighborhood. His first home stood on this land but was destroyed by fire in 1849. William and his new bride, Christiana Holcomb, built another home a half-mile northwest of the original plot in Greenfield- present-day Grant. The first burial on record was in 1850 for an infant, William John Ramsden. The cemetery dates back to the roots of Stillwater's history; forming four years before Stillwater was designated a city (1854) within Minnesota territory, and a full eight years before Minnesota became a state (1858). Many of the early pioneers buried here greatly influenced the region and state's history and future generations.

Twenty years after William Rutherford donated the land for a cemetery; a group of neighbors gathered at his home to improve management of the cemetery and formed the "Home Cemetery Association." The cemetery was divided into eighteen family plots. Three trustees were elected, Albion Masterman, Thomas Ramsden, and Liberty Newman. In the years following, interest in the Cemetery organization waned, and the cemetery fell into a state of neglect.

During the summer of 1939, a group of determined women decided something must be done to improve the cemetery grounds. Enter the Priscilla Club, the neighborhood women's group. Several members met and formulated a plan for the reorganization of the old "Home Cemetery Association." There was no money to pay for repairs, so they employed their determination to make improvements to the cemetery and its operations. Perpetual care of the grounds became their goal. A bank account was opened and soon families of the original lot owners "dug deep" and made contributions averaging fifty-dollars per lot. In the wake of the Great Depression, this amount was generous. A year later, the Permanent Care Fund was established. The Rutherford Cemetery Association was incorporated in 1940, and a board of directors and by-laws established.



The Priscilla Club - A Brief History

In the early part of the 1900s, the number of settlers in the Rutherford neighborhood was growing, and friendships among the women and community prospered. In 1913, a small group of women came together and decided they should meet



Priscilla Club 50th Anniversary - 1963

regularly as an opportunity for them to quilt, mend, knit and visit. The women took turns hosting. This group began life as the 'Wednesday Club', and later on was renamed the 'Sewing Club'. In 1915, the group decided they should develop a permanent name, a set of rules, and elect officers. It was from these meetings that 'Priscilla Club' was selected as the group's name. From that point forward, the Priscilla Club became an integral part of the Rutherford community. As membership grew and changed, their interest in public welfare and local issues remained constant. They offered support to those in need, and celebrated everyday events- birthdays, wedding showers, and ice-cream socials on the 4th of July. They worked with the University of Minnesota extension department to improve their homes, farms, and community.

The Priscilla Club often supported causes extending well beyond the neighborhood. Early meeting minutes include the excerpt, "During World War I, the members of the club were actively engaged in Red Cross work, sewing bandages, knitting, and following the welfare of the French orphan they had adopted." During the Second World War, Priscilla Club members donated blood to the Red Cross, sewed garments, and prepared care packages to be shipped abroad.

The first 'Work Bee' was held at the Cemetery on June 17, 1939. Participants grubbed stumps, trimmed trees, leveled graves, and repaired monuments. The Priscilla Club donated funds to the new Rutherford Cemetery Permanent Care Fund in the names of departed members.

A Worthy Beneficiary Then & Today

Throughout the years, Rutherford Cemetery has been a beneficiary of the good-will of many. Donations in the form of memorials, bequests, annual dues (in the early years), pledges, and lasting tributes, have all sustained and built the Association's treasury. Non-monetary gifts of time, supplies, and labor, have minimized expenses and kept the grounds in a state that our founding members would be proud. Additionally, donations of adjoining land have been made for future expansion.



Ruth Masterman Guse
1963 with Priscilla Club
Quilt. (Quilt recently
donated to the WCHS)

PICKNICKING in a CEMETERY



Veteran of many a field day, Coke, the Stillman Mastermans' dog, sits in on a business session with officers of the Rutherford Cemetery association. Left to right are Miss Ruth Masterman, trustee, Mrs. Herman F. Johnson, secretary; Arthur Vollmer, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Beecroft and Mrs. Lee Masterman, trustees, and James E. Brosious, president.

Annual Clean-up Days have been held each summer for over 80 years, where volunteers donate their time to keep the grounds in a good state. These clean-up days provide an opportunity for members to build community and enjoy neighborly fellowship.

To honor Rutherford's many Veterans, U.S. flags are placed by volunteers at each grave for the annual Memorial Day service. A permanent flagpole was erected to fly the 'Stars and Stripes' to honor those who gave so much for their country.

The Legacy Continues

Rutherford Cemetery is a reflection of its dedicated community. Regardless of where one calls home, volunteers are dedicated to preserving history and honoring those at Rutherford (note: total interments presently at 389). Interment at Rutherford Cemetery assures families will have a place to honor and remember their loved ones. As we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, let's reflect on the legacy the early settlers created for us and our responsibility to continue this legacy by sustaining this sacred place for future generations.

by Julie Speltz, Trustee, on behalf of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, February 2019

Rutherford Cemetery Historical Timeline

(as of February 1, 2019)

Note: Additional current and historically relevant dates to be added on an ongoing basis.



- 1845 William Rutherford selects knoll on his existing farmstead for his home site
- 1849 William Rutherford's home is destroyed by fire while he is out of town
- 1850 William Rutherford donates this half-acre parcel for use as a neighborhood cemetery
- 1850 First recorded burial, William John Ramsden (infant)
- 1854 March 4; Stillwater and St. Paul incorporated as cities within Minnesota territory
- 1858 May 11; Minnesota becomes 32nd State
- 1869 Local settlers form the Home Cemetery Association. Cemetery divided into 18 family plots. Platted to: James Rutherford; Amos Brosious; Dominick Rutherford; Benjamin Masterman and S. R. Webster; R. Thornton and Ivory Hatch; Stephen W. Powell; William Rutherford; Liberty Newman; Frank Webster and J. N. Fairbanks; John B. Taft; Albion Masterman; Thomas P. Ramsden; Ira B. Keene and Nathan B. Fairbanks; Frank Briggs; Knights and Hopkins; S. P. Holden and Harvey Masterman; Leah Randall; Christ Munkelwitz
- 1939 Priscilla Club meets to form the Rutherford Cemetery Association (replacing the then inactive, Home Cemetery Association)
- 1939 June 17; First "Clean-Up Day" held
- 1940 Rutherford Cemetery Association Incorporated; Board of Directors and By-laws established
- 1940 Permanent Care Fund established to ensure continuous maintenance needs are met
- 1941 Mrs. Arthur Vollmer of Stillwater (granddaughter of cemetery donor Wm. Rutherford) deeds an additional quarter-acre of land by Rutherford heirs to the Rutherford Cemetery Association
- 1964 Quarter-century picnic held
- 2007 Columbarium erected
- 2010 Website launched, www.rutherfordcemetery.org
- 2018 Historical documents donated to Washington County Historical Society (www.wchsmn.org) for archival and public use
- 2019 80th Anniversary of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association



From the Treasurer



Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association Corporation. Believe it or not, we were officially incorporated back in 1940! Somewhere along the way that was changed, at least by the State of Minnesota. I am happy to say we are now a corporation once again. The biggest advantage of being a corporation is it establishes credibility – it helps a new business establish credibility with potential customers, employees, vendors and partners. So, if someone wants to verify we are a registered cemetery and goes on the Secretary of State website they would be able to find that we are indeed a valid business.

I've now started working on the Federal side and I hope to have that done soon.

Online Donations

It's exciting to see some members have taken advantage of making donations online. I am also trying to establish online payments for lots, etc. It would be great to have all these options available. If you wish to donate, please consider this option. You can access the link on our website www.rutherfordcemetery.org/donations/ to use with any credit card. Simply click on the link and make a donation. I receive your name; send you a personal thank you and a receipt.



Hope to see you at our 80th annual meeting!

-Julie LeMoine, Treasurer

Remember, all donations of any amount are vital to the upkeep of the grounds. We are truly grateful to all who contribute. Donations **are** tax deductible.



Make Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association Part of Your Legacy

Legacy gifts from members like you help to ensure continued care of Rutherford's grounds and future planning. Please speak with your estate planner professional about including Rutherford in your living trust or will.

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. For a current price list, please visit our website at www.rutherfordcemetery.org/sales.

If you are interested in purchasing a burial lot or a columbarium niche, please contact Ron Johnson at 651-430-2669.



Don't Forget

As always, please be aware of the governing rules of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association.



- ✚ Headstones must be installed within six (6) months of the burial.
- ✚ Only live plants in stands that are drilled into the base are allowed. Plant stands already installed are exempt.
- ✚ No artificial flowers, decorations, solar lights, or hanging planters allowed.
- ✚ No pots or other decorations may be placed on the ground.
- ✚ The Association reserves the right to remove any of these items. (Items removed from gravesites will be placed behind the shed so you can retrieve them if you wish.)

It is your responsibility to keep your planter flowers/plants watered.

Contact Ron Johnson directly for additional information. You'll find the current Rules & Regulations on the website at www.rutherfordcemetery.org/bylaws.

Donation Report



Our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who donated time, services and make financial contributions. **A total of \$2,160 was received in 2018.**

You'll find included with this newsletter a self-addressed envelope should you wish to use this to send in a donation. *-Maxine Enfield, Donations Coordinator*



| Donations - 2018 |
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| Darrell & Julianne Benson |
| Vernon G Chizek |
| Michael & Leslie Dorendorf |
| Linda J Foth |
| Donald Grund |
| Richard & Brenda Guse |
| Fred Kruger |
| Thomas Lange |
| Jim & Julie LeMoine |
| Delbert & Barbara Mitchell |
| Roger & Darlene Mooney |
| John Rutherford |
| Philip & Kathryn Siegle (Tree Fund) |

| Memorials - 2018 | In Memory of |
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| James and Susan Burton | Charles Burton, John Larson, and Betty & Elmer Derosier |
| Florence V Emme | Arlene Peterson |
| Iona Holsten | Roy Holsten |
| Scott & Kum Cha Kruse | Linda L DeValois |
| Thomas & Ginny Lange | Jonathan Tishken |
| JC McComas & BD McComas | Ramsden Family |
| Ellen St Sauver | Lois Vietor |
| William & Alice Walfoort | Joe Maroney |
| Iona Holsten | Joe Maroney |

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Ph: Steve Speltz 651-323-2168
help@wildcontrol.com

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Candidates Needed to Serve on Board

At this year's annual meeting, held April 9, **we are electing a President and two Trustees.** We need your help! We appreciate that you've chosen Rutherford and would welcome your gifts of talent and energy as we plan for Rutherford's future and work to honor its past. Please visit our website to review the duties of these roles, www.rutherfordcemetery.org/bylaws-and-rules/ and contact Leslie Dorendorf, Secretary, at 612-237-9074. Thank you!



Contact Information Needed

Unique to Rutherford is that all owners (and/or their families) of burial lots or columbarium niches are *automatically* considered "Members" of our Association. Unfortunately, we don't always receive names and addresses for everyone. We know there are individuals who are not on record as being a member, so we are unable to communicate important Association news and events with them.

- If you have a family member that isn't currently receiving our emails and the annual newsletter; please send us their name(s), mailing and email addresses.
- Do we have *your* email address? If not, or if you are unsure, please share it with us. Currently we only have email addresses for approximately half our members.
- Please contact the Secretary with additions/updates: 612-237-9074 or rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com.

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 her if you have any updates at ionajh@aol.comph, 651-439-3708.



| CURRENT MEMBERS | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Benson, Darrell | Air Force |
| Christison, Dean | Korean War US Army 1957-1959 |
| Dahler, Jodi | US Air force |
| Francis, David | Navy Captain |
| Harper, Edward Harold | Korean War US Army 45th Div. 1951-53 |
| Johnson, Ron | US Navy |
| Lange, Thomas (Dr.) | US Navy Vietnam 1968-1975 |
| Olson, Jeffrey | Army |
| Ramsden, Bruce | USAF 1959-1963 A1C |
| Siegle, Philip | US Navy 1960-1964 |
| Tollefsbol, James | Marines |
| Wojtowicz, John | US Navy 46-47 US Airforce 48-66 |

| Veteran Name | Information |
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| CIVIL WAR (April 12, 1861 – April 9, 1865) | |
| Fairbanks, Joseph N. | Civil War: Co. D. 28 ME. INF. |
| Hall, Watson W. | Civil War: Co. E. 113 ILL. INF |
| Keene, John M. | Civil War: Co. C. 16th Maine Volunteers |
| Powell, Stephen W. | Civil War: GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865 GAR |
| Ramsden, Thomas Peach Jr | Civil War: Co. B. 11 Minn. INF |
| Rutherford, William | Civil War: Co. K 13th Reg MN Vol. |
| SPANISH AMERICAN WAR (April 1898 – August 1898) | |
| Masterman, Joseph N. | Spanish-American War Captain. |
| Rutherford, William Henry | Spanish-American War - 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 |
| 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 |
| Kruger, 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 |
| Stone, George D. | WWII US Coast Guard |
| Stone, Ronald S. | WWII Navy Seal |
| Van Duren, Arthur Dale | WWII US Army Air Corps |
| Speltz, Robert | WWII US Army |
| Kotoski, Avis | US Coast Guard |
| Kotoski, Edward, Jr. | US Coast Guard Veteran |
| Roth, Paul | USMC |
| KOREAN WAR (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) | |
| Brosious, William A. - repeated | US Army (WWII and Korean War) |
| Joslin, Robert George | US Naval Air Corp. 1950 to 1953 in Guam & Fallon NV (was a B24 tail gunner) |
| Krueger, Roland Henry | Korean War US Army |
| Maley, Ron | Korean War Veteran |
| Speltz, Donald | Korean War US Army |
| Wilfer, Bob | Korean War US Army 1952-1954 |
| Derosier, Elmer | Korean War US Army |
| 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. | Army |
| SPECIAL MENTION | |
| Cora Hall | WRC - GAR: A special mention for her contributions to the war efforts, but who has no official recognition |

2019 Events

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| April 9, 6PM (Sharp!) | 80th Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social Members of the Rutherford Cemetery & Columbarium Association, friends, and the public are invited to the annual meeting being held next door to the cemetery at the Stillwater Evangelical Free Church. Manning Ave. N., Stillwater, MN |
| May 4, 9AM (back-up date – May 18) | Spring Clean-Up There is always something for everyone, so please join your fellow members in giving the grounds a good sprucing up. We will have several tools and supplies available, but buckets, rakes, shovels & gloves will no doubt come in handy. If you have questions or want to check the date due to weather, contact Leslie Dorendorf 612-237-9074, or check our Facebook page. |
| May 27, 7AM (Sharp!) | Annual Memorial Day Service Military service provided by Stillwater VFW Post 323. Refreshments will be available on the cemetery grounds. Everyone welcome. |
| September 14, 9AM | Fall Clean-Up |

Rutherford Cemetery Board

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| Vice President | Don Grund | 2017-2020 |
| Treasurer | Julie LeMoine | 2017-2020 |
| Secretary | Leslie Dorendorf | 2018-2021 |
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| | David Stone | 2017-2020 |
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| | John Rutherford | 2018-2021 |

Our Mission

Our mission is to honor the memory of those who have chosen our hallowed grounds as their final resting place. We include people of all faiths and offer ground burials as well as a columbarium. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of this lovely historic site. To this end, we rely on individual and community support as well as donations.

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