



Groveland Cemetery Gazette

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2022 Annual Meeting - May 14

The Groveland Cemetery Association annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 14, 2022 in the Shady Oak Room at the Minnetonka Community Center at 10:00 AM.

We are pleased to announce that Orono resident Georgetta “Gigi” Hickey will be our speaker. She’s been a member of the Lake Minnetonka Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) since 2009 and currently leads the chapter as its ‘regent’ (president). The DAR is a non-profit, non-political service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education and patriotism. She will also be discussing the restoration work they plan for some of our oldest headstones.

Owners of gravesites, survivors and next of kin who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to attend and vote on business that may come before the meeting. The Community Center is located just north of Minnetonka Blvd. at Williston Road. There is plenty of parking. Come in the entrance by the fountain. The Shady Oak room is on the upper level with an elevator available. Refreshments will be served



Memorial Day Monday, May 30th

Our Memorial Day service will be observed beginning with the flag ceremony by American Legion Post 259 at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Monday, May 30. Our guest speaker will be John Vance, Minnetonka’s Fire Chief. Mr. Vance was appointed Chief in 2013 and has been a chief officer for over 20 years.

We invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the fellowship, conversation and possibly refreshments with everyone before and after the service. Parking is available in the Groveland School east lot and enter the cemetery through the gate near our utility building. We are looking forward to seeing you on this very special occasion. Flags will mark the graves of our approximately 330 veterans.



From the President Planning for the future

Groveland Cemetery had another very good year. Sales of graves are up, some major landscaping activity was completed, and the process to legally reclaim graves previously sold years ago but never used was completed. With the availability of approximately 50 reclaimed graves in the old section of the cemetery and the development of 128 new cremation graves along the west side of Woodlawn Avenue we have substantially increased the number of graves now available for sale. In a few years the northern half of the north two sections of the cemetery will become available. I believe we will have enough space for another 15-20 years of sales, or more if we revise our remaining available land area to create more usable space.

The board has been discussing long-term maintenance of the

cemetery, after all the grave sites have been sold. To address this need we are building up our investments with the goal of having a large enough investment portfolio so that we can maintain the cemetery on investment gains, while preserving principle indefinitely. To that end we have now accumulated over \$250,000 in our investment account. We have also raised our lot sales rates as of January 1st of this year, so that our investment fund will increase at a quicker rate. Even with those increased rates we still can offer a long-term beautiful setting at prices very competitive with other cemeteries in our neighborhood.



Dennis Cerkvenik, President

Minnesota state law requires all cemeteries of 10 acres and more to establish a Permanent Care and Improvement Fund. They must retain 20% of the funds received for the sale of any grave and designate that those funds in a separate account called the Permanent Care and Improvement Fund (PCI), with limitations on the

investment and use of that fund. Groveland, which is about four acres in size, is not required to set up a PCI and its restrictions, so we are in effect developing our own Permanent Care & Improvement Fund and will have full control to manage those funds as we see fit.

We believe the cemetery will be financially sound so that in the long term, when the availability of new grave space is exhausted, we will have built up enough of a reserve, an 'endowment' of sorts to carry on its maintenance into perpetuity. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Groveland Cemetery.

Dennis Cerkvenik, President

**Thank You
Sue Jerutis!**

A big thank you to retiring Board Member, Sue Jerutis. She has decided to step away to spend more time with family out of state and winters in the sunny south. Since joining the board in 2016, Sue has served as the Secretary and the lead person in



Sue Jerutis

helping to improve the landscaping at Groveland.

Each year, our Gazette has featured updates to the Cemetery, including the new Butterfly Garden and Phases I and II of the landscape plan that Sue worked to put together and coordinate.

Some of the improvements that Sue managed for us



The West Fence Line



Groveland School Fence Plantings

Thank you Sue for your six years of dedicated service to Groveland Cemetery!

**From the
Administrator...**

We have had a busy year in the cemetery. Last May we had a beautiful in-person Memorial Day celebration and were able to honor the 150th Anniversary of the cemetery founding!

The cemetery had 55 burials this year, 14 traditional, 40 cremation and one infant, which is an all-time record. We had lot sales of 53 (29 regular and 24

cremation graves), compared to 45 total for last year.

We are thrilled that in the past year Ron Horn has been such an enthusiastic grounds keeper and takes real pride in his work. The grounds have never looked better under his care. More seeding and raising headstones are on his agenda for this summer along with his regular duties.



Shelley Duoos

Last year on Memorial Day the American Legion decided our flag pole was in need of attention. Their Board voted to purchase a new one for us. The flag pole has been delivered and some preliminary installation work was done last fall. The plan is to finish the work and have it installed in May this year. Thank you to the Legion! I'm sure this new pole will last for many years. The Excelsior American Legion on Smithtown Road is open to the public serving lunch and dinner Monday-Saturday. Please stop in and support them!

Some reminders:

- Real flowers only are allowed, no artificial items or glass



- Watch out for and report ground bees and sunken holes
- Headstone sizes: a standard single headstone is 24" x 12" and the largest Groveland can accept is 30" x 14". Plus add the required 3-4" cement border around it.

The flowers and mini-gardens looked their best ever! Thank you for beautifying Groveland. Please introduce yourself when you see me on the grounds, and feel free to contact me at:

Phone: 952-847-0011

Email: info@grovelandcemetery.org

Shelley Duoos, Administrator



Treasurer's Report

The Groveland Cemetery fiscal year began May 1, 2021 and will end April 30, 2022. This report is being prepared before the numbers are finalized in order to meet the Gazette mailing schedule, so they are approximate. Final numbers will be available at the annual meeting. We had a very good year and estimate a net income of \$22,000.

In recent years, the Board decided to reduce fixed assets when

we sell graves to more accurately reflect fixed assets. While this does not affect cash in the checking account, it reduces net income. The net income would have been \$40,000 if we did not make this change in reporting.

Our investments have changed in value; last year they were \$224,763.86. This year we added \$52,000 to our investments and they are approximately \$274,000 after market changes. The investments complied with the investment policy and were made following recommendations of the outside advisor. We retain these funds as a reserve in the event of future shortfalls in operating funds.

The Board reviews our financial situation monthly and compares it to a budget. The past year we greatly exceeded budgeted income due to grave sales, interment income and donations, while expenses were also above budget. The result was net income that was approximately \$25,000 over budget. While income is unpredictable, expenses are managed by the Board and our administrator, Shelley Duoos.

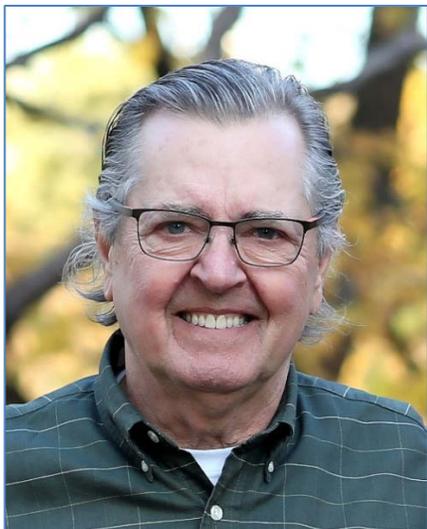
Donations are very vital and much appreciated. These funds enable us to make improvements (like landscaping). Since we have no perpetual care fund, expenses must be closely managed while making the cemetery attractive.

Detailed financial reports will be handed out at the annual meeting and are available on request. We operate on a cash basis.

Joe Dzurik, Treasurer

Meet Ron Horn Groveland Caretaker

Last summer, the previous caretaker for the past 7 years, Rob Peterson, decided to relocate to Florida. As a result of Rob's leaving Groveland, I was given the opportunity to take the caretaker position last April.



Ron Horn

I grew up in Minneapolis and Bloomington, and worked in supply chain for 45 years at Seagate Technology until I retired in 2012. I now live in Chanhassen with my wife Laurie and have four children. Timothy lives in North Pole Alaska; my daughter Cathie is living in Lakewood with my three Eagle Scout grandsons; my son Charlie, will be graduating from the U of MN this spring; and my youngest, Amy is active at Stages Theatre in Hopkins and is the After School Coordinator at St. John's Catholic School in Excelsior.

For as long as I can remember, I've enjoyed taking care of our lawn, gardening, and being outdoors. I've always had an eye for

a well-groomed lawn and landscaping. I am excited about bringing that passion to Groveland. If you ever see me and want to stop by to say hello, I would love to introduce myself and meet you. I look forward to continuing to work at Groveland as your newest care taker.



Unique Burials

In 1966, Fredric Baur came up with a clever way for his employer Procter & Gamble to stack chips uniformly rather than tossing them in a bag. He was so proud of the achievement of the Pringles can, he wanted to go to his grave with it. So, when Baur died in 2008, his children buried the 89-year-old's ashes in one of his iconic cans." (From TIME magazine)

At Groveland we have also had some unusual containers, such as mom's favorite shopping bag, grandpa's fishing tackle box, sewing baskets and so forth. This may be a unique and special way to honor your loved one's passion! Please check with us if you have a special idea.



Writing Beautiful Obituaries

It can be challenging to write an obituary that reflects the true spirit of your loved one. Tips to consider:

- Writing in a casual style versus a more formal mode
- Recite a favorite story of how their life was lived

- Share their passion with specific examples
- Use humor to ease sadness
- Plan ahead by working with your loved one. They may be delighted to learn what you value most about them

Obituaries are often shared in the local newspaper, which can be expensive. There are other options such as the website of your funeral home and sites such as Epilogg, Forever Missed, or Gathering Us.



Groveland F.A.Q.'s

frequently

asked questions

We frequently get questions about different things involving the cemetery.

Where can I find up-to-date information about Groveland?

We maintain a website which includes many items that people ask about, including our rules, burials and more. Visit:

www.grovelandcemetery.org.

If you can't find what you are looking for on the website, use the "Contact Us" link.



www.facebook.com/Groveland1871

We would like to install a bench by our gravesite. How can we do this?

This is possible but requires that you contact the Administrator, Shelley Duoos for details. Plans can be submitted and the

Board of Directors will approve an acceptable plan. This is at the owner's expense and must come from an approved supplier. The same process is used when owners want to have a tree planted near their gravesite. Much depends on the available space and existing features in the area but we will do our best to work with you.

We would like to trade our current plots for new ones on north end of the cemetery. There is plenty of space available and would like to reserve a new location. Why can't we do this?

Groveland Cemetery is working to a master plan that is a formal agreement with the City of Minnetonka. Parts of the space to the north will be opened in stages beginning in 2026. You can get your name on an informal waiting list with our Administrator Shelley Duoos. If you decide to change from your current plot(s), the cemetery will repurchase your plot(s) at the original price that you paid and you may purchase a different plot(s) at the current prices. Also, we are moving to increase the number of cremation plots so full-sized plots may or may not be available depending on master plans that we will agree to with the City of Minnetonka.

How Does Groveland Cemetery Determine Prices?

Every year, the Board of Trustees meets in near the end of the year and our pricing is reviewed and adjusted. Some of the factors that are used include:

- Average prices around the Twin Cities area
- Groveland available space
- Size configuration of regular and cremation plots
- Long term burial trends

This year, Groveland adjusted its pricing to reflect the diminishing space and the trend towards cremation burials. Here are highlights of the 2022 pricing:

- Cremation Graves: \$1,100
- Full sized Graves: \$2,600
- Infant Graves: \$ 760

Consider Groveland Cemetery in your Will or Trust

We appreciate all donations and use the funds to beautify our cemetery. Since we have no perpetual care fund, we rely on donations to add to the income received from other sources.

Please consider adding Groveland Cemetery in your will or trust fund as a way to ensure the cemetery will remain attractive in years to come. We are a non-profit Cemetery Association so your donation is tax-deductible.

Board Elections

Your trustees' two-year terms will expire with this year's annual meeting.

Running for re-election are:

- Dennis Cerkvénik
- Jeff Walton;
- Erik Larson;

We currently have seven members on the board, and by-laws provide that the board can consist of five to eight members. We occasionally have open positions. Please let us know if you are interested in serving when an opening becomes available.

New Owners

Welcome to new owners since the last newsletter:

- Carmen & Richard Wood
- Deirdre E. Boyle
- Boris B. Volkov
- Lynne Chance Peterson
- Keto Elerdashvili
- Derek Malmquist
- Erin Beth Smith
- Andrew P Wulff
- Marcia E Mcconkey
- Christine M Blauer
- Patrick M Lowrie
- Faith Heil
- David & Anita Kordonowy
- Kristopher & Bethany Severson
- Carl & Elizabeth Bergquist
- Beverly Monson
- Mary Diercks
- Peter C & Norma J Onstad
- David H Orłowski
- Lindy E Pahl
- Robert L Antonovich
- Patrick J Riley
- Jerome W & Kimberly L Fons
- Rick & Pamela O'Connell
- Connie Raby
- Mariela Ampuero
- Andrew W Schmidt
- Daniel & Paula Oster
- Thomas C Kolar
- Luise K Forseth & Terry P Larkin
- Mikhail I Krasnopitsev
- Kirk S & Joanne A Sikorowski
- Veranika Krenn
- Ralph & Therese Douglass
- Scott W Terpstra
- Judith Stanchfield
- Karen L. Merseth
- Judith Fallat
- Oceana J Waters
- Maureen Hoberg
- Sheryl A Kraft
- Lynn and Sharon Corniea



“Bury me with my Cellphone...”

Passings

(Since 5/21)

Corinne Anita Boyle	95	Walter Darrell Sonderup	87
Stephen James Bailey	67	Russell Edward Anthony	73
Zbigniew Pruchnik	78	Christopher Boaz von Edeskuty	0
Valentina Volkova	84	Barbara Ellen Harris	93
Holli Tess Patch	48	Beth Leatrice Orlowsky	57
Thomas Earl Lebo	89	Richard Madson Brown	99
Kermit Thomas Bragg	78	Earl Jason "Jay" Halleck	58
Kathryn "Kathy" Sophia Hardin	77	Marlene Carole Bjerke Hogenso	83
George Joseph Pilkington	90	David Malcolm Lynas	76
Gerald "Jerry" Arthur Greene	92	Paul Alan Skrede	75
Helen Marie Guerre	98	Paul Andrew Hoaglund	84
Cole Richard Peterson	25	Peggy Violet Hoaglund	94
Norma Faye Norell	94	Jo Ann Goodell-Holmes	70
William Arthur Ackermen Jr.	81	James Calvin Nelson	92
Carl Phillip Malmquist, M.D.	90	David Alan Merriweather	61
Shirley Ann Hardin	79	Charles Wagner Nagel	85
Maxine Pierson Rowland	93	Orin Curtis Paulson	98
Edward Hite Bargfield	78	Larry Roger Johnson	63
Richard Charles Larson	91	Brenda Lee (Litton) Johnson	76
Lois Lynne Leep	84	George Dale "G. Dale" Ernst	91
Dean Merrill Swanson	90	Richard "Dick" Benjamin Grene	98
Barbara Ann (Bliss) Colvin	94	Mark Thomas Krenn	45
Shane Lee Clafin	49	Patricia Sue DeGrote	84
Kurtis Mark Blauer	66	Karen Louise Terpstra	68
Kimberly Louise Heinzen	60	Grant L. Merseth	67
Joan Marie Patnode	74	Velma M. Wilder	86
Helen Jane Harris	90	Jeffrey W. Schmidt	60
Matthew Richard Harris	39	Caroline L. Meinhardt	72
		Paul S Walton	94

Average: 76.7 Years

Other Resources for Groveland Cemetery Information:

The Find A Grave organization is a volunteer resource for information on cemeteries around the U.S. They have cataloged and photographed many locations, including Groveland Cemetery. Check them out at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1998297/groveland-cemetery>

Why did the graveyard get a
COVID test?
Because of all the "coffin"...



"Oh, Cecil, Cecil, Cecil...if you'd only read the instructions that came with your chainsaw."

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952-847-0011

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VOLUNTARY DONATION / CONTRIBUTION FORM



YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: (optional) _____

Groveland Cemetery Association is a volunteer and non-profit organization. In order to help with the maintenance of the Cemetery grounds, we would like to make a voluntary contribution to be used to improve and maintain the conditions in the cemetery:

AMOUNT: _____

Please mail this form and your check payable to the Groveland Cemetery Association to:



Groveland Cemetery Association

3300 Woodlawn Avenue

Wayzata, MN 55391-2821

Attn: Joe Dzurik, Treasurer

Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Your Cemetery Board





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