



The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER



Friends of Oakdale:

James F. Weerts passed away on September 1, 2021 at his home in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Jim had a vision - and in 1989 when he took over the management of Oakdale Memorial Gardens, he personally bought equipment to start the major cleanup of 85 acres which included mowing, removing downed trees, resetting of headstones, regrading roadways and the construction of two maintenance buildings.

During this time he also set up Petland "Love of Animals" in memory of his late wife, Sandy. Currently there are over 700 pets buried in the dedicated 3 acres and it is the largest pet cemetery in the area.

Over the years Jim put thousands of dollars of his own money, hundreds of hours of his own time to bring Oakdale up to what it is today.

So we are all very proud and thankful for what he has done for those dedicated years he spent at Oak-

dale to bring back a vibrant resting place which is the most beautiful cemetery in the area.

Thank you, Jim, for the twenty plus years you devoted to Oakdale, and for making it one of the communities most treasured and scenic cemeteries.

We welcome Tod Williams as our new Sexton, he is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities. Married to his wife Melinda, has two children and four granddaughters. Worked for the State of Illinois for 27 years and the last 10 years in maintenance.

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 Memorial Gardens appreciate your support. Please feel free to call or stop by with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Your friend,

Darrell Iossi

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Oakdale Memorial Gardens Employees

Ground Crew - Tod Williams, Sexton
Ground Crew - Rory Ramsey
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Ground Crew - Duane Berg
Ground Crew - Reese Page
Ground Crew - Jeff Reyes

Oakdale Memorial Gardens is a Not-for-profit cemetery and donations are welcomed and appreciated.

* Denotes voluntary position – no compensation.

Scheduled Events & Holiday Reminders/Office Holiday Closings:

- Spring Clean Up: March 15 – April 1
- Mother's Day: Sunday, May 8
- **Memorial Day Hours: Sat. May 28, Sun. May 29 & Mon. May 30, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 19
- **Independence Day: Monday July 4**
- Bix's Concert: Saturday, August 6 - 10:00 am
- **Labor Day: Monday September 5**
- Fall Clean Up: October 15 - November 1
- **Thanksgiving Weekend: Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25**
- **Christmas: Monday December 26**

PETLAND "LOVE OF ANIMALS"

We offer burial or cremation options for your beloved pet. Burial prices vary by location, casket selection and marker selection. Cremation pricing varies due to size of pet and whether you wish to have the remains returned to you.

Visit our website for more information, call or stop in and visit the three acres dedicated to our **PETLAND "LOVE OF ANIMALS"**.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers interested in genealogy to help us obtain markers for the unmarked Veteran's graves within our historic cemetery. We currently know of 84 veterans who do not have a marker, there are most likely many more that we have not identified yet. The VA will give us free markers for veterans who have served prior to April 6th of 1917. A non-relation can fill out this form, however we need help collecting the required information and completing the forms. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in helping us do.

Please contact us if you have questions or feel free to go to:

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/>

and see how the process to order from VA works.

PLEASE HAVE ALL DECORATIONS YOU WANT OFF THE GRAVE BY APRIL 1, OR THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

The Flower Shop

FLOWER ORDER FORM

Qty.	Item	Deceased Name	Total tax included	Remitted
_____	Silk Spring Multi- Color Bouquet	_____	\$25.00	_____
_____	Silk Red, White & Blue Carnation with Flag Bouquet	_____	\$25.00	_____

2021 Contributors

Ahstrom, Mary & Stanley	Delf, Steven & Elaine	LeBuhn, David	Reichenbacher, Dennis
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Feel free to call at (563)324-5121, email to oakdaleomg@aol.com, or stop in. We would love to hear from you!

We appreciate all of you very much for your continued support, friendship, and love of this Historical Cemetery.