

# 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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## THE NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 will always be remembered as the year of the pandemic, a year we would like to leave behind us, but will never be forgotten. Every person and every business have been affected by this world-wide virus and had to deal with it under what we now call the “new normal”. PPE and social distancing are now a way of life at our cemetery administration building, staff and grounds also had to abide by the same rules.

That brings me to the topic of this message: **Cemetery Etiquette**. An article was given to me by one of my colleagues that I would like to share with you.

*Cemeteries are known for its picturesque and natural environment; they never feel crowded and are very peaceful. Since the pandemic there has been an increase in the volume of visitors using the grounds to walk, jog or even push strollers. We provide an ideal space to maintain physical distancing. We still must respect the families that are still mourning and visiting their family members.*

*A cemetery is a history of people, a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth remembering and therefore visitors are expected to behave respectfully.*

*Some tips for visitors to use as a guide:*

*Always be aware of your surroundings, giving mourners space and respecting their privacy.*

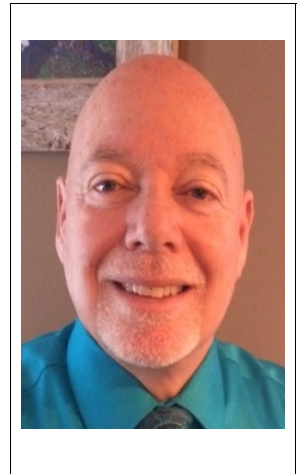
*Keeping noise to a minimum. For example, cell phone ringers turned down, refraining from laughing and joking and talking in a higher-than-normal voice.*

*Keeping pets leashed and cleaning up after them.*

*Cemeteries are sacred spaces that offer a unique occasion for both the living and the dead to commune and coexist.*

*All visitors should feel free to walk and enjoy the natural landscape but they must realize our cemetery is not a city park and should not be treated as such.*

*With all due respect to plot holders who own snowmobiles, please note that our By-Laws state that four wheelers or snowmobiles are not permitted in our cemetery.*



Again, I would like to thank our staff, Tammy our Administrator. Mark and Kevin our Groundskeepers for handling the day-to-day operation. Also, to all the Directors for giving up their free time, knowledge, advise and dedication.

The Memorial Service again will be dictated by the pandemic. Thank you to all the plot-holders and their families who donated to the cemetery last year.

Everybody, stay healthy and stay safe.

*Sincerely – Mike Cook, President*

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and Mark Cook

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

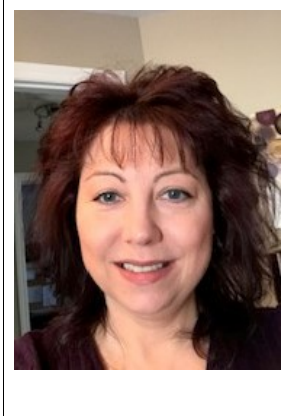
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**General enquires may be directed to the  
Administrator**

April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> - Monday to  
Thursday - 9:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. and  
Friday - 9:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

**Off-Season**

November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> -  
Monday to Thursday - 10:30a.m.-3:00p.m.  
and Friday – 10:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.



**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES**

*By Tammy Shannon*

What has been happening at the cemetery office?

The 2020 year started off with an office makeover that turned out great thanks to Stormont Stationers.

We changed and updated our website with the help of Cornwall Website Design, who does amazing work. We will be updating the website again this year.

We started selling beautiful headstone flowers at \$60.00 and niche vase flowers at \$10.00. Arrangements are available at the office and we can also take custom orders for different colors you may prefer.

We worked hard at entering all our record cards in our Stone Orchard software program and I am pleased to say, that after three years and much dedication from Penny, it is completed! We plan to still update the software by adding more information as well as photos of the monuments in our cemetery. Improving is always our goal.

With the on-going Covid19 pandemic, we have had to learn new ways to offer our products and services with little or no personal contact. Like anything new, it takes time to adjust but the process has been working out very well. I thank everyone for their patience during this time.

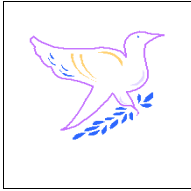
Although I know many have postponed interments because of the pandemic, the cemetery still had a total of 105 interments in 2020. In 2019, we had 125 and in 2018 we had 111 interments.

We are currently taking orders for niches in our new Lakeshore #5 Columbarium, which will arrive in late May of 2021. We currently have one niche left in our Gateway #2 Columbarium. When that one is sold, we will be taking orders for niches in our new Gateway #3. We also have one niche available in our Stuart Columbarium #1 that is located in front of our building. Please contact me for pricing.

I am currently working with HSP Engineering to update our site map and to now include the names of those who own niches in the Columbaria. The site map is located on our website under the ABOUT column.

I will continue to work closely with our Board of Directors and groundskeepers. I am thankful for their time, dedication and drive to continuously improve our cemetery.

I will continue to be here for the families I serve, in the best way I can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any inquiries. I look forward to being able to meet you all in person again! Stay safe.



# **IN LOVING MEMORY - 2020**

## **by Month of Interment**

### **April**

Hanson, Virginia

### **May**

Lascelle, Madelaine  
Villeneuve, Marvin  
Callan, Virginia  
McNally, Elizabeth  
Coleman, William  
Lalonde, Richard  
Moss, Fay  
Whitteker, Cindy Lynn  
McGill, Eloda  
McLellan, Peter  
McDougall, Gary  
Ouderkirk, Jessie

### **June**

Loucks, Willard  
Muir, David  
Wagner, Helmuth  
Stewart, Shirley  
Bingley, Robert  
Bingley, Joan  
Vanier, Martin  
McLeod, Angus  
Crump, Robert  
Degan, Ray  
Buker, Evelyn  
Johnson, Lanore  
Marzano, Joseph  
Losey, Kenneth  
Beattie, Kathleen  
Kirkey, Elizabeth  
Makinson, Valera

### **July**

Bruni, Myrna  
Bedard, Donna  
Lister, Douglas  
Lister, Shirley  
Kerr, Arnold  
Ostler, Alice  
Godard, Augusta  
Baker, Beulah  
Warner, Nancy  
Copeland, Robert  
Hart, William  
Morgan, Jeanne  
Jones, Georgette  
Portieous, Sandra  
Massia, Cecile  
Fougere, Cathy  
Kyer, Patrick  
Dewe, Arnold  
Joubert, Inez

### **Aug.**

Lafave, Randy  
Petrynka, Michael  
McNaughton, Douglas  
Aitken, Marina  
Bradley, Joyce  
Lazette, Bain  
Brunette, Paul  
Brunet, Herbert  
Kamenz, Christa  
Tinker, Alan  
Brophy, James  
Carson, Floyd  
Lazette, Theresa  
Eldridge, Allan

### **Sept.**

Csirinyi, Gyula  
Csirinyi, Meta  
Vandeyar, Violet  
Toone, Edward  
McGillivray, Robert  
MacDonald, Ralph  
VanDalen, Linda  
Malone, Donald  
Metivier, Gilles  
Dafoe, Audrey  
Alguire, Mary Lynn  
Stokes, Jean  
Donnelly, Carol Ann  
Hunt, Eileen  
Seymour, Jade  
Chaytor, Jeff  
Kilby, Florence  
Whitney, Dayle

### **Oct.**

Crites, Deborah  
Crites, Alan  
Heemskerk, Elly  
Moke, Jessie  
Hunter, Graham  
Shaver, Douglas  
VandeGlind, Henry  
Taillon, Rosie  
Moore, Claire  
Bedingfield, Robert  
Atchison, Gladys  
Flaro, Sharon  
Huizinga, John  
Lalonde, Therese

**Nov.** Conti, Emma  
Gearing, Jo-Anne  
Miskilin, Vaso  
Rankin, Frances  
Lewis, Stanley  
St. Thomas, Sally

**Dec.** Nowak, Agatha  
Gallinger, Edna  
Jalbert, Mable  
Dewar, Gordon

**2020 INTERMENT SUMMARY**

Caskets –	28
Urn Burials –	38
Niche Interments –	<u>39</u>
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>105</b>

**To Those I Love**

*When I am gone, just release me,  
let me go – so I can move into my afterglow.  
You mustn't tie me down with your tears;  
lets be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
how much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted with trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part.  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
And then, when you must come this away alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and a  
“Welcome Home.”*

*Author Unknown*

**What do coins on Military  
Tombstones mean?**

*A coin left on a headstone lets the deceased soldier's family know that somebody stopped by to pay their respects. If you leave a penny, it means you visited. A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together. If you served with the soldier, you leave a dime.*





## **THE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING**

**with the Board of Directors**

will be held on

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30p.m.**

***Note: The format of the meeting will be determined at that time as to if it will be in person or virtual, depending on Covid19 rules.***

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 2021.

## **PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**Our Annual Memorial Service will be determined at a later date.**

**Thank you to all who sent in donations last year. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and welcomed at any time of the year and will go towards current projects and the future development of our beautiful grounds. Receipts will be issued for income tax purposes.**

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**



While 2020 was a very different and difficult year for many people, it proved to be a very busy year for our dedicated staff at the cemetery. The hard work by our team of Kevin, Mark,

Tammy and Penny, along with the support of our Board members made 2020 a very successful year.

Last year 35 new foundations were installed including 3 memorial bench foundations. We also constructed 2 foundations for two new columbaria to be installed this year, one at Lakeshore and one at Gateway.

Unfortunately, it appears that at least two ash trees will require removal this year due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

The groundskeepers will continue to straighten, level and/or reconstruct the monument foundations as required.

If you have any concerns or suggestions to improve our cemetery, 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

Website - [www.stlawrencevalleycemetery.ca](http://www.stlawrencevalleycemetery.ca) and "Like" us on Facebook at "St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery"