

THE TRADITION

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A Milestone Year & The Journey Home...

The year 2016 will mark **Riverside Cemetery's 140th Anniversary!** More information about this special year, in our proud history, will be featured in the Spring 2016 edition of *The Tradition*.

In 1876, our beautiful cemetery opened as the first major-sized, garden-style cemetery in what was then the "rural west side of Cleveland." The property was purchased from Titus N. Brainard. It was owned and farmed by the Brainard family since the early 1800's, with several acres of woods and rolling hills. Titus's grandfather bought the property when he moved his family from Chatham, Connecticut to make Cleveland their home. It took the better part of 40 days for the Brainards to get here, traveling by a team of oxen and wagons.

Most of the early residents of the cemetery lived in the surrounding area. People chose a cemetery that was close to home. It is why Riverside was founded in the first place - the community needed a large cemetery that would serve generations to come.

Today, we continue to serve the Greater Cleveland area, but have

noticed a trend over the years - in addition to choosing a cemetery "close to where they live," people are also "going home" to be in "their cemetery."

Unlike the days of Titus's grandfather, there are much easier ways than a team of oxen to get across the country and around the world. Life happens and people leave the Cleveland area, but the sense of returning home never leaves.

People may move to surrounding states like Pennsylvania and Michigan; or to a state on either coast, like California or Florida; or even out of the country to places like England or Egypt - but in the end they're "journeying home" to be in their cemetery, Riverside.

Riverside is a beautiful place to memorialize and celebrate the lives of your loved ones.

We are honored to serve you!



1874 drawing of the Brainard family farm.



HOLIDAY WREATHS & BOUQUETS NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths - \$42
(5 styles to choose from)

Poinsettia Bouquet - \$30

**PRICES INCLUDE TAX, EASEL-STAND & INSTALLATION

Will be placed in early December and remain on graves until the spring clean-off on March 1st.

SEE ORDER FORM FOR SELECTIONS AND DETAILS

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5th Annual Music Festival A Success!

On Sunday, July 19th, nearly two hundred guests gathered outside our Chapel for a relaxing afternoon filled with great music and food. This year's program featured the musical talents of Amethyst String Quartet, Barbara Kinght Quintet and Northcoast Jazz Collective. Many thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Todd Smith.

Free guided tours of the Cemetery while riding on Cleveland's iconic, Lolly the Trolley were provided by Riverside's former General Manager and historian extraordinaire, Bill Halley.

Special thanks to the Riverside Cemetery Foundation for hosting this ever-growing popular event.

To this year's sponsors (financial & in-kind) and vendors, our sincerest and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude. An event this size would not be possible without your support.

- ◆ Archwood UCC
- ◆ Brooklyn Centre Naturalists
- ◆ Celestial Treats Lemonade
- ◆ Cuyahoga Arts & Culture
- ◆ Images In Bloom
- ◆ Local 4, Am Fed of Musicians
- ◆ Local Music Fund
- ◆ Lolly the Trolley
- ◆ Music Performance Fund
- ◆ Old Brooklyn Community Dev Corp
- ◆ Pain In The Glass
- ◆ Polonye Consulting Services
- ◆ Sauced Wood Fired Pizza
- ◆ Second Dist. Cleveland Police Community Relations Cmte
- ◆ Shuba Associates
- ◆ Silver D's Fashion Accessories
- ◆ Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Center Community Dev Corp
- ◆ Weber's Ice Cream
- ◆ Wild Moose Communications

Cookie's Corner: Providing Comfort & Support

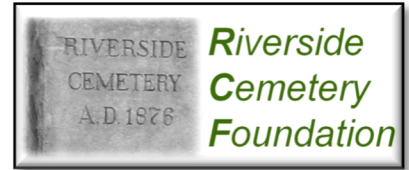


My name is Cookie. I am a certified therapy dog through Therapy Dogs International. To become certified, I had to pass a test divided into two phases, with 13 individual tests and additional exercises within each test that fully assessed my mood, behavior, manners and ability to follow directions. I am also required to have regular vet visits and meet certain health requirements to maintain my certification.

My role as a therapy dog at Riverside is very simple: provide emotional support and comfort to assist people with the grieving process. This is easy for me when you visit the cemetery in person – you can pet me. Through this column in the newsletter, I'll feature resources and materials that I hope will be helpful.

The death of a loved one is very difficult and can be especially tough for children. There is a very good book called, *"The Journey Through Grief and Loss: Helping Yourself and Your Child When Grief is Shared,"* written by Robert Zucker. Mr. Zucker provides a lot of good recommendations for talking to children, of any age, about death and reminds us that children grieve differently from adults:

- ◆ Preverbal children – often need comfort more than words.
- ◆ 2-5 year olds – struggle with the basic concepts of death and require loads of patience.
- ◆ 6-9 year olds – become overwhelmed by the idea that death is common and benefit from age appropriate information and a great deal of reassurance.
- ◆ Preteens – grasp the concept of death and need to be listened to and respected.
- ◆ Teens – often bring a tricky emotional package to their grief and require careful attention and support.



Your Generous Contributions
Support Our Community Events, Education Programs,
And Historic Preservation Efforts
Thank You!

Anonymous (3)

Easter Sunrise Service Offerings

Art Bakalar

In memory of Eleanor S. Bakalar

Mr. & Mrs. David Bishara

Charles & Helen Brown Memorial Foundation

Fred Brunner

In memory of Jimmy Gibson

Carey Funeral Home

In memory of All Who Rest in Riverside

Gayle & Brian Cummins

In memory of Martin Russell Stanko

Janet Eckerfield

In memory of Nancy Harlan

Fortuna Funeral Home

In memory of Joseph L. Fortuna

John H. & Elizabeth W. Franklin

In memory of The Lamson & Sessions Families

Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society

Mrs. Grace Green

In memory of Baby Boy Green

William R. & Dixie L. Greenfield

*In memory of Hattie & William Springett
and Jack & Norine Greenfield*

Marijane & Bill Halley

*In memory of Heber & Madeline Halley
and Paul & Hilda Hiller*

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hamilton

*In memory of Thomas & Danny Chappell
and Joshua Borden*

Mrs. Olga Jarachovic

In memory of Edward Kowalow

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Jennings

In memory of Gladys & Lamson Jennings

Julius G. Kanyok

In memory of John, Barbara & Michael Kanyok

Alexander E. Lancaster, Jr.

In memory of The Lancaster Family

Nory E. Maldonado

*In memory of Timoteo & Maria Gonzalez
and Eradin Maldonado*

Nancy H. McCormick

In memory of MJ & Doris Herr

Amanda Ford Morris Charitable Fund

Music Fest Trolley Tour Offering

Joseph W. & Rita J. Novak

Easter Sunrise Service Offering

Teresa & Robert Polk

Rothacker Family

In memory of Shirley J. Graff

Linda Schuler

In memory of my mother and brother who reside here

Eric B. Townsend

In memory of Townsend Family Members

Hector & Cruz Vega

In memory of Edwin Vega

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White

In memory of Troy White

Mrs. Martha W. Williams

In memory of The Williamson & Kroehle Families

Jean Wolske

In memory of Mike Wolske

Gail Wright

In memory of Charles & Nancy Wright

Michael Young

In memory of Rosie Riddle

DID YOU KNOW?

Whether you wish to have a full-casket burial or cremation, Riverside can help you with pre-planning the purchase of your grave and burial.

You can take advantage of...

- ◆ **Affordable Payment Plans**
- ◆ **Interest-Free Accounts**
- ◆ **Lock-in at Today's Prices**

Call us at 216-351-4800

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

6:30 a.m.

In the William R. Halley Chapel at
Riverside Cemetery



Administrative Staff & Crew

Gregory Kapcar
General Manager

Mara Craig
Administrative Assistant

Shirley Bill
General Foreman

Kenneth Langley
Assistant General Foreman

Brianna Owens
Office Assistant

Bill Halley
Retired General Manager
Secretary-Treasurer

Cookie
Certified Therapy Dog

Riverside Cemetery is a non-profit association of lot owners. Revenues from sales and services are used to fund day-to-day operations of this active and historic Cemetery.

Cemetery Gates

October – March 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April – September 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(Closed Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates

(Weather permitting)
March 1st & October 15th

PLEASE: No Glass, Porcelain or Rock decorations of any kind. No Fences or Stone Borders. No Bicycles.

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