



In Memory of Betty K. Anderson. . . the Love Lives On

by Lee Anderson



When Dad died 25 years ago I watched Mom grieve and begin a new life. Now it is my time to begin life without her; and be sustained by my faith, family, and friends.

I have so many special memories of Mom. One that was life changing for me was her interest, support and participation in saving Riverview Cemetery from neglect and abandonment. My dad, as well as maternal and paternal grandparents—and other relatives on the ‘family tree’—had been laid to rest at this cemetery. For 5 years Mom and I collected memories, stories, and photos from people across the country whose relatives were at Riverview. Mom then supported the publication of my book *Riverview Cemetery – Reading the Stones –*

a Collection of Memories from the First State. She held the first book signing event in her backyard in Fairfax. In 2009, Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery became a 501c/3 non-profit organization. Mom was an active volunteer and when she was no longer physically able to participate, her encouragement and interest remained constant.

It was with heartfelt gratitude that I dedicated my book to my parents, Tom and Betty Anderson. The dedication reads: ‘*You gave me life, filled my life with loving kindness, and introduced me to the everlasting love of God. Thank you for the stories. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for everything. I will remember you always with love and admiration.*’

On January 11th, 2023 I was blessed to be at Mom’s bedside as she took her final breath. I will always remember this sacred moment. I am blessed to have shared life and death with Mom. I believe...the love lives on!

GO TAKE A WALK!

by Shirley Duffy

This may seem like the wrong kind of weather to be outside, but scientific evidence shows that walking in a “natural setting” improves our mental health.

Many of us dislike the dark, cold days of winter. Some of us even have the diagnosis of “Seasonal Affective Disorder,” also known as SAD. But even without that diagnosis, we can feel the weight of shortened daylight hours, gray skies, and damp, cold days. However, we can help ourselves conquer Old Man Winter by meeting him head-on.

Bundle up and head outdoors! Dress warmly in layers, wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, and don’t forget your hat and gloves. Take a companion with you to enjoy

the experience. Where should you go? How about a winter stroll through Historic Riverview Cemetery? What will you see? Of course, you will see the ordinary things that we see in cemeteries, but for your winter walk, I suggest you look up. Look around. Engage with nature! One of the beauties of winter is that many of our trees have lost their leaves; winter lets us take notice of trees, such as their size, shape, bark, buds, or seed structures.

Here are a few highlights from three trees of the 32 species in the southeast part of the cemetery:

Images **1-4** show our fantastic **Saucer Magnolia** near Market Street and the Visitor Center. Once you find this tree, notice **(1)** how wide and spreading it is. Circle the trunk **(2)** to find the unusual “porthole” that developed when two parts of the trunk grew together. Notice that the bark **(3)** is pri-

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OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

8 am - Noon*

Project dates are:

February 11

March 11

April 8

*weather permitting



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OCTOBER 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 2023

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

Shirley Duffy	\$1,000.00	Patricia A. Hill	30.00
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in memory of Baby Boy Nelson		Ellen Whitford	100.00

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting
April 26, 2023
5pm

Employment Opportunity

Burial Coordinator
Part Time
\$25/hour
Training Provided
details on website

THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!

Thanks to Shirley Duffy for updating the Master Tree Inventory on the Southeast side of the Market Street.

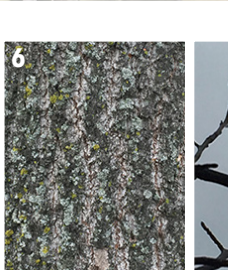
Thanks to Heather Titantic and Sue Wyndham with Delaware Center for Horticulture for selecting Riverview Cemetery as the recipient of 15 new trees to be planted by Bank of America in the Spring.

Go Take a Walk, cont'd

marily smooth and gray. The promise of spring (4) is seen in the large, fuzzy buds that will become leaves or large, fragrant, beautiful pink flowers.

A little further into the southeast part of the cemetery, you will see (5) a **Tulip Poplar** tree. Notice that the tall cone shape is unlike the magnolia, even though they are "cousins." Also, the rougher bark on the trunk (6) and interesting seed pods (7) are unlike the Magnolia, but the flower characteristics are similar. Tulip Poplars are known for their straight, unbranching trunks and are a common native tree in forests near Wilmington.

At the far end of the southeast cemetery is a grand **White Ash** tree (8). Notice the height and width of the tree compared to the parked car. The trunk is very rough with deep furrows (9) and so vast that I cannot completely hug it! The cemetery trees bring me joy. I hope they do the same for you this winter.



MEMBERSHIP: Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c/3 non-profit charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible and the funds are used for cemetery expenses. Please join or renew your annual membership now. And find out if your employer will match your donation!

Membership Levels:

- \$30 Individual • \$50 Family
- \$125 Restorer • \$300 Preserver
- \$500 Guardian

ESTATE PLANNING: Consider Riverview Cemetery in your Will. Gifts of stock, retirement plan assets, life insurance and real estate are all welcome. Contact us for assistance.

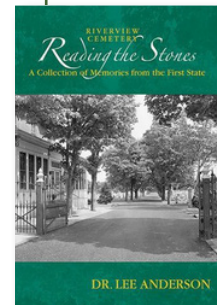
BURIALS: The Board of Directors assisted with 5 burials.

CREMATION: Families who choose cremation at the time of death may select a cemetery at a later time. We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related remains may be placed in a single gravesite (a new grave or a grave belonging to your relative). Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.

Veteran count 1177

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit www.riverviewcem.com

Make a Connection to the Oral History Project!



Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State, published in 2005 is still relevant today. We continue to collect your memories, stories and photos to keep the Oral History Project alive. Please mail or email your

information. It will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center. A complimentary copy of 'Reading the Stones' will be mailed as a token of our appreciation for your support of Riverview Cemetery.

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With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care!