

Oakdale Memorial Gardens celebrated the 25th anniversary of Petland and Pet Memorial Day on Sunday, September 10th. To celebrate this occasion, we had K9s from the Davenport Police Department and had many families come to enjoy the day and visit their loved ones. It was a very nice time for the families to reminisce about the past to introduce us to their new pets and think about the future. We thank all that attended and hope that you all stop by soon.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 14th at 10am for the committal service and burial of the Genesis Angel Babies, 2016- 2017. Since the inception of the hospital they have saved the 20 weeks and younger fetuses from miscarriages for burial. We offer a burial space, a casket, a marker, and an annual burial at no charge. This year the burial will take place Saturday, October 14th at 10am. We invite you to attend this heartwarming ceremony and to help these young ones pass onto the next life.

The grounds of Oakdale have been going through some major changes. With the high winds and large storms that have come through, many of our trees have lost some large limbs. Around the perimeter of the cemetery we have planted trees and added split rail fencing to help add to the beauty and security of the grounds. Our goal of adding section markers to help aid our guests find their way around the cemetery is almost completed. An ongoing task is to continue finding and marking Veterans' graves. We have 1,214 known Veterans here, but would like to give all of them the honor they are due. We would appreciate any help in researching and locating these graves so that these men and women are given all the honor they are due. The gates to the entrance of the grounds are now closed and locked every evening at dusk and reopened at dawn. Still a work in progress is getting all the existing baby's graves marked. If you would like to buy a marker for an unmarked baby grave to continue this project the total price is \$317.65 each, which is half price of the regular cost for this marker. This includes a 1'4"x0'8"x0'4" marker in Elberton granite, design and baby's name, birth and death date. Attached is an order form if you would like to participate.



We would like to remember Richard "Rick" Turner, who loved photography and Oakdale. He lost his long battle with cancer on June 29, 2017. He took many photos of Oakdale and posted them on our Facebook page over the years. He also took all the photos for our application to the National Park Service for our historical status. Rick served with the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam War- two tours in Vietnam. On June 2, 1973, he married Barbara Gasper in Tipton, Kansas. He worked at John Deere for 23 years and served with the Auxiliary Police. Later he became a Cub Master and Scout Leader. He will be greatly missed.

Janet Bleitz has resigned her position as Co-Trustee of Preneed. We thank her for her many years of service as a trustee and as an amazing volunteer. In her stead Terry E. Sullivan has come on board and will work with David Cribbs as Co-Trustees. Mr. Sullivan is a retired teacher from West High School in Davenport. We are sure that he will do a wonderful job.

We would like to let everyone know that Kami Schurke has left Oakdale as of August 11th and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. With that we are very happy to announce the recent hiring of Ms. Liz Johnson. Liz has received a Fine Arts and Arts Management degree from Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL. She brings marketing and research skills to Oakdale. If you are in the area and have some time, please stop in and get to know her and see how compassionate she is in helping families in their time of need.

As I close I want to express our gratitude for all the support you, as owners, have given us over time. Every dollar given adds up and all of us at Oakdale appreciate your support. Please feel free to call or stop by with any questions, concerns or suggestions. We are regulated by The Iowa Securities and Regulated Industries Bureau.

Your friend,

Darrell Iossi



The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER

Foundation & Marker orders must be in by October 1st for a chance to have them installed before weather prohibits.

Scheduled Events/Office Holiday Closings:

- Fall Clean Up: October 15 - November 1
- **Columbus Day: Monday, October 9**
- **Thanksgiving Weekend: November 23 & November 24**
- **Christmas: December 25**
- **New Year's: January 1 & January 2**
- **Martin Luther King Jr Day: Monday, January, 15**
- **George Washington's Birthday: Thursday, February 22**
- Spring clean up: March 15 - April 1
- **Good Friday: Friday, March 30**

Board and Staff Members

President - Darrell Iossi*
Vice President/Treasurer - Deb Williams
Secretary - Liz Johnson

Preneed Trustees

Trustee - David Cribbs*
Trustee - Terry E. Sullivan*

Perpetual Care Endowment Trustees

Trustee - Ghasoub Harb, MD*
Trustee - Robert Ward, DC*

Volunteers

Volunteer - Joan Finkenhoefer*
Volunteer - Dustin Oliver*

Employees

Ground Crew - Rory Ramsey
Ground Crew - Ronald Swanson

*Denotes voluntary position – no compensation

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact Deb in the office Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oakdale Memorial Gardens continues to provide quality services including a selection of memorial flowers for purchase. These memorials are durable and conveniently placed by the Oakdale staff. But hurry, the winter holidays are coming quick! An order form is available in this newsletter. Profits are used to help maintain the cemetery.

Oakdale has purchased a new glass and bronze indoor columbarium in the public mausoleum. Cremation niches are available now for purchase at a 20% discount. This is a beautiful place for inurnment of yours and those of your loved ones for eternity. Many people have said "I just want to be cremated," but several years down the road you may still have remains and need a place for them so the family can pay respects and visit their loved ones. Oakdale offers several options.

We always welcome any ideas, suggestions, or concerns about the grounds that you might have.

Feel free to call at (563)324-5121

email to oakdaleomg@aol.com

or stop in.

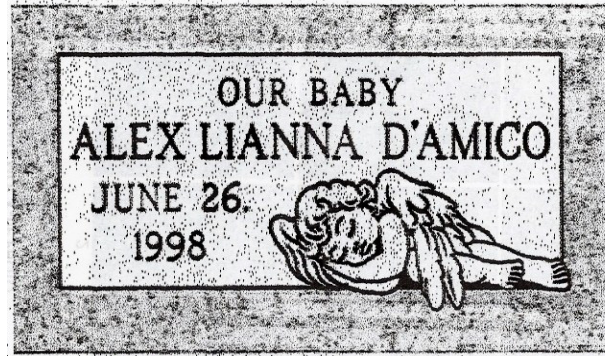
We would love to hear from you!



Many people do not realize that families can choose to bury the inurned remains of cremated loved ones in a cemetery, just like casketed remains. Other options is to inurn the remains within an urn in a niche, we offer outdoor and indoor niches, starting at \$925 each and they are currently discount 20% off. But many families want to return the ashes directly to the earth. Please contact us if you have questions.



Markers



Description	Current Price	Discount Price
Elberton Grass/Flush marker 1'4"x 0'8"x 0'4"	\$510.00	\$255.00
Foundation	\$ 89.60	\$ 44.80
Sales Tax	\$ 35.70	\$ 17.85
Total	\$635.30	\$317.65

Please fill out the enclosed order form if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Please share if you know of someone who has a loved one buried here in Babyland.

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

American Express/Visa/Mastercard # _____ Exp Date _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Baby name _____ Birth date _____ Death Date _____

Order Form for Veteran's Plastic Grave Marker

We need 1,086 to mark our veteran's graves.



Each measures approx. 6" in diameter and comes with a 3/8" x 18" aluminum rod and flag. Cost: \$10.00 each

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Section or Veteran's grave you would like marked _____

The Flower Shop

We ask that no fresh or live greens be placed on gravesites.
We are now taking orders for the winter season.

FLOWER ORDER FORM (563) 324-5121
office hours 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM Mon-Fri

FLOWER ORDER FORM

QTY	Item	Deceased Name	Price	Tax	Total	Submitted Amount (Qty x Total)
	Silk Poinsettia Bush		\$23.36	\$1.64	\$25	
	Silk 24" Holiday Wreath with 30" easel		\$51.41	\$3.59	\$55	

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

BUY-A-BRICK ORDER FORM

You may memorialize your family member or friend by purchasing a brick to be placed in our Garden of Life walkway or for your beloved pets in our Love of Animals Petland. Bricks sell for \$65.00 and may include three lines of 15 letters and spaces each. Call the office for more information **563-324-5121**.

<input type="checkbox"/> GARDEN OF LIFE					<input type="checkbox"/> LOVE OF ANIMALS "PETLAND"				

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____