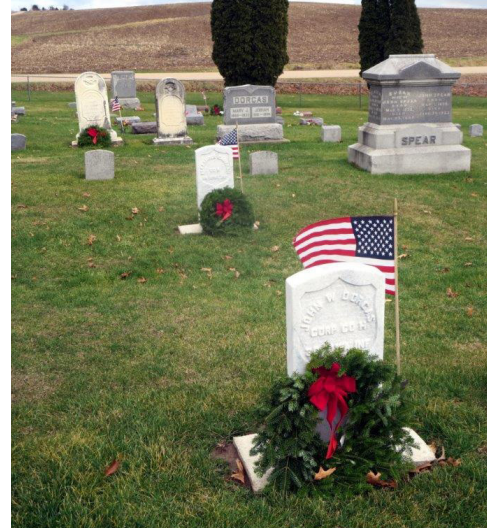


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*In photos taken at the 2017 “Wreaths” event, the rifle salute team stands at attention, and wreaths adorn three graves.*

## ***4th annual “Wreaths Across America” to be Saturday, Dec. 15***

Red Oak Grove’s fourth annual “Wreaths Across America” is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. In the church, Pastor Ron Lashmit will give the invocation, Tipton VFW Post 2537 and American Legion Post 123 will present colors, and Boy Scout Troop 76 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Seven Ceremonial Wreaths, representing all the U. S. military service branches and POW’s, will be presented.

In the cemetery, family members and friends will place balsam wreaths with red bows on the markers of 73 veterans, followed by a rifle salute, taps, and a flyover dedicated by “Aviation Heritage Foundation” piloted by Jim Rohlf. Coffee and cookies will be served in the church basement.

“Wreaths Across America” was started in 2007 as an extension of a project begun in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery. More than 1,500 locations in all 50 states, and 24 veteran cemeteries abroad, are now taking part. The 2018 theme is “Be Their Witness.”

Three Civil War soldiers interred in national cemeteries outside Iowa, and a World War II sailor buried at sea in the Pacific, are commemorated by markers at Red Oak Grove.

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**INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Photos of the new Valley Drive in Red Oak Grove Cemetery.**

## ***In Memoriam: Interments, inurnments in Red Oak Grove Cemetery***

**Verna Olive Hale Kimberling**, 103 (almost 104), died Aug. 12, 2018. She was the last surviving member of Red Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, which closed in December 2007. Funeral: Aug. 18, First United Church of Christ, Tipton. Mrs. Kimberling lost her husband Vernon in 1982. Survivors are three children: Virginia Osborn, Midland, Ohio; Joyce Kuhnle, Marengo; and Victor Kimberling, Mechanicsville; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.


**Ronald Lee Chambliss**, 72, of Tipton died Nov. 15, 2017. Funeral: Nov. 20, 2017, Tipton. Inurnment: May 12, 2018. Survivors: His wife of 46 years, Diane Mueller Chambliss; children Angela Chambliss (Rob Penningroth) and Timothy Chambliss; sisters Shirley Grunder and Patricia Parker; brother Robert Chambliss; and two grandchildren.

**Mark David Reiling**, 54, of Cedar Rapids died Dec. 28, 2017. Funeral: Jan. 7, 2018, Tipton. Inurnment: June 9, 2018. Survivors: his daughter Kalynn; mother, Joanne Reiling, Clarence; and sisters Rhonda Paul and Susan Johnson.

**Michael James Smith**, 66, of Tipton died Nov. 22, 2018. Funeral: Nov. 27, Tipton. Survivors: his wife of 28 years, Connie Keller Smith; six children: Chad, Todd, Ben, Joel, Curtis, and Kelly; 10 grandchildren; three sisters: Suzanne Nelson, Connie Wolfe, and Laurie Simpson; and a brother, Mark Smith.



## ***June wedding at Red Oak Grove Church***

Darrel Shreve and Lori Ostrich were married June 9, 2018, at Red Oak Grove Church. The bride formerly served on the Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board. Congratulations, Lori and Darrel! 

## **Other 2018 events at Red Oak Grove Church**

**May 20:** 12th annual celebration-reunion, 127th Cemetery Association annual meeting

**Aug. 18:** Funeral luncheon, Mrs. Verna Kimberling

**Aug. 25:** Red Oak Grove history program for Tipton High School Class of 1968, by Bob Rickard

**Oct. 7:** Pie-ice cream social

**Dec. 15:** Fourth annual “Wreaths Across America”

**RED OAK GROVE CHURCH** may be rented for weddings, club meetings, reunions, memorial services, etc. Contact Bob Rickard, (563) 886-6018, or [bbrick@iowatelecom.net](mailto:bbrick@iowatelecom.net).



### **The new Valley Drive**

Valley Drive was completed in late October. Beginning at the Cousins arch (*left photo*), it winds gracefully for about 600 feet to join the South Cemetery drive. Soper Construction of Tipton did the paving. The drive and associated expenses totaled \$28,500.

### ***Delicious temptation!***

The Red Oak Grove pie-ice cream social was held Oct. 7 in the church basement to help fund “Wreaths Across America” (*see Page 1*). Daisy Wingert was the organizer. The day was a great success.



**In-kind donations: time, expertise, loans/gifts of equipment and supplies**  
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**MANY THANKS TO ALL** who assisted Red Oak Grove in many ways over the past 12 months. If your name was accidentally omitted from the above list or the monetary donors list, we apologize. Please inform the Cemetery Association president, Bob Rickard, at (563) 886-6018 or [bbrick@iowatelecom.net](mailto:bbrick@iowatelecom.net).



**LEAVING A LEGACY:** Red Oak Grove Church and Cemetery are unique and special. Have you thought about helping them even after you are gone? Your attorney can advise you on the proper procedure for making a bequest in your will to ensure that your specific wishes are carried out.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN** Church of Red Oak Grove was founded in March 1841 by ten immigrants from Scotland. The present church building was dedicated in the spring of 1921, over 97 years ago. The church and cemetery are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*The Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association, Inc., is a 501(c)(13) organization. All donations are tax-deductible.*

For information about church rental, purchase of plots, or other church or cemetery matters, contact Bob Rickard, Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association president: (563) 886-6018 or [bbrick@iowatelecom.net](mailto:bbrick@iowatelecom.net) or P.O. Box 452, Tipton, IA 52772

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