

WILLS CEMETERY

rev. 5-1-23

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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. Photos of previous Wreaths Across America events have been added to the website. 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 letter signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are aimed at helping visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

Please note: Policy re: flowers and miscellaneous items on gravesites:

- Shepherd hooks are allowed within 6 inches of the monument.
- Small trinkets and objects that are loose, ornamental, ceramic, etc. are not allowed and will be removed.
- Flowers must be on shepherd hooks or in vases that are permanently mounted to the monument.

Many decorative items are discovered each week, blown by wind and storms during the non-mowing season, to far corners of the Cemetery, not near the intended location. There is no way to know where these items came from, so they are discarded, and the gravesites are left undecorated. Please try to use extra materials, such as foam pieces, to wedge the flower stems in the vases or secure firmly any items on top of headstones. Do not lay items loose on the ground, as they will also blow away. All these wayward decorations later become hazards for mowing.

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.

Since 2020, with help from the Freeman Monument Company, the Cemetery embarked on a project to place small headstones on graves currently without any permanent markers. At this time, 22 new headstones have been placed. The next project will be to place a monument, engraved with multiple names, known to be buried in the Cemetery, but in unknown locations. The Board appreciates the support and assistance of the Freeman Monument Company with these projects.

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. The Cemetery is a 501©3 organization. Please send to: Wills Cemetery, P.O. Box 84, Peculiar, MO 64078

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 or access the form on the Wills Cemetery website: www.willscemetery.com

The 2023 Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on December 16 at 11:00 a.m. Visitors are encouraged to attend this gratifying ceremony to remember fallen United States veterans, honoring those who serve, and teaching children the value of freedom. Thanks to generous donations from several organizations, all 170 wreaths for the graves of veterans are already funded for 2023.

In 2022, there were 30 burials and 30 lots sold.

Financial Report -2022

Income:	
Donations:	\$ 9,850.00
Gravesite Sales:	\$ 19,500.00
Interest Earned:	\$ 3,850.00
Marking Fee:	\$ 2,000.00
Expenses:	
Maintenance:	\$ 7,845.00
Operations:	\$ 2,350.00
(Insurance, utilities, website, printing)	

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