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Have Old Photos?

Do you have any old photos of the cemetery? We are trying to expand our archives of pictures of Oakdale. We are looking for any photos that are before 1960. They could be photos of families at the grave site or just general pictures of the cemetery.



Contributions

With your continued support in monetary help, Oakdale is able to do so much more in the care of these grounds. As you have read, the rising costs are beginning to affect us to maintain this glorious place. All contributions are tax deductible and a great way to honor a loved one or friend. We gratefully appreciate your support in maintaining the cemetery where our beloved rest



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A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

The construction of the fence project at the entrance of Oakdale was completed in October 2009. Shortly thereafter, a reception was held for all who had contributed toward making this possible and our entrance inviting. A special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. John Canada for inspiring us with this project and also for their generous contribution. We are also grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Job Savage who also generously contributed to this enhancement of Oakdale Cemetery. However, it is with deep regret that Dr. Canada passed away shortly after the completed project.



In total there have been 143 new shrubs planted including azaleas, camellias, daylilies, hydrangeas and roses to extend the color throughout most of the year. Just after Thanksgiving 3,000 daffodils were planted along the shrub beds to give an outstanding show for the coming Spring. In late Spring the final addition of 200 perennials were planted consisting of black-eyed susans, purple coneflower, phlox and veronicas to fill in locations and compliment the new shrubbery.

AN EAGLE AND A BLUEBIRD

Recently some new additions have been added to various locations in the cemetery, bluebird houses. As part of an Eagle Scout Project, Eric Hunnicut and Troop 234 constructed and installed 10 bluebird houses. The design and information had come from one of our lot owners and avid bluebird advocate, Mr. Frank Symmes. Mr. Symmes continues his efforts with these new houses and monitors each new nests and fledglings.



A HISTORIC LANDMARK

A military stone was dedicated to honor the memory and career of Major James Reilly, last October. He was an artillerist and gallant hero of the Battle of Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865. Descendants, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars all participated in this event. A full Confederate military salute was given by Confederate re-enactors from the 20th NC State Troops, Adams Battery, and the Fort Fisher gun crew. His grave can be found in Section H, Lot # 10.



Photos courtesy of Mark Stanley

SERVICES FOR LOT OWNERS

In order to assist our lot owners, the cemetery has begun to offer many services beyond the normal care of lots. The proper cleaning of monuments, seasonal flower plantings, pruning, additional mowing and sod installations are all available. Each service is unique to your lot and priced accordingly. For more information and an estimate, please contact the office at (910) 762-5682.

TREEMENDOUS FRIENDS TO HAVE

Recently the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery have come to the aid of Oakdale in a tremendous way. This past winter the Friends of Oakdale funded a project for the pruning and removal of deadwood for nearly 300 dogwoods throughout the property. The project did not end there, twenty-three new dogwoods (6 ft plus) were purchased and planted by the cemetery staff where dogwoods have been removed over the years. This tremendous work still goes on, this Spring \$10,000 was contributed to aid in the removal and deadwood pruning of some of our grand oaks that have suffered from age and recent drought.

NEW CREMATION RULES

Over the past ten years Oakdale Cemetery has experienced a dramatic rise in cremation. These past few years Oakdale has received 35% of its burials as cremation interments. With this growing number of cremation burials, the Board of Directors recently adopted new rules and regulations regarding cremation interments. We are enclosing a complete copy of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and Fees for your records and you can always visit the Oakdale Cemetery website at www.oakdalecemetery.org.



HONORABLE SERVICE

On Veterans Day last November, cadets from the Laney High School ROTC unit were proud to place flags at random veterans' graves. They spent most of the Fall at football games promoting the idea and raised enough funds to place nearly 200 flags at these graves. Each cadet felt that this was a great way to support and cherish each of these soldiers for their sacrifice to our country and its freedom. If you wish to support this



effort the Laney High School ROTC unit is excited to keep this as a project and may expand to Memorial Day as well. Make your donation check payable to the Oakdale Cemetery and place in the memo Veterans Flag Project (\$2 per flag).

FENCE CONTRIBUTOR LIST

We sincerely want to thank all the donors for making this possible. Many wonderful compliments have been expressed since the completion of the project.

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