

May 2023

SAINTS REST CEMETERY MINISTRY

Memorial Day 2023

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION INTERRUPTION CONTINUES

Once again in the interest of safety, the 2023 Memorial Day Service at Saints Rest Cemetery has been **CANCELLED**. However, the Cemetery will be **OPEN**.

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE



Memorial Day Message - May 29, 2023 An Introduction and Reflection

This year St. Mark United Methodist Church celebrates Memorial Day with our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver, and family. I begin this year's message in this fashion because I have spent some time in acquainting Pastor Weaver with our cemetery history, beyond the host of committals we have had there this year.

I am quick to boast of the cemetery transformation, from a more rustic look when such places were more commonly called, grave yards and "Decoration Day" predated Memorial Day. While there is always work to be done, the Saints Rest Cemetery has indeed transformed to a site of everlasting beauty for final earthly rest.

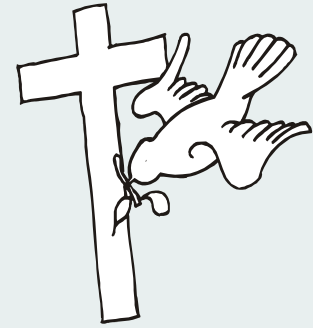
I wanted to alert Pastor Weaver to the regular roaring salute of jet airplanes flying over our cemetery. We are in the flight path of Thurgood Marshal-BWI Airport. In formal settings we have adjusted our remarks with the going and coming of roaring jet engines. I imagine this can be a little overwhelming at times and on the other end of things in flight, Saints Rest has resting geese and the symbolic release of doves at our final services.

All of these things compliment the Saints Rest beauty and nostalgia. It really is a special place to visit as all will see on "Decoration Day." Friends and family will gather to lay flowers on graves and spend time greeting each other. Flags will be placed to honor our fallen military and there will be flowers of every color. I pray that the laughter heard on this day will outweigh any tears that may fall.

The Pandemic is slowly loosening its grip on us and thanks be to God, we are beginning to move more freely. I pray that this introduction to Saints Rest Cemetery and this reflection will in some way lighten your load, lift your spirits, and inspire pleasant memories of loved ones lost in days gone by.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to com,nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NKJV Romans 8:38-39)

Minister Michael R. Simms, Sr.



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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building, from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 Corinthians 5:1

We continue to salute our Ministry members, who passed prior to and during this pandemic, and thank them for their service. The names:

Elmer Aulton

Jack Dailey

Lemuel Aulton

Donald W. Queen

Their names have been added to the back of the Cross in the circle at the top of the hill.

Please continue to keep their families in your prayers.



2022-2023 ROLL CALL

Gone but Not Forgotten, since Memorial Day 2022, the following have gone home to be with the Lord:

2022

William Thomas
John Dove, Sr.
Elbert Lee Hightower
Robert Ewell Greene
Terry A. Eldridge
Adrain Miller
Evelyn E. Smith
Sylvia Wade
Terry Gaither, Sr.
Sandra Carroll
Joseph N. Jones
Deborah Kimble
Calvin Thompson

Adrian Thompson
Sylvia Brown
Gorman Johnson, Jr.
Jessie M. Thomas
Melvin Jackson
Annie Jane Smith
Else Lingham
Melvin Dailey
Kendrick O. Weaver
Rodney Hebron
Harold L. Williams
Polly Mae King



2023

Donald W. Queen
Louis Matthews
Lillian Hebron
Samuel Butler
Edith Dorsey
Coleman Jennings
Toloria Jackson Amokomowo
Mark Keon
Dorothy M. Ruth

Darrell Brooks
Janis Dailey
Keith Martin, Sr.
Dolan L. Turner, Sr.
Martina A. Brook
Shirley Toye
Alice Hebron Hall
Terry Gaither, Jr.
Linda Pitt Green

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, on this day of remembrance, we celebrate the imprints of our loved ones.

They are gone, but not forgotten.

They have passed, but remain in our hearts.

May their legacy live in us and through us.

As they have invested in us,

As they have impacted us,

As they have protected and cared for us,

May we do likewise to those surrounding us now.

O God, may your mercy extend throughout our generations. So be it.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

SAINTS REST CEMETERY

Denard Hebron & Barbara O'Neal
Co-Chairpersons

Members: Cheryl Diggs
Rickey Eldridge
Barbara Hall
Dorothea C. Hebron
Pennington Hebron
Theresa Hebron
Rosetta Holloway
Reginald Madden
Harry Matthews
Ernest Nicholson
Arthur Noakes
Edgar Sewell
Wayne Sewell
Curtis Warren



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Saints Rest Floral & Cleanup Regulations - Sign Posting

In case you are not aware or have forgotten Cemetery Regulations, a sign will soon be posted near the Cemetery entrance. Please help us maintain the beauty of the Cemetery. The sign will be a reminder of:

- Floral arrangements and wreaths may be placed at the cemetery at any time throughout the year. However, flowers placed at grave sites the end of March thru November are recommended to be placed in vases or urns to prevent damage by grounds maintenance.
- A complete cleanup will be conducted by the Cemetery Ministry in the Spring prior to Mother's Day (on/about May 1st).
- Periodic follow-on cleanup will be conducted by the Cemetery Ministry after Memorial Day thru October.
- For the safety of all visitors, floral arrangements should **NEVER** be placed in glass receptacles.

Old Saints Rest Cemetery Update

The Saints Rest Cemetery Ministry have been working diligently to obtain funding to assist in the total cleanup and restoration of the Old Cemetery. This endeavor will not be a simple nor expeditious one. However, we are determined to make a difference. In coordination with some local organizations, we have begun the first phase of the cleanup. We are hopeful that more extensive cleanup will begin soon.

Since many of the graves are unmarked, your assistance is needed to help identify those buried in the Old Cemetery. If you have family members buried in the Old Cemetery and haven't had the opportunity to fill out our Cemetery Occupancy Survey, please contact Rosetta Holloway, Burial Coordinator or Wanda Eldridge, St. Mark History & Archives.

Current Rates

- \$2,000/grave (St. Mark members)
- \$3,000/grave (Non-St. Mark members)
- \$1,600 - Opening/Closing
- \$1,000 - Vault

Payments

If you have reserved grave sites that have **NOT** been paid-in-full, within two years of your initial contract; please contact Mrs. Theresa Hebron **IMMEDIATELY**. Failure to do so could result in the forfeiture of monies paid and loss of the grave site.

Permanent Markers

- Contact the Cemetery Ministry prior to selection of a permanent marker to ensure your selection is approved for the appropriate section of the Cemetery.
- Markers can be placed on the grave site six months to one year following burial. Contact Cemetery Ministry prior to the six-month timeframe to ensure the grave site has properly settled.
- Contact the Cemetery Ministry prior to scheduling installation to ensure a Ministry rep will be available on-site during installation.



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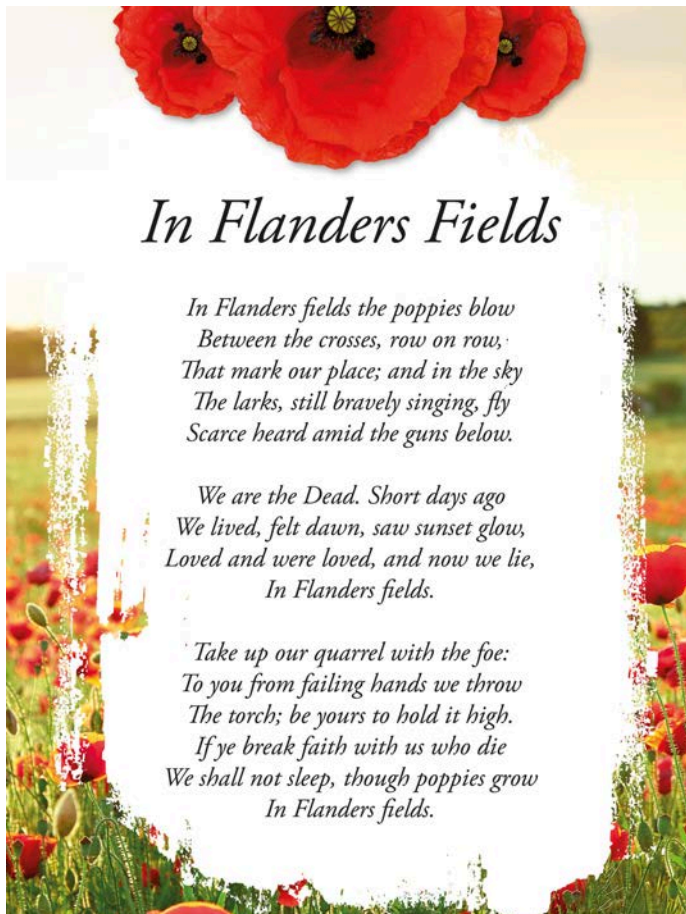
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Marker Installation	Rickey Eldridge (410) 365-6796 Reggie Madden (410) 766-0667
Application Coordinator	Theresa Hebron (410) 519-6857
Burial Coordinator	Rosetta Holloway (443) 623-8408 (410) 551-3857
Lot Location	Rickey Eldridge (410) 365-6796 Reggie Madden (410) 766-0667
Program Coordinators	Dorothea Hebron (410) 766-4995 Cheryl Diggs (410) 760-3295



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Submitted by Carl Rutledge, Veterans Rep