

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.

Please utilize the website: 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 information kiosk, then look up the name in the alphabetical list. Beside the name will be a Section letter (A thru M). Finally use the map and new signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are aimed at helping visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

In 2015, there were 18 burials and in 2016, as of May 1, there have been 6 burials. 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.

We encourage supporters of the Cemetery to purchase memorial bricks for \$30.00 each in memory of their loved ones, to be added to the Memorial Plaza. Forms are available at the Informational Kiosk.



Major improvements since last Memorial Day include a new front fence, revamped driveways, restored sexton's building, video surveillance system and new lighting and parking area at the Veterans Memorial Plaza. An additional 400 gravesites have been mapped and marked in the additional land on the east and are ready for sale. An informational kiosk holds cemetery maps and other information for visitors.

A Golf Tournament was held last June as a fund-raiser for the Veterans Memorial Plaza, raising over \$1700, and this year's tournament will be held on June 11 at the Country Creek Golf Course. Interested players and sponsors should contact Kate Krabiel (816-830-3555) for more information and to register.

The Dedication of the Veterans Memorial Plaza took place on November 8, 2015, with a large crowd in attendance, and U.S. Representative Vicky Hartzler delivering a historical perspective of the Wills Cemetery. The VFW Post #3118 of Pleasant Hill provided the Honor Guard, 21 Gun Salute and Taps as part of the ceremony. This area of the cemetery provides a site of commemoration to honor the dedication and sacrifice that veterans have made throughout the history of our country. Please visit the Memorial Plaza and reflect on the words carved in the Veterans' Monument.

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