

THE TRADITION



Fall-Winter 2016

A Publication of the Riverside Cemetery Association and Foundation



Dedication plaque located at Riverside's Centennial Drive Circle

PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 140 YEARS

On November 11, 1876 Riverside Cemetery was dedicated under the direction of the Association's President, Josiah Barber, Jr. with Ohio Governor and U.S. President-Elect, Rutherford B. Hayes as a guest speaker.

In honor of our 140th year anniversary and to commemorate the tremendous vision and progress of our founding Trustees, here are some excerpts from an original prospectus related to the dedication:

The high hopes and expectations expressed in our prospectus, issued at the inception of the Riverside enterprise, have been more than realized. Its phenomenal success has passed into and become a part of the proud history of our city. It is therefore with feelings of no little satisfaction that the Trustees, many of whom are among the founders, present this review of the history of the RIVERSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, representing the progress of an enterprise which in a little more than a decade has become the pride of our citizens. ...

The judicious selection of Riverside for a place of sepulchre, by the Association, met the cordial and prompt approval of the public while yet it was resting in its almost primeval nature.

When, after a few months, under the hand of the landscape architect and engineer, its possibilities for artistic developments had been made manifest;

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In Loving Memory ... 8/5/1935 - 5/25/2016

For more than 40 years, Don R. Kuschel proudly served the Riverside Cemetery Association and its families as a dependable and dedicated Trustee.

Don's tenure included a decade as Board President.

On June 18th, after a Memorial and Masonic service in our Chapel, we laid Don to rest with his wife, Marion and daughter, Laura on their family plot located along Riverside's scenic and majestic Centennial Drive. Don will be missed by many. He had a calm and caring demeanor, with a smile and laugh that could fill a room with joy. Rest in peace, friend; and thank you for your service!



HOLIDAY WREATHS & BOUQUET NOW AVAILABLE

<u>Wreaths – \$42</u> 5 styles available. Price includes tax, easel-stand & installation

<u>Poinsettia Bouquet – \$30</u> Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

Placement in early December. Items will remain on graves until the spring clean-off which starts March 1st.

SEE ORDER FORM FOR SELECTIONS AND DETAILS

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Riverside's 6th annual MusicFest on July 17th was another success! This year's event added several new vendors & artists, bringing the total number of vendors to a baker's dozen. The lineup of musical talent was phenomenal, as always, with Mary Beth Ions (the crowd dazzling, strolling violinist), Mike Jacobs Dixie Jazz Ensemble, and Ron Davis & The Eddie Baccus Quartet.

Special thanks to:

- Leonard DiCosimo & the Cleveland Federation of Musicians
- Local 4 Music Fund and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture
- The musicians and their support crew
- Linda Spiros of Wild Moose Communications
- Riverside's dedicated crew & staff
- Bill Halley, resident historian and tour guide
- All of our sponsors and vendors
- And of course, everyone who attended!

See you next summer!



MUSIC IS THE VOICE OF THE SOUL

The Stadler Memorial Carillon was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016.

We are grateful for the generous bequest from Beverly Jane Stadler Harris that made the Carillon possible. It was dedicated in loving memory of the Stadler Family and their legacy at Riverside Cemetery.

The next time you visit the cemetery, you will hear the Carillon chime every hour (during the day), and playing hymns at 8 am, Noon, and 5 pm.



Keeping Memories Alive

My name is Cookie. As a therapy dog at Riverside, my role is to 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 bring you comfort and support.

There is a saying, "Those we love can never be more than a thought away...for as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay."

In his book titled, *"The Journey Through Grief and Loss: Helping Yourself and Your Child When Grief Is Shared,"* Robert Zucker provides several recommendations for keeping memories alive:

- Make a Family Mural this is an excellent way to explore how your family is changing since your loss. Use crayons, markers, pencils, or pens and some poster board. It doesn't have to be fancy; just have fun.
- Make a Memory Quilt if you're an able sewer or quilter, this is an enjoyable option. You could always use scraps of material from articles of clothing your loved one used to wear; or design your own memory patches out of cotton quilt squares.
- Make a Memory Scrapbook collect memorabilia such as letters, drawings, photos, programs from graduations, plays or concerts for a scrapbook of family memories.
- Make a Memory Journal a family memory journal can be as simple as a large loose-leaf book filled with memorable family stories of your loved one. New pages can be added at any time.
- Make a Memory Box memorial objects don't always fit into a scrapbook or journal. A memory box can hold a favorite trinket or piece of jewelry, and other three-dimensional objects.
- **Prepare a Commemorative Meal** there's nothing like food to bring families together and get them talking.



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

(Donations received 2/1/16 - 9/16/16)

The Joel W. Ager, Jr. Trust In Memory of The Ager & Cramer Families

Martha H. Andrejko In Memory of Christopher Andrejko

Anonymous Easter Sunrise Service Offerings

Anonymous In Support of Riverside's Therapy Dog Program

> Art Bakalar In Memory of Eleanor S. Bakalar

Mrs. Donald W. Barta In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Barta and Mr. Donald Barta

> Mary C. Biller Genealogy Research Stipend

CA Technologies Employee Matching Gift for Gary & Linda Spiros

> **Ruby L. Courtland** In Memory of Myrtle Anderson

Bill & Valere Craig In Memory of Don R. Kuschel

Janet S. Eckerfield In Memory of The Brainard Family

Andrew & Ramona Farren In Memory of The Vanni & Farren Families

> **Gerald Fortune** In Memory of Jean Fortune

Foster Family Foundation *In Memory of The Foster Family*

John H. & Elizabeth W. Franklin In Memory of The Lamson & Sessions Families

> **Michael Freire** In Memory of Luis & Gloria Freire

Grace E. Green In Memory of Baby Boy Green

William R. & Dixie L. Greenfield In Memory of Jack & Norine Greenfield and William & Hattie Springett

> Marijane & Bill Halley In Memory of Don R. Kuschel

Sally S. Hollington In Memory of Dr. Robert & Florence Stecher

> Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jasinski In Memory of John & Louise Carle

Julius G. Kanyok In Memory of Barbara, John & Michael Kanyok



Alexander E. Lancaster, Jr. In Memory of The Lancaster Family

Herbert F. Leisy, Jr. In Memory of The Leisy Family

George & Karen Lucas In Memory of Ann & Warren Brandt

Natalie Lukjanczuk In Memory of the Lukjanczuk Family

Nory E. Maldonado In Memory of Felix & Maria Gonzalez and Eradin Maldonado

Amanda Ford Morris Charitable Fund

Thomas A. Neal In Memory of Figueroa & Kaufman Families

> **Rita J. Novak** Easter Sunrise Service Offering

Sheila R. Pemberton In Memory of Pamela Pemberton & Mary Ann Lacy

Teresa & Robert Polk

Valeria Radden In Memory of The Bosinger Family

Helen Robertson In Memory of All Family Members

Eric B. Townsend In Memory of Townsend Family Members

June E. Travis In Memory of John E. & Catherine Joplin and Oscar & Emilia Barth

> **Mr. David M. Trebing** In Memory of The Trebing Family

Debra Valachovic-Skender In Memory of Paul & Dolores Valachovic and Sophia Stepanik

Alfred E. Vaughn, Jr. In Memory of The Vaughn, MacPherson & Kuban Families

> Hector & Cruz Vega In Memory of Edwin Vega

Margaret A. Ware In Memory of The Hobson Family

Robin Weaver In Memory of Grace Dix Townes

Betty J. White In Memory of Troy C. White

"Why Nots" Hiking Club Honorarium for Private Group Tour of Cemetery

> Jean Wolske In Memory of Mike Wolske

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when the woody dells had been made accessible, and rustic bridges had been built over rivulets and lakelets; when the broad avenue on the high plateau had been lined with trees, the hundreds of sections made green with fresh sod, and flowering shrubs waved in the breeze and saluted the sun, nature and art seemed to have united to honor the dead and console the living.

The plateaus, the bluffs, and the woody dells which border the banks of the Cuyahoga valley, worked out in remote ages by the surges of an inland sea and the contending waters of the winding river, are the rich spoils of the battle of the ages between the contending forces of the Lake and the River, in which the latter triumphed – the Lake retiring, leaving the River in possession of the field, now the rich and beautiful valley overlooked by many delightful promontories, preeminent among which are the grounds of Riverside.



Present-day photo of the dedication site at Riverside's Centennial Drive Circle

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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.

<u>Cemetery Gates</u>

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

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

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