

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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*“An Historical Cemetery
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As president of St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery, it is a great honor to serve you and meet with the challenges this job has to offer, and I could not do this without my dedicated employees and fellow board members.

I would like to thank Tammy, our Administrator as well as Penny, our part-time assistant for doing a fantastic job with everything we have asked them to accomplish, especially with the many changes and upgrades over the last two years. I am also fortunate to have two groundskeepers sharing the responsibility of the beautification of our cemetery (Kevin and Mark). A special thanks goes out to my fellow volunteer's who sit with me on the board. Needless to say, it has been a very challenging year with everything this pandemic had to throw at us. We still managed to get things done with zoom meetings, emails, and phone calls. Our mission is to optimize the cemetery's potential as a cultural resource. We share a passion for historic preservation and education, and we all love what we do. Who could imagine operating as a volunteer organization, that we could spear head so many projects to preserve this community treasure and share its historic significance with people throughout S.D.G. We are dedicated stewards of this rich resource. You will find us planting trees as well as preserving the habitat of our native plants, trees and wild life.

When it comes to saying goodbye to our parents, friends or neighbors, we begin to realize then how special and historic St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery is to us. If you have lost a loved one recently, the members of the board wish to extend our sincere sympathy. This is great personal loss, and we have learned in time that our recovery is added by the pastoral beauty of our cemetery.

Since the pandemic, the day to day operation of the funeral homes and cemetery services have changed. For us, there has been a great increase in grave-side services and this has presented a challenge with time management and scheduling. We will have to address this moving forward, working with both funeral directors and family members.

To close, I would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past two years with their donations, well wishes and most of all your patience and understanding. The pandemic has caused us to cancel our Memorial Service in 2020 and 2021, but it did not stop you from sending in your donations and support. This year, we are hoping we will be able to “pitch the tent” once again for our Memorial Service without pandemic restrictions. We are hoping to see you there. Stay safe, stay well.



Sincerely – Mike Cook, President

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Groundskeepers – Kevin Tobin
and Mark Cook

**We are always accepting applications
for board members, in the event that a
member should retire from the
Cemetery Board of Directors.**

Office Hours:

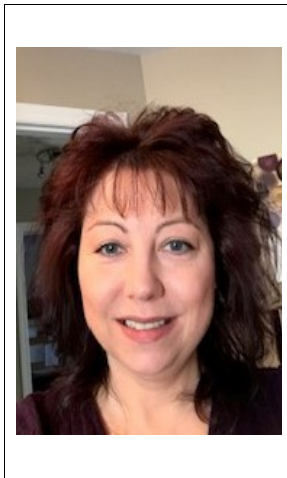
April 1st to October 31st - Monday to
Thursday - 9:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. and
Friday - 9:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Off-Season

November 1st to March 31st -
Monday to Thursday - 10:30a.m.-3:00p.m.
Friday - 10:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

By Tammy Shannon



The cemetery was very busy in 2021 with 148 total interments, up from 105 in 2020 and 123 in 2019. Two new columbaria were also installed in June of 2021. One along the water known as the Lakeshore #5, and one at the Gateway #3 located on the west side of the cemetery entrance. Previously, we have installed a new Lakeshore columbarium approximately every two years, but since the Lakeshore #5 sold out just before Christmas, we will be adding a

new Lakeshore #5A this year. We are hoping it arrives in early Spring, but delivery delays are possible due to the on-going pandemic. We are still accepting purchases for the new niches, please contact the office for pricing and information or to schedule an appointment to meet with me if you are interested.

At the beginning of 2021, we completed a three-year long process of entering all our record cards in Stone Orchard software. Once that was completed, Penny began updating our memorial tree and bench listings and implemented them in our software. Our site-map will be updated again this year and will display these memorials. If you would like information regarding a memorial tree or bench to honor a loved one, please contact me and I would be happy to assist you.

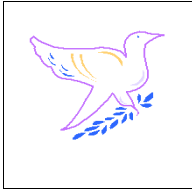
In our building entrance, we have beautiful saddle flower arrangements for headstones for only \$60.00. We also have small arrangements for a niche vase for only \$10.00. These can be custom made with colors of your choice. Porcelain photos for monuments and niche doors are also available.

Since the pandemic started, there have been extended production and shipping delays. Unfortunately, we do not know how long this will go on.

This has been the most challenging part of my job, especially when a plaque or product does not arrive in time for your loved one's interment. I am truly sorry for this and I do wish to accommodate you and your loved one's wishes, when I can. I thank all of you for your patience, kindness and understanding regarding this issue.

The most fulfilling part of my job is meeting with all of you, getting to know a bit about you, and at times, making a friend. I am also fortunate to have a wonderful support team to work with. From our volunteer board members who truly care and are dedicated to always improving our cemetery, to our groundskeepers, Kevin and Mark, who take such great care of our grounds. Lastly, our office assistant Penny, who I am thankful was here to help out during a very busy 2021 and I look forward to welcoming her back this Spring.

I look forward to warmer weather ahead and to what 2022 will bring, specifically the end of the pandemic! With that, I leave you with a quote by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. *"Most people search for happiness outside of themselves. That's a fundamental mistake. Happiness is something you ARE and it comes from how you think."*



IN LOVING MEMORY - 2021

by Month of Interment

Mar. Rand, Stephen
Apr. Heredia, Maxim
Denneny, Morgan
Poirier, Sandra Jean
Poirier, George
Fortier, Anna May
Bellis, Olive
Casselman, Lyle
Huot, Raymond
May Pyke, Judith
Green, Marion
Acheson, Richard
Gibbons, Dale
D'Alessio, Lorraine
Gillard, Ruth
DeMerchant, Thomas
Bergeron, Lucy
Jun. Doom, Alice
Haineault, George
Auty, Verlyn
Ross, Kristianne
Cordell, John
Whiteside, Peter
Pechie, Mona May
Leighton, Muriel
Haineault, Helen
Thauvette, Marc
Carriere, Roy
Coleman, Nathan
Zarichuck, Joseph
Moore, Joseph
Daye, Carol
Cornelisse, Paul
Rohrbach, Fritz
Rohrbach, Margaret
Aikman, Theresa
Dufour, Kim
Thomas, Claudette
Myers, Brian
Coleman, Shawn
Jul. Maheu, Paul
Eamer, Lula
Rice, Eric
McConnell, Keitha
Harker, Joan
Snider, Shirley
Looyen, Hendrik
Miller, Katheryn
Denneny, Michael
Wannamaker, Paul
Sommerville, Michael
Prunner, Catherine
Whaley, Evelyn
DeBoer, Michael

Aug. Scuffell, Michael
Sutherland, Marlene
Taillon, Raymond
Bonnevillie, Robert
Brush, Aline
Gogo, Francis
Ruest, Jaqueline
Edwardson, Charles
Edwardson, Kevin
Costello, William
Costello, Mary
Hogan, Mary Lou
Buick, Joan
Paquette, Marcel
Aiello, Oreste
Millward, Harold
Nixon, Betty
Duffey, Laura
Lauzon, Leslie-Anne
St-Denis, Melissa
Ward, Patricia
Malone, Richard
Hum, Philip
Bodie, Joan
Salmon, Lenora
Smith, Benjamin
Sept. Miller, Elizabeth
Servage, Steven
Laflame, Janice
Piche, Shawn
Worrell, Norma
Melrose, Reginald
Pinkos, Muriel
Glive, Beverly
Armstrong, Jennifer
Gallant, Christina
Shiel, Peter
Lefebvre, Alice
Kuppers, William
Benedek, Lise
Etherington, Joan
McKinnon, Pauline
Gauthier, Rheel
Ware, Gordon
Prieur, Clifford
Davis, Kenneth
Davis, Vera
Casperson, Roy
Jones, Mabel
Jones, Keith
Sweet, Sherrie
Bell, James
Jones, Gregory
Mason, Margaret

A DECADE OF OUR INTERMENT HISTORY

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Caskets –	21	28	31	19	23	24	35	38	42	41	44
Urn Burials –	51	38	36	43	55	49	48	38	44	37	30
Niche Interments –	<u>76</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>43</u>
TOTAL -	148	105	123	111	124	129	132	123	123	108	117

Sep. Cont. Paulson, David
Barrie, Joyce
Canough, David
St. Pierre, Pauline
Esdon, Norman
Mody, June

Oct. Mitchell, Alan
Kyte, David
McPhail, James
Howe, Dorothy
Gifford, Dennis
Gadbois, Orvis
Parker, Rejeanne
Pilgrim, Nancy
Lavigne, Sandra
Moore, Eva
Hayes, Denise
Hart, Guy
Hart, Gayle
Zill, Sieglinde
Mainville, Percy
Ariagno, Joseph
Pulfer, Robert
Deschambault, Michael
Manson, Eileen
Manson, Robert

Nov. Giroux, Bernadette
Keddy, Nancy
Horvath, Shirley
Guay, Matilda
Hart, Eileen
Sullivan, Sean
Barr, Patricia
Barr, Dean
Gardiner, Stewart
Fitzpatrick, Lee
Grant, Barbara
Coughlan, Roderick

Dec. Dumoulin, Laila
Vachon, Normand

*As I sit in Heaven
and watch you everyday
I try and let you know with signs
I never went away.
I hear you when you're laughing,
and I watch you as you sleep,
I even place my arms around you,
to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away,
begging to have me home.
So I try to send you signs,
so you know you're not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have life.
Life that was denied to me,
Heaven is truly beautiful,
just you wait and see!
So live your life, laugh again,
enjoy yourself, be free.
Then I'll know with
each breath you take,
you'll be taking one for me.
Author: Unknown*

What is the largest Cemetery in Canada?

Notre Dame des Neiges is the largest cemetery in Canada and it is located in Montreal, Quebec. It has 55 kilometres of lanes and one million people interred. The Notre Dame des Neiges Cemetery site has more than 65,000 monuments and 71 family vaults. It was founded in 1854 and it is the third largest cemetery in [North America](#).

THE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

with the Board of Directors

will be held on

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 6:30p.m.

At the cemetery office building

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 2022.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Debbie Jones-Tinker and Linda Runions

Committee Chairpersons

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 at 2p.m.

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.

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.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



**By Ron Symington
Committee Chairman**

As our Administrator has reported, the year 2021 proved to be another very busy year. We are fortunate to have a great team effort by our staff, Kevin, Tammy,

Mark and Penny as well as a dedicated Board of Directors to work with to keep the operations of the cemetery running smoothly.

For various reasons, some of our work that was planned for 2021 had been delayed and will be completed this year. This includes items such as interlock walkways, landscaping and tree planting and diseased ash tree removal. We will also be installing a new columbarium along the Lakeshore.

Last winter we found it disturbing to find snowmobiles making trails through the cemetery. With the assistance of Riverside Snowmobile Club, we have managed to keep this issue to a minimum this year. We must remind everyone that our cemetery by-laws strictly prohibit snowmobiles, ATV's and dirt bikes on cemetery property.

As we mention every year, if you have any issues or ideas for improvement to the cemetery, please forward them to our Administrator so that they may be brought before the board for consideration.

Have a great year and stay safe.

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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