



ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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***“An Historical Cemetery
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”***

A member of the OACFP (Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our mission at St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery is to make memories of life and to honor the wishes of loved ones.

Our clients will be treated with care, compassion and respect.
We will ensure that every experience is personalized and meaningful.
We will strive to meet your expectations with each interaction.
We embrace diversity and we treat each other with respect.

Our process is efficient, transparent and provides choice and is conducted in a pressure free environment.

Our facilities and properties are designed and maintained to create a peaceful and reflective setting to showcase the beauty of our natural surroundings and facilities.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tammy, our new administrator for a job well done since taking over that position back in June of 2019.

As I have mentioned in the past I could not do my job if it were not for the dedicated members of our Board who graciously volunteer their time. On that note, we do have space available on our board for new members. For more information, please contact our administrator.

Last but not least, I'd like to extend my thanks to Mark and Kevin (Our Caretakers) for a great job of looking after our cemetery.

I would like to thank everyone who attended last years Memorial Service and especially for the support and much appreciated donations.

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year at our Memorial Service that will be held a bit earlier than usual this year, on Sunday June 14th.



Sincerely – Mike Cook, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2020

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Groundskeepers – Kevin Tobin
and Mark Cook

**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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

by Tammy Shannon



Before I started working at the cemetery, I was running a small office supply business from my home and I must admit I was getting a bit of cabin fever. So, when one of my customers' who is also a board member at the cemetery had approached me about possibly taking on a part-time position here, I thought why not give it a try.

If someone would have told me years ago that I would be working at a cemetery, I would have replied, "Why on earth would I want to do that? How could that be pleasant in any way?"

To my surprise, working here has not only been pleasant and interesting, but I have the opportunity to work with wonderful people and to meet so many nice people who come to see me. I must admit, it is not easy to see the pain of losing those we love. My heart goes out to you and I hope that you can find comfort in coming here.

I was hired in January of 2018 to start entering the cemetery record cards in the new software program we know as Stone Orchard. Not only was I finding the job very interesting, I also had the opportunity to make a wonderful friend, Bonnie Ross. She was a pleasure to work with, and I am thankful for her patience and for all that she taught me.

After 24 years of giving this place her all, Bonnie retired in June of 2019 and I took over as the administrator. I certainly had a lot to learn! I started off learning how Bonnie did everything manually, without using an accounting software. Although this was a great learning experience, I was happy when in January of 2019, we started to use the accounting software called QuickBooks. This program was recommended to us to integrate with our Cemetery record keeping program. But of course, transitions are rarely as smooth as we would like and we did encounter some issues. I am thankful

that Bonnie was still here at the time and we got through it together. When it came time for her to leave, I was ready (well I had to be ready!) to take over. I can't say that I know everything that Bonnie knew or that I ever will, but I can say that I have come to love this place and that I am determined to do the best that I can to keep the great reputation that the cemetery has earned over the years.

I must also mention how fortunate I am to work with our two amazing grounds keepers who not only care as much as I do, but always go above and beyond to ensure that all who come in here, are well taken care of. They have and continue to help me so much in my learning process and we really work well as a team. In September of 2019, we added another member to our team. Penny Sabourin was hired to continue the data entry that I was originally hired to do. Penny is a great fit to our team and we love working with her.

As you all may know, the cemetery is run by a volunteer Board of Directors. I have had the opportunity to get to know the members and to work with them and I am truly in awe at their dedication to our cemetery. I have witnessed the wonderful improvements and upgrades that have taken place in the two years that I have been here and I am so excited for the improvements yet to come this year. You may wonder, how can we make the cemetery more beautiful than it already is? Well, my reply to that would be, "Just watch us!"



IN LOVING MEMORY - 2019

by Month of Interment

April

Beaudette, Eileen
Bourgon, Eliza
Sabourin, Claude

May

Smith, Douglas
Sullivan, Myrna
Lough, Howard
Hogan, Eric
Gallinger, Marguerite
Pavletic, Marko
McPhail, Cecelia
Lafleche, Eleanor
Yakamovich, William
Wollenweber, Carmella
Evans, Liliane
Radley, Mary
Mainville, Carol
Fleming, Doreen
Styles, Ruth
Kamenz, Bruno
Casselmann, Madeline
Wattie, Arthur
Snetsinger, Allan
Hyatt, Hazel June
Prunner, Audrey
Coleman, Lillian
Laframboise, Brian

June

Devereux, Wayne
Sullivan, Pauline
Kipling, William
Gowan, Carolyn
Gowan, Denis
Paradis, Yvonne
Barrie, Robert
Beland, Louis
Bolton, Gordon
Archambault, Nelson
Pain, Ernest
Parmalee, Roy
Banyai, Louis
Gregoire, Leah
Bartle, Rhoda
Bancroft, June
Last, Eric
Johnston, Russell
Anderson, Karen
Marion, Gilles
Winters, Barry
Netko, Norma
Charron, Paul
Duplantis, Clifford
Papineau, Elizabeth

July

Johnsen, Bertha
Marshall, David
James, Norman
Daraska, Elaine
MacGillis, Lois
Sanderson, Nancy
Moore, John
Legroulx, Ada
Cairns, Wayne
Smyth, Ann
Reech, Anne
McCullen, Jeffery
Eadie, John Robert
Laframboise, Marie Ida
While, Deborah
Dunne, Michael
McCrum, Robert

Aug.

Jackson, Ruth
Paquette, Lawrence
Gellately, David
Lefebvre, Gary
Tinker, Eileen
Doris Greenfield
Alguire, Dean
Ransom, Patricia
Regnier, Ashley
Wright, John
McCosham, James
Tyrell, Dennis
Doherty, William
Knox, Cynthia
Sorensen, Debra
Sullivan, Joseph
Campbell, Norman
Barnett, Richard

Sept.

Daigle, John
Walter, Regina
Daley, Pauline
Wilson, Ronald
Beckstead, Isabel
Pearson, Gary
Pearson, Joan
Deker, Leonid
Legue, Brian
Marrs, Mildred
Welch, Jean
Ezard, Robert
Gogo, Richard
Goodhew, Thomas
Raymond, Alice

Oct.

Bigelow, Lyall
Grant, Donald
Mabee, George
Turgeon, Deanna
Legault, Kathleen
Chenier, Jeanette
MacDonald, Viola
Douglas, Doris
Lefebvre, Gabrielle
Thompson, Thomas
Adams, Jane Ellen
Rutley, Randall
Brophy, Dorothy
Marks, Lynda
Flaro, Laurie
Surgeson, Janet

Nov.

Pescod, Barbara
Donkers, Francina
Scott, Doreen
Gudelis, Elfriede
Esdon, Roger
Amelotte, Rozanne

2019 INTERMENT SUMMARY

Caskets – 31
Urn Burials – 36
Niche Interments – 56

TOTAL - 125

Do Not stand at my grave and weep

by Mary Frye (1904-2004)

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my gawe and cry,

I am not there I did not die.

***Death is not the end
Death can never be the end
Death is the road.
Life is the traveller.
The soul is the guide.***

By Sri Chinmoy



KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The annual
LOT & NICHE HOLDERS MEETING
will be held on
Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 7 pm.

All Rights Holders are welcome to attend. The meeting will be comprised of Committee Reports, motion to appoint our Auditors, passing of the General By-Laws and election of the Board of Directors for 2020.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by **Debbie Jones-Tinker and Linda Runions**
Committee Chairpersons

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020 at 2 pm
on the Cemetery grounds, rain or shine under the tent.
Please bring a lawn chair and plan to join us for refreshments after the service.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Colin McFarland
Assistant Curate -The Area Parish of the St. Lawrence

MUSIC BY – Penny Bedard
SOUND BY – Sylvain Sound

The Committee is always open to suggestions and new ideas on how best to promote our lovely cemetery.
Please feel free to contact us.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by **Ron Symington**
Committee Chairman



We are extremely pleased with a very successful 2019. I would like to thank my fellow Board members and our staff for their teamwork and a job well done.

In 2019 the new Lakeshore columbarium was installed and the niches have been selling quickly. The interlock walkway to the new columbarium will be completed in the Spring. The groundskeepers continued to straighten, level and/or reconstruct monument foundations as required. The Cryderman memorial flower bed was reconstructed with field stone.

This year we plan to install a new interlock walkway to and around the Gateway columbaria, complete with a memorial bench and shrubbery.

An Expansion Plan Development will be undertaken to research and design the development of the South-East portion of the cemetery which will include an access road and future columbaria locations. Once the design meets with the Board's approval, construction drawings will be prepared and construction will be planned.

A new foundation will be constructed for the next Lakeshore columbarium.

We are very proud of our cemetery and strive to make it the best in our area. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please forward them to our administrator so that she may present them to the Board for consideration. Thank you.

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

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