

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. A person may also search for a specific gravesite by name through the Directory on the website. This Website has been revised to be more user-friendly in recent months.

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 letter signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are aimed at helping visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

In 2019, there were 21 burials and 35 lots sold. In 2020, as of May 1, there have been 7 lots sold and 6 burials.

As maintenance costs continue to increase, the Board voted in January, 2020 to **increase the cost of a gravesite to \$650. This increase went into effect on March 1, 2020.**

A “marking” fee of \$100 has also been established. After a funeral home notifies the Wills Cemetery regarding a pending burial, the Cemetery will invoice the funeral home for a “marking” fee of \$100. effective March 1, 2020. This “marking” fee will reimburse the Association for work related to the official locating of the gravesite, as well as the official locating of the monument, which may be placed at a later date.

Please note: new policy re: flowers and miscellaneous items on gravesites: Small trinkets and objects that are loose, ornamental, ceramic, etc. are not allowed and will be removed. These items often deteriorate with age, break and fall off the monuments and become a danger when maintenance people are trimming around the monuments. Flowers must be on shepherd hooks or in vases that are permanently mounted to the monument. Shepherd hooks are allowed within 6 inches of the monument.

The Board held two work sessions during last fall and this spring, for general maintenance, trimmed trees and raised the canopy under many of the shade trees. During these sessions, the workers prepared and seeded or laid sod on more than 15 graves. All grass was treated with fertilizer and weed control.

As part of continual Cemetery improvement, the historic sexton building was re-roofed to prevent water leaks and maintain its appearance.

Volunteers are the difference that enables the Board to control expenses. 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: Wills Cemetery, P.O. Box 84, 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 and on the Website.

A brief financial report:

Donations in 2019:	\$5,630.00
Interest from Investments:	3,395.00
Expenses-(Mowing-Lawn Care):	9,918.00

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