

# WILLS CEMETERY

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Welcome to the Wills Cemetery. The Directors hope our visitors find everything satisfactory during their visit this Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully you can see many of the improvements that have been made since Memorial Day, 2014. The improvements include the new black metal fence across the front of the cemetery. The little brick sexton building has been completely renovated with new tuck pointing and water sealing, new fascia, soffit boards, and gutter. The interior has a new coat of stucco as well. An additional 483 gravesites have been added to the Wills Cemetery located in the Northeast corner. Drive through and check out the new gravesites and new road. Besides that additional gravel was added to the entire cemetery road system. Progress is being made on the new Veterans Memorial Plaza; the curb and slab have been poured and the Memorial Walkway has a new home. We hope you notice the new flagpoles with lights that will light the plaza continually. Additional parking spaces have been created. Later in the summer, other additions to the Veterans Memorial Plaza will be completed. The above referenced improvements have been made possible by a grant to the cemetery for these specific purposes.

The Board of Directors invites everyone to attend the Dedication of the Veterans Memorial Plaza scheduled for 2 pm, Sunday, November 8, 2015. A special ceremony is being planned and several dignitaries have agreed to be a part of the event.

Please utilize the website: [www.willscemetery.org](http://www.willscemetery.org) The web site contains a history of the Cemetery, policies, as well as previous newsletters and other pertinent information. A photo gallery is posted on the website, with pictures of the cemetery and aerial views. You may also search for a specific gravesite by name through the Directory on the website.

In addition to the website, a Directory is available at the cemetery. To find a grave for someone buried in the Wills Cemetery, simply go to the Directory which is located in the white box in front of the brick building, then look up the name in the alphabetical list. Beside the name will be a Section letter (A thru I). Finally use the map and new signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are designed to help visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

In 2014, there were 16 burials and in 2015, as of May 1, there have been 10 burials. In the last two years 31 gravesites have been sold. The cost of a gravesite remains at \$500, although maintenance costs continue to increase.

Maintenance and improvements of the cemetery are expensive and therefore tax-deductible contributions would be greatly appreciated, as well as suggestions and comments. Please send to: Jim Clark, 21615 S. Clairmont, Peculiar, MO 64078

Please remember that the decorative items placed on the ground for Memorial Day can remain for 2 weeks. After that time the items not removed will be discarded so mowing and maintenance can resume.

The Board is seeking contributions for the lighted flag display and the granite monument honoring veterans, which is estimated to cost approximately \$8000. Your tax-deductible donation will ensure that these improvements will be completed. The proposed Veterans Memorial Plaza design is pictured at the bottom of this page. The Wills Cemetery will be hosting a fund raising golf tournament at Hoots Hollow at Country Creek, Pleasant Hill, on June 13, 2015. The registration sheet is attached to this newsletter.

We encourage supporters of the Cemetery to purchase memorial bricks for \$30.00 each in honor of their loved ones, to be added to the Memorial Plaza. Forms for purchasing the bricks are available on the website and in the box attached to the sign near the new Veterans Memorial Plaza.

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