

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.com The website 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 2017, there were 19 burials and 46 lots sold. In 2018, as of May 1, there have been 12 lots sold and 5 burials. The cost of a gravesite remains at \$500, although maintenance costs continue to increase. Volunteers are the difference that enables the Board to control expenses.

The Board continues to work on the repair of very old gravestones that are deteriorated and not level with the ground. A restoration expert, Tamara Inge, daughter of Board members Judy and Jim Clark, has helped with this project, providing expertise on types of adhesives that can be successfully used to secure the stones in their original bases. This was part of a workday held in November, 2016 and pictures of the project can be found on the Cemetery website. Tamara also has written a "Do's and Don'ts" article about working on old gravestones which you can read on the Cemetery website or at the Kiosk. The Board held a workday during the fall, 2017, for general maintenance.

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. There is no requirement that a loved one be buried at Wills Cemetery. Forms are available at the Informational Kiosk.

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