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Community Mausoleum—Dignity and Grace



View of cemetery from
Gathering Room

Our newest mausoleum has become very popular with families. With its quiet dignity and grace, the design and atmosphere is welcoming, calming and peaceful. The convenience and the beauty make it an easy choice. The rich beautiful wood or glass niche fronts and the stunning marble crypt fronts help create an atmosphere that

compliments the beautiful grounds that the community has become accustomed to.

Memorial services held in the beautiful chapel can be followed immediately with fellowship in our Gathering Room. You may bring in any of your family's favorite foods or acquire the services of a local caterer. We hope you find time to visit our grounds and our three lovely mausoleums.



Gathering Room



Niches and crypts in the
Community Mausoleum

Ask About
Our
Pre-Need
Services

Come To The Cemetery First...

The decisions you make at the cemetery effect the decisions you make at the funeral home. If you decide to purchase a crypt, it is not necessary to purchase a vault. If you decide to purchase ground space you will need a vault and we are generally more economical than the funeral home. Once the decision for ground burial is made you still

have decisions to make considering your memorial: monument or marker. We offer monuments that are less costly and because this is the destination for the monument, we are as concerned about the quality as much as you are.

**So consider your
cemetery first!**

2009 HOLIDAY WREATH PROGRAM

- ◆ NEW SUPPLIER
- ◆ LOWER PRICE
- ◆ BETTER QUALITY
- ◆ SPECIAL DISCOUNT
ON ANY ORDERS
PLACED BEFORE
NOVEMBER 2, 2009
- ◆ 2009 ORDER FORM AND
INFORMATION
ENCLOSED

The **NEW** wreath is a beautiful live **24" Noble Fir and Incensed Cedar with 3 frosted pine cones and a beautiful red velvet bow.**

The Christmas Eve Luminary Program

We light approximately 4, 400 luminaries at David's Cemetery on Christmas Eve (weather permitting).

The luminaries are placed by cemetery personnel with the help of generous and caring family members and friends of the cemetery.





David's Cemetery Association is delighted to offer our new **Adopt-A-Tree Program.**

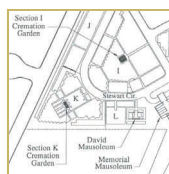
This program offers you the opportunity to adopt an existing tree, or a new one, and we will install a marker in memory of your loved one.

If you would like to **Adopt-A-Tree**, stop by our office or call us for more details!

Five Reasons Why Your Monument/Marker Should Be Purchased From David's Cemetery

1. David's Cemetery is perpetual – it will always be in business.
2. David's Cemetery has trained personnel who are familiar with your lot's requirements.
3. David's Cemetery buys their bronze and granite markers from the manufacturer and we use only the finest resources.
We are concerned about the quality of the marker, as much as you are.
4. David's Cemetery will be sure that only the very best material is used in your memorial because, it too, must be concerned with the appearance and up keep of the overall cemetery.
5. David's Cemetery knows you. You have dealt with us before and during your time of loss.

We're On The Web!



Cemetery Mapping

Did you know you can look up any David's burial on our website and print a map of the location?

Go to

www.davidscemetery.com

Step by step instructions are in the Superintendents Letter!

History of David's Cemetery



1890 Picture of David's Cemetery

In the **late 1700's** the Greenville Treaty between the U.S. government and the local Ohio Indians was signed allowing the territory to be surveyed and later sold. The local area known as Dayton, Ohio was Chartered in **1803** the same year Ohio became a state. Dayton was at that time a day's ride from Lebanon and Lebanon was a day's ride from Cincinnati—the

nearest town to the Ohio River. An earlier settler in what is now Kettering, where David's Cemetery is located south of Dayton was John Patterson, a farmer who built the Kettering Van Buren Twp.'s first log cabin in **1798**. By the early 1800's the area was a thriving farming community. In **1826** Christian Creager, a local gentleman, donated the first section of the cemetery specifying the land to be used for a place of

worship and burial. The first burial was registered on August 1831, a 6 year old boy, Noah Darnier.

In **1841**, an expanding population forced the creation of Van Buren Township, later known as Kettering. Van Buren Township's name would remain for more than 100 years. During the early years both the cemetery and the church were owned by David's Reformed Church.

The name David was selected to honor the Rev. David Winters who was the first minister in the area. Rev. Winters was a circuit rider preacher who served this church and other area churches for more than 50 years.

As the population of the area continued to grow, the church and cemetery needed additional space. In **1867** David's Reformed Church and Cemetery purchased additional land (about ½ acre) from Henry Creager, the son of the original donor. A major change occurred in **1890**, the **cemetery and church separated and the Cemetery became a non-profit corporation licensed by the Ohio Department of Commerce.** This provided the cemetery with a more effective method of meeting the requirements of a non-profit corporation and meeting the requirements set by the state for a cemetery. The cemetery became **David's Cemetery Association** and the church later became David's United Church of Christ. The Van Buren Township area continued to prosper and by **1891** the cemetery purchased

additional acreage, another 1.56 acres.

1917 – The Cemetery purchased 2.2 plus acres from Martin H. Young at \$500 per acre. In **1945** the cemetery again added additional acreage by purchasing another 32 acres at the cost of \$750 per acre from Bessie Kress.

In November, **1952**, the voters of Van Buren Township approved the incorporation of the Village of Kettering, named for its most outstanding citizen, the famous philanthropist and inventor of the automobile self-starter, Charles F. Kettering. A special census in 1955 recorded the village population of 38,118 qualifying it for city status. Kettering is located in Montgomery County, five miles south of Dayton, with a current population of nearly 60,000 people. Again as the population of the area increased David's Cemetery did so as well and in **1987** another 15.775 acres were purchased from Georgetown Apartments' owner Richard Jacobs. Today David's Cemetery encompasses approximately 55 total acres. David's Cemetery will continue to grow with nearly 23 acres yet to be developed for use of in-ground burials; above ground burials (mausoleum); in-ground cremations; above ground cremations (niches); and the scattering of cremations.



Rev. David Winters

"Generations of Care"

Superintendent's Message

The Cemetery Cleanup will begin the day after Thanksgiving, November 27, 2009.

- Everything will be removed from all grave spaces and mausoleums. Items you wish to keep need to be picked up by Thanksgiving.
- You may place winter decorations on graves and in the mausoleums starting December 1, 2009.
- Winter decorations will be removed after February 28, 2009 from all grave spaces and mausoleums. Due to weather at this time of year please do not place any Spring decorations until March 15, 2009.

I can't believe another year has come and gone since I last had this opportunity to talk to you. It seems each year moves just a little bit quicker. Your cemetery held the dedication for the new Community Mausoleum last October 12, 2008, with many dignitaries, and guests in attendance. We had the ceremonial ribbon cutting and many proclamations from federal, state and city officials. It was a grand affair. If you haven't been in the new Community Mausoleum, stop by the Cemetery Office and have Eric Watne or Jim Widman show you the mausoleum and the Gathering Room. The Gathering Room is an area which may be reserved through the cemetery office at an additional charge for families to have after-service fellowship with food that can be provided by you or several area caterers.

I am pleased to announce that your cemetery now offers, through your computer on the internet, a way for you to look up your loved one's information and get maps to their location. Just go to our website at **www.davidscemetery.com** and then look on the right side bar for "Burials on the Web", click on it and a new page comes up that says (in blue) "Burials on the Web", click on it, a new page comes up and says "Search burials here" (here is in blue), click the blue "here". Enter into the name box: last name, first name and middle initial. Example: Young, Russell H., then click on the box "find people", it will pull up your loved one's name under the blue bar with Image, Map, Name and Death Date. Click on "Map" (next to name) and the location of the person will come up on the top half of the page with a map below that showing their location. You then click on the gray bar on the left that says "Section View"-this will bring up the section your loved one is in, with a blue line pointing to the exact location in the section. Now click on the gray bar saying "Zoom In 2X" and it will enlarge the area in the section. Keep clicking the "Zoom In 2X" until you have the size you desire. You may go up to the right hand corner and print or E-mail this map information in the size you are in at any time. If you have any updates to the information shown on the blue name file such as age, place of birth, Veteran, place of death or death date, spouse's name and maiden name, father and mother's name, funeral director, place of death, etc., please E-mail, write or call us with that information and we will update our records.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you to order your 24" holiday wreath from the Boy Scouts. Your cemetery has now gone to a Noble Fir wreath with Incensed Cedar, 3 pine cones and a bow. We are told that it holds up better than the Balsam wreath we had in the past and we have been able to reduce our price \$2.00 this year. Also, *please* don't forget to remove your decorations before Thanksgiving.

Thank you, and from your cemetery staff we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Stephen D. Hopkins



David's Cemetery

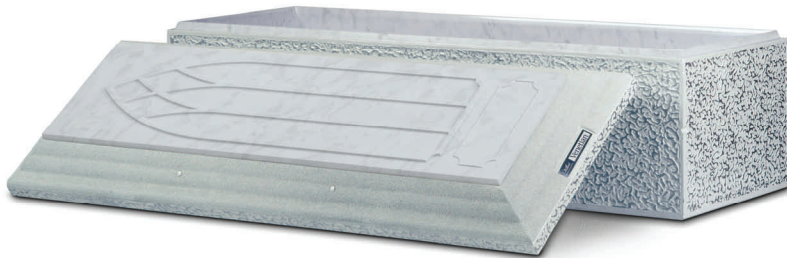
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David's Cemetery carries Wilbert brand burial vaults. The following information briefly describes feature benefits of these products. Please let us know if you need additional information, we are happy to help you.



Stainless Steel Triune® is an affordably-priced double-reinforced burial vault made of high-strength concrete which is reinforced with brilliant stainless steel and ABS Trilon®. Regular price \$2,735, plus tax.

Cameo Rose® Triune® is double-reinforced with ABS Trilon® and stainless steel bonded to high-strength concrete. Regular price \$2,735, plus tax.



Venetian® is a single-reinforced vault constructed with high-strength concrete and reinforced with high impact ABS \$1,855 plus tax.

Monticello® is single-reinforced burial vault constructed of high-strength concrete with a Strentex® liner. Regular price \$1,265, plus tax.



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\$100.00 discount on all vaults until 12/31/2009.