

NOTICE

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY IS OPEN FOR BURIALS

Volunteer projects are cancelled until further notice. We cannot share tools, gloves, restrooms, or snacks.

You may walk or drive through the cemetery and remove trash and sticks during grass cutting season.

Use this time to find your connections to Riverview and share them with us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FHRCW

FOOD DRIVE will continue when volunteer projects resume.

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soup, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium:
www.degac.org

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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS:
RIVERVIEW TREES DAMAGED DURING AUGUST WIND & RAIN STORMS

Board members discovered the power of wind! Huge trees were on the ground on top of monuments and blocking interior roads. We piled many truck loads of branches next to the Visitor Center. Davey Tree Company has us on the schedule for September!

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery assumed ownership in 2009. A year later, John Kerns created an Urban Forestry Tree Management Plan. At that time there were 227 mature trees composed of 45 different species. Some of the trees were estimated to be over 200 years old.

Since then, an additional 100 bare-root trees have been planted by Delaware Center for Horticulture volunteers providing an attractive screen between the cemetery property and Kingdom Hall at the Southeast end of the cemetery as well as smaller trees along the roadways.

Going back further in time to 1872, one of the first orders of business was the purchase and planting of 222 trees! (*more info: Nov. 2016 newsletter on website*)

There are tree lovers among us!



Even the birds sought shelter from the storm!



The mission of Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is to operate and maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.

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FROM *the* BOARD

NEW PRICE LIST AT RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

Effective September 2019

Funeral Homes, Vault Companies, and Monument Companies have been notified.

Single-depth gravesite (paid at time of burial or pre-planned)	\$1500
Double-depth gravesite (paid at time of burial or pre-planned)	\$2500
Purchase of extra-wide single depth grave (paid at time of burial or preplanned)	\$3000
Entrance Fee Weekend (paid at time of burial)	\$900
Entrance Fee Weekday (paid at time of burial)	\$650
Marker Permit Fee (paid when marker is ordered)	\$100

Many Thanks to our
July/August 2020 Donors!

Orlandra Blackiston Butler in honor of George, Maude & Cheryl Blackiston	\$50
Carol Scarcia	\$100
Linda K. Clark	\$300
The Olinchak's, in memory of King & Traub Family	\$30
Anonymous	\$100
James W. Lewis	\$25
Found Treasure	\$100

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 2 burials in July and August.

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 cremains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related cremains 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.



Lee Anderson
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Member-at-Large

PROJECTS *of* NOTE

Welcome to Riverview Cemetery! Brandywine Nurseries cuts grass and trims markers through October. Please remove your grave decorations in a timely fashion.

Veteran count 1158

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING:

BIRTH OF A BOOK IN SEPTEMBER 2005



Walter & Martha Kylen
(Nana & Pop-Pop)



George & Lena
(Grandmom & Grandpop)

My connection to Riverview Cemetery started as a young child when Pop-Pop took me for walks in the cemetery. It was just one block away from his home at 3116 Jefferson Street. I learned later that he took other grandchildren for walks too. He liked to visit the grave of his mother and sister, Ruth, who died at age 16. My special memories of Nana and Pop-Pop were of sleepovers, picking roses in the garden, sitting on the front porch swing, and walking to Eastlake Methodist church. My Dad's parents, (Grandmom and Grandpop) lived on Boxwood Rd. near the GM plant where Dad worked. I remember helping Dad mow the lawn at their home and delicious Sunday dinners served on fancy china.

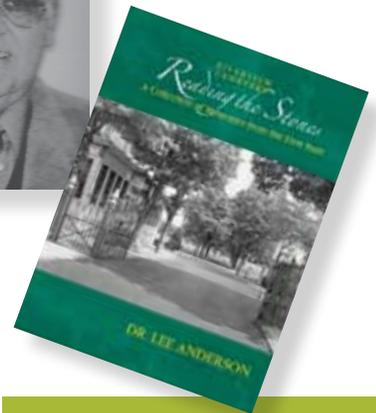
As a young adult, all four of my grandparents died between 1980 and 1986; their final resting place is in Section 14 (Martha and Walter Kylen) and Section F (Lena and George Anderson). I attended the burials and visited with my parents on special days like Mother's Day and Father's Day.

I had very little exposure to Riverview Cemetery until my Dad (Tom Anderson) died in 1998 at the age of 71. The cemetery was in poor condition and by 2000 it was in bankruptcy. I cut grass with others and noticed the names on hundreds of tombstones. I felt deeply connected to the 'underground neighborhood' during this time of personal grief.

Little did I know at that time that I would embark on a 5 year project and self-publish *Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State* in September 2005. The book is a tribute to the value of each life.



Tom Anderson
(Dad)



Make a Connection! new feature coming soon

Tell us about your connection(s) to Riverview Cemetery. Subsequent newsletters will have a column to include your information.

Let's continue the Oral History project that resulted in the publication of *Riverview Cemetery: Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State*.

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