



ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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*“An Historical Cemetery
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past year, the Board of Directors has seen many changes with three members retiring; our former President, Steve Ostler who served on the Board for eighteen years and as Chairman for two years, Mervyn Larstone who served as a Director for nineteen years and Scott Sayers who served for four years also in the capacity as Promotion Committee Chairman. We thank each of these fine gentlemen for their many volunteer hours and dedication to the cemetery and wish them well in their future endeavors.



My first year as Chairman has been a challenging but rewarding one with the Board completing several projects and approving the Budget for 2016. There were many factors affecting our budget this year. In 1995, when I first joined the Board, traditional casket burial was the common trend. This trend has been steadily decreasing over the years in favor of cremation disposition and especially in a columbarium niche. Back in 1957, when the cemetery was first formed, the Board of Directors at that time was given 32 acres of land we now know as St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery consisting of 8500 grave lots. The interment rights for many of these grave lots are still available for burial of caskets and cremation urns. However, with this increasing trend in cremation, the installation of a new 64-unit columbarium is now necessary every two to three years and most recently, two years in a row to meet this preferred option. Needless to say, as a Not-for-Profit, Charitable organization, the funds to purchase these columbaria need to come from somewhere. Not being municipally, federally or provincially funded, the need to be frugal presents a challenging budget while still maintaining the services and the grounds in the manner we have all come to know and expect. It is with your continued support of the cemetery that we have been able to accomplish so much. I would like to thank each of you who care so much, in light of so many other important charities, who give so freely and, in turn, help to make our work that much easier. I also wish to thank the members of our Board of Directors, past and present, for the many volunteer hours they spend on the cemetery business. Their dedication and valuable input is evident by the beauty and well-maintained cemetery we have today.

I look forward to meeting and chatting with you at our annual Memorial Service this year on Sunday, June 26th. In the meantime, may your Winter be short, your Spring be lively and your blessings be many!

Sincerely, Mike Cook, Chairman

**ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY
CEMETERY**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2015

- Mike Cook, President
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- Scott Sayers (retired)
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- Connie Winters, Director
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- Rudy Wollenweber, Director
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- Groundskeeper – Brian Eadie

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, please contact the Administrator for more information.

General enquires may be directed to the Administrator

April 1st to October 31st - Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am. - 4:00 pm. and Friday - 9:00 am. - 3:30 pm.

Off-Season

November 1st to March 31st - Monday to Thursday - 10:30 am. - 3 pm. and Friday - 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm.

AS LONG AS YOU LIVE AND REMEMBER – YOUR LOVED ONE LIVES IN YOUR HEART

*May tender memories soften your grief,
May fond recollection
bring you relief,
And may you find comfort
and peace in the thought
Of the joy that knowing
your loved one brought.
For time and space
can never divide
Or keep your loved one
from your side
When memory paints in colors true
The happy hours that belonged to you.*

- Helen Steiner Rice



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

by Bonnie Ross

“Time heals all wounds they say” - “who are they and how do they know anything about my wounds?” Grief knows no boundaries and sneaks up on you when you think you are making some headway. It doesn't discriminate and will hang on and transform itself into many different ways in order to keep us in it's grips. Each of us has to deal with grief in our own way; it's very personal. We try to do what it takes to get

through it and start to live a life in “the new normal” and respect others who are going through it as well. Many of you visit the cemetery daily, weekly and monthly whether it be for 10 minutes or an hour. It is just one part of our personal grief journey to be as close as possible to our departed loved ones. The Board of Directors, Groundskeeper and myself, are endeavoring to be mindful of each individual's grieving process. We care about you and your families with heart and soul. Rest assured, we are here for you if you feel the need to reach out to someone who cares and will listen when “grief” comes and in the difficult days that follow.

We remember our loved ones in many different ways. Here, at your cemetery, we offer several ways in which to honor and remember your loved ones; our Memorial Service this year promises to be one of peace and remembrance, a lovely Memorial bench offers a comfortable way in which to sit and reflect, enjoy the beautiful surroundings either by reading a good book or in prayer, and a lovely Memorial tree can be planted and enjoyed for many years to come.

Also, there are a number of ways in which you, our Rights Holders and families, can contribute to help our Board of Directors with their decision making and in maintaining our cemetery and offer services throughout the years ahead. At the present time, we have a few openings on our Board of Directors. If you feel you would be interested in a challenging and rewarding volunteer position on our Board, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office for further information. As always, as a not-for-profit, charitable organization, your financial contributions are always welcome at any time of the year for which a tax-deductible receipt is issued. Do you have a love of gardening and enjoy fresh air and exercise? We are always in need of assistance with our twenty-five, lovely flower beds throughout the season.

In this new year, may the good Lord speak to your heart with inspiration, peace and comfort! God Bless!

2015 INTERMENT SUMMARY

Caskets	35
Urn Burials	48
Niche Interments	<u>49</u>
TOTAL	132

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

**Matt. 5:4 NIV*

KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS

**The annual
LOT & NICHE HOLDERS' MEETING
will be held on
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
in the Administration Building.**

All Rights Holders' are welcome to attend. The meeting will be comprised of Committee Reports, motion to appoint Auditors, passing of the General Operating By-laws and election of the Board of Directors for 2016.



IN LOVING MEMORY – 2015

by Date of Interment

April

Thompson, Carl Eugene
Bennett, Jacqueline Mary
Townsend, Thelma

May

Markell, Margaret
Lalonde, Lyndon
Flaro, Marilyn L.
Moore, Patricia Mary
Derouchie, Donald
Roberts, Marie Claire
Campbell, Shirley
Winters, William
MacDermid, Betty Jean
Daraska, Romas Vacus
Kearns, Rita Isobel
Miskilin, Brigitte
Ballantyne, Patricia Joan
Deker, Beverley
Muiltze, Heinz
Kingdon-Bailey, Louise Nellie
Alguire, William Gordon
Duplantis, Eileen J.
Manuel, Rita Mary
Desilets, Claude
Gardiner, Christina
Cummings, Douglas
Brunette, Luella
MacDonald, Jeannine Marie M.
Hickman, Marguerite
Major, Jack R.
Jackson, Shirley Anne
Poapst, Rita
Parent, Albert Joseph
Graham, Dorothy Pearl
Toupin, Lionel

JUNE

Lee, John
Manning, Mildred
Bookhout, Mavis
Bender, Gladys
Weagant, Edith
Stables, Mary Edith
Laperle, Brian Keith
Shaver, Vera Ocene
Bellis, Mary
Moss, John
Roberts, Barbara Ann
Barnes, Daniel Gordon
Germain, Carmelle
McRae, Marion "Beatrice"
Barkley, Margaret Ellen
Snider, Ivan W.
McLean, Hubert Clayton
Conliffe, Robert Lloyd
Conliffe, Margaret Irene

Fourkiotis, Dimitrios
Sauve, Mark Anthony
Sabourin, Richard
Doig, Graeme MacDonald
Beach, George C.
Haldane, James William
Bouvier, Therese Simone
St. Louis, Paul Emile Bruno
Cousineau, Sharon P.

JULY

Peddie, Elaine Gray
Prins, Bernie
St. Louis, Gerald
Poitras, John Peter
Lloyd, Hugh McDonald
Baird, Gisele Edna
Stewart, Edwin A.
Legue, Viola Jennie
Lalonde, Kirsten
Wells, Merle S.
Legere, Edmour
Reech, Harry Firth

AUG.

Robertson, Mary K.
Collins, Sarah
Girdle, Dorothy
Sorbie, Daniel
Rose, Eileen Sheek
Derouin, Fernand Lucien
Whitaker, Sylvia Gertrude
Coir, Ralph Droppo
Cuthbertson, Florence

SEPT.

Steer, Murray John
Markell Rosette
Duchene, Shirley Theresa
Joustra, Rita Estella
DiGiosia, Giovanni
Ezard, Ronald Weldon
Lalonde, Irene
Yates, Gertrude Janet
Villeneuve, Kevin Mark
Casselman, Gordon Clare
Demary, Sylvia

OCT.

Shaver, Clara Mabel
Froats, Darlene Carmen
Froats, Hubert George Willis
Hutt, Thomas Frederick
Locey, Helen Jean
Gallinger, Grace Louise
Zappitelli, Laura M.
Coleman, Emerson (Infant Twin)
Coleman, Harper (Infant twin)
Gadbois, Frank
Cox, Margaret Ruth
Merkley, Marie Helen
Szabadka, Sandra Ina

cont'd -

Cont.d - Szabadka, Monique Marie M.
 Weegar, Eva Mae
 Green, Hilda
 MacIntosh, Evelyn May
 Pyke, David
 King, Margaret Theresa
NOV. Samson, Verna Helen
 Millward, Patsy Jane
 Lally, John (Jack)
 Daye, Jessie Mabel
 Daye, Donald
 Bradley, Hilda Gladys
 Firth, Tracey Ann
 Mulligan, Margaret Ann
 Degan, Michael Patrick
 Heenan, Michael Russell
DEC. MacMillan, Marlene
 Mulhern, Katharine Mary
 Boyle, Robert A.J.
 Lamoureux, Pauline Jeannette
 Gallinger, Oral Curtis
 Tyl, Ludmila

PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Susan Lopez and Beth MacDonell

The Promotion Committee is co- chaired by Susan Lopez and Beth MacDonell and we would like to thank everyone for their support of St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery. We are blessed with a beautiful location and dedicated staff.

Our annual MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 at 2 pm on the Cemetery grounds, rain or shine under the tent. The speaker this year is Pastor Brad Montsion of the Fountaingate Christian Assembly, Cornwall.

Keyboardist – Melissa Lalonde

Soloist – Bonnie Ross

Please bring a lawn chair and plan to join us for refreshments after the service in our newly renovated office area. We also invite you to visit our Website -

www.stlawrencevalleycemetery.ca
 and "Like" us on Facebook at
 "St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery"

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Connie Winters

Committee Chairman



2016 is upon us and, although the year has just nicely started, as I write this we have had numerous meetings to make plans for your cemetery.

Our biggest challenge in 2016 will be putting a plan in place to save our ash trees. They add so much beauty to the cemetery that it would be devastating to lose them all. Unfortunately, because of cost, we will not likely be able to save all 42 ash trees from the emerald ash borer.

Again this year we plan to do another 10 foundations in our foundation restoration program.

In September, we will construct the foundation for a new Lakeshore Columbarium. The columbarium will be installed in May/June, 2017. We are continuing with the shoreline clean-up and hope to complete that job this summer.

Just a friendly reminder that the Ring road is not plowed out in the winter because of several factors, ie, the Cemetery does not conduct winter burials, the risk of someone driving into the ditch and the cost involved. We apologize to those who are visiting during the winter months. As always, you are more than welcome to still visit the cemetery and park either in front of or behind the Administration building. Please proceed with caution when walking throughout the grounds and be mindful of the ditches following all the way along around the road.

The Maintenance Committee wishes to ask for your continued patience and understanding while we move forward. Thank you for helping to make your cemetery a wonderful place of peace and remembrance!

SERVICES, MEMORIALS AND PROGRAMS

4' x 10' in-ground burial lots for caskets and urns / 3' x 4' in-ground cremation lots for one or two urns
 Columbaria niches for one or two urns

Solid bronze vases, emblems and porcelain pictures / Completion inscription service

Winter Vault Committal / Pre-Need Planning Services

Flat bronze or granite markers with or without a vase

Memorial Tree and Bench Programs / Genealogical Research Assistance / Annual Newsletter and Memorial Service

One-time Care & Maintenance fee on lots, niches and foundations