

Planning

Now is the time to plan for the future.

When you plan ahead, time is on your side, and so is peace of mind. Your foresight will be appreciated by those you leave behind.

Talking about death can be difficult. More people are showing their loved ones they care by pre-planning their funeral services, sparing them from having to make difficult decisions during an emotionally traumatic time.

If you wish to participate in the decision of where you are buried, purchasing a cemetery lot is a good way to start. The choice of a memorial site is based on personal wishes and out of consideration for those family and friends who will wish to visit the site.

Prearrangement assures that loved ones know your final wishes and can carry them out as you planned. Consider purchasing a burial lot now, so that you can be at peace and they can too.

How many lots remain for sale at Oaklawn Cemetery?

There are approximately 40 regular half lots available for sale at the original cemetery. Each half lot would occupy up to 4 burials. Each full lot up to 8 burials.



About Us

We have a common goal.

The Board of Directors and the Trustees of Oaklawn Cemetery Association take great pride in providing a unique place for family and friends to remember their loved ones.

Our association consists of citizens who own a lot or have a family member buried at Oaklawn Cemetery. This includes the board members and trustees. We have a common goal ~ which is to maintain and enhance our cemetery to ensure a respectful place for our loved ones.

Our goal is to provide a cemetery that is intended to be a special place where everyone can connect with their ancestors, where they can reflect on the many community founders, meditate or spend time walking through the grounds.

Our cemetery offers us many things:

- A place for the living to grieve, to remember, to contemplate, to heal and to plan for the future.
- A place where we connect with the past, learning from those that have gone before us.
- A place where we pause from our hectic lives to question whether all of that chaos really matters as much as living a life that will later be memorialized not only in stone but in the lives of those that follow.

We hope that you will sense the peace and tranquility we feel our cemetery has to offer when you have the opportunity to visit.

**For more information,
to purchase a cemetery plot,
or to arrange a burial or an inurnment, please contact us.**

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History

History of Oaklawn Cemetery

~ Oaklawn Cemetery was formed in 1892. The initial board members elected in 1893 were:

- William Howlett, President
- Dewitt E Bowen, Treasurer
- Lemuel McLaren, Secretary

~ In 1893, the cemetery board purchased the schoolhouse and .5 acres of land for the cemetery from School District #2 for \$52.00.

~ The first lots were sold for \$5.00 each.

~ The first burial was in 1893.

~ Today, the cemetery occupies approximately 2 acres and 500 burial plots, 325 which are occupied or sold.

Facts and Figures

- **Earliest birthdate:**
Asa C Bowen 1777-1857
- **First person buried:**
Alice Howlett 1805-1852 buried 1893.
- **Oldest person buried:**
William Howlett 1831-1930 99 yrs old.
- **Most Prominent Names:**
Bowen Fleming
Howlett Knapp
Morgan Rasmussen



Asa C. Bowen 1777-1857

Cemetery Fund

How Can I Contribute?

A Cemetery Fund was established in 1892 by town residents who had taken on responsibility of caring for and beautifying the cemetery. The fund is administered by the Oaklawn Cemetery Board of Trustees and will continue to be used solely for this purpose. The fund enables us to enhance and repair existing areas and greenspaces as well as to develop the unused opened areas. Donations are the sole source of funding.

Your donation will help to preserve and to ensure the future enhancement of the cemetery. There are several ways you can contribute:



General Donation—Your donation will be contributed to the *General Fund* or *Perpetual Care Fund* and will assist with care for the cemetery grounds among other expenses incurred annually.

Specific Donation—Donate towards a specific item needed by the cemetery. There are items needed by the cemetery to continue its maintenance and grounds keeping, such as a new lawnmower, a new fence, upkeep on the cemetery tool shed, etc. Contact the Oaklawn Cemetery Board of Trustees to see which item is most necessary at this time.

Special Donation—Donate to a special need for the cemetery. Additional land, signage, or a memorial contribution, made to enhance the cemetery and to remember someone special in your family. There are many possibilities. Contact the Oaklawn Cemetery Board of Trustees to see what you can do to help.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Your donation is tax deductible.

Oaklawn Cemetery has a 501 (C) (13) tax exempt status.

Purchase a Lot

How Do I Purchase a Lot?

Purchasing a burial lot can be done far ahead of time or at the time of an impending funeral.

Usually the funeral home can arrange to purchase a lot, but if you wish to participate in the decision of where and how you are buried ~ purchasing a cemetery lot is a good way to start.

The cost is much less than most people expect, and having this detail taken care of is practical and can be helpful for your family's peace of mind. Prices at Oaklawn Cemetery range from \$500 for a single lot - \$1500 for a half lot.- \$3000 for a full lot. A half lot can have as few as one or as many as 4 persons buried. A full lot can have as many as 8 burials.

For current lot prices and availability, please contact the Oaklawn Cemetery Office at 920-426-1282.

Perpetual Care Fund

To ensure the final resting place of your loved one is taken care of forever, the Oaklawn Cemetery has initiated the Perpetual Care Fund. This fund provides the primary means for the detailed care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Perpetual care is kept in it's own account. Only the interest, and not the principal of the perpetual care account may be expended for perpetual care. A portion of your lot fee is allocated to this fund.



Care for the grounds

Staff from Oaklawn Cemetery maintain all cemetery lots. As they care for these areas, staff may remove live or artificial funeral designs, floral arrangements or any other items that have deteriorated. This helps keep the grounds clean and attractive.

