

Red Oak Grove Reporter

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Red Oak Grove Church and Cemetery

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Fresh view of cemetery

The Valley Drive reforest project was introduced by the Cemetery Board in 2019. This peaceful view was taken in spring 2021. The 32 flowering crabapples and shade trees were planted by Hughes Nursery and Landscaping, and 24 of them honor or commemorate people. Eleven crabapples and two shade trees remain to be dedicated. (More information on Page 2)

‘Wreaths Across America’ Dec. 18 at Red Oak Grove

Red Oak Grove Church and Cemetery will hold its seventh annual “Wreaths Across America” ceremony Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. Evergreen remembrance wreaths will be placed on the headstones of 78 veterans who served from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam War.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The church and cemetery are on King Ave, 6 miles northwest of Tipton. Drive north on Highway 38 and turn left (west) on 175th Ave. at the Red Oak Grove Church sign.

Tipton VFW Post 2537 and American Legion Post 123 will present the colors. Boy Scout Troop 76 of Tipton will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the wreath-laying ceremony, coffee and cookies will be served in the church basement. Daisy Wingert is the organizer of “Wreaths Across America.”

Would you like to donate a tree on Valley Drive?

The 32 new flowering crabapple and shade trees along Valley Drive are a lovely addition to Red Oak Grove Cemetery (See photo, Page 1). To date, 24 of the trees have been donated to honor or commemorate a person or a couple. Eleven crabapples and two shade trees remain to be “named” for someone special to the donor.

A gift of \$320 lets you name a crabapple tree; \$410 will enable naming of a shade tree. All trees will have markers. If interested, please contact Bob Rickard at (563) 886-6018, or email bbrick@iowatelecom.net. Following is a list of the donated trees, planted between 2017 and 2020. *Unless otherwise noted, gifts are made in memory of the named person/people.*

Ronald L. Chambliss: Pink Sparkles crabapple, west of King Ave., second tree north of drive.

Carolyn Crowley: Purple Prince crabapple west of King Ave., 12th tree south of drive.

Harold & Dorthy Harmsen: Autumn Blaze maple, second tree from King Ave. on proposed Valley Drive addition.

Erwin Hartig & Winona Wooder Hartig: Red oak, third tree from King Ave. on proposed Valley Drive addition.

Dwight W. & Hazel Safley Hughes: Princeton Elm, third tree east along Red Oak Road.

Mearl “Barney” & Virginia Laing: Purple Prince crabapple, west of King Ave., 10th tree north of drive.

Cecil Mathias: Two red oaks west of King Ave., first ones north and south of drive.

Norma Mathias Woode: Red oak, west of King Ave., ninth tree north of drive.

Randy Mathias: Purple Prince crabapple west of King Ave., 10th tree south of drive.

Betty Martin Rickard: Pink Sparkles crabapple west of King Ave., 11th tree south of drive.

Robert Rickard, in honor of: Autumn Blaze maple, west of drive on curve, first tree south on proposed Valley Drive addition.

Arthur & Grace T. Rigby; Alice Rigby: State Street maple, first tree from King Ave., on proposed Valley Drive addition.

Rick Rochau: Purple Prince crabapple, west of King Ave., eighth tree north of drive.

Max and Mary Schroeder: Red oak, west of King Ave., ninth tree south of drive.

Flora Fern Carl Straub: Pink Sparkles crabapple, west of King Ave., eighth tree north of drive.

George Carl & Evelyn Gaul Straub: Pink Sparkles crabapple, west of King Ave., 11th tree north of drive.

Don Weih & Virginia Bolton Weih: Autumn Blaze maple, second tree along Red Oak Rd.

Clifford & Marilyn Milner White: Autumn Blaze maple, fourth tree from King Ave. on proposed Valley Drive addition.

In Memoriam: Red Oak Grove Cemetery

Kent Penningroth, 62, of Nipomo, Calif., formerly of Tipton, died Oct. 29, 2021, from complications of ALS. Services were held Nov. 3 in Arroyo Grande, Calif., and Nov. 6 at Red Oak Grove Church, with interment in Red Oak Grove Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Camille; sons Benjamin and Eric; his mother, Rosemary White Penningroth; sister Ann Goodman; brothers Mark, Tom and Mike; and two granddaughters, Hudson and Cleo.

Roland Eugene Zimmerman, 81, of rural Tipton died Oct. 30, 2021, at his home. Memorial service: Nov. 14, Red Oak Grove Church. He was predeceased by his wife, Donna Sander Zimmerman. Survivors include four children: Janel Wenndt, Rodney, Tanya Sterner and Carey King; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five sisters: Wanona West, Marianne Valliere; Linda Zimmerman; Bonnie Breiholz and Carolyn Cumberlin. From about 1989 until his passing, Mr. Zimmerman lived in the former Red Oak Grove manse, just north of the church.

Monetary donors: Dec. 1, 2020, through Nov. 30, 2021

Jim & Julie Agne, Solon
Don & Connie Albaugh, Cedar Rapids
In memory of Donald D. Albaugh
Karen Anderson, Tipton
In memory of James Fulwider
Ric & Barb Aquilani, Clinton
In memory of Franklin Gault
Ed & Barb Archer, Stanwood
John & Dianne Austad, Marion
In memory of Isaac Carl
Bill & Pat Barglof, Bennett
John & Mary Barnum, Tipton
Merlyn & June Beckler, Tipton
Tom & Ruth Beckmann, Tipton
In memory of Vernon Beckmann
Charlene Bixler, Lowden
In memory of Charles Findlay
Duane & Judy Bolton, Tipton
Gwenda Booth, Peachtree Corners, GA
Laurie Brandenburg, Tipton
Darlene Brant, Atkins
In memory of Paul Buchmayer
Randy Breese, West Des Moines
JoAnne Brennan, Tipton
In memory of Jim Brennan
Dick & Linda Brennan, Tipton
In memory of Mearl Laing
Wayne & Jo Brown, Stanwood
In memory of Roland Zimmerman
Larry & Janet Carl, Des Moines
In memory of Robert Fallon and Dorothy Carl
Dennis & Marilyn Carney, Tipton
In memory of Ronald & Dorothy Anderson
In memory of Karen Anderson Achey
Lodge No. 11 Cedar, Tipton
Dean Challis, Wilton
In memory of Mary & Donald Challis
Diane Chambliss, Tipton
In memory of Ronald Chambliss
Sally Christophersen, Davenport
In memory of Lavern Doermann
Jim & Mary Clark, Tipton
Tom Crowley, Mechanicsville
In memory of Jack T. Crowley
Carolyn Dusheck, Anamosa

Dennis & Linda Dykstra, Tipton
In memory of all Veterans
Linda Eliason, Tipton
In memory of Don & Mary Challis
Lynn Emrich, Marion
In memory of William Penningroth
Raymond Eserhaut, Tipton
In memory of Bob Whitlatch and Lois Whitlatch
Glenn & Ellen Fear, Tipton
Hugh & Mary Ferguson, Friendswood, TX
In memory of Ferguson and Safley Ancestors
Gail Fleming, Tipton
In memory of Gary Fleming
Hobert & Terry Flory, Stanwood
In memory of Elmer Flory
Jim & Patti Fonteyne, Tipton
David Fulwider, Tipton
In memory of Jim Fulwider
Donna Gault, Tipton
In memory of Franklin L Gault
Shirley Gadelmann, Clarence
GEICO, Washington DC
Mike & Denise Goetz, Tipton
Ken Gould, Tipton
In memory of Sylvia Gould
Sherry Hall, Tipton
Wesley & Roberta Hamdorf, Hiawatha
Robert & Tina Hanks, Mechanicsville
In memory of Robert and Evelyn Clark
Larry Hanon, Tipton
Steve & Beverly Harmsen, Papillion, NE
In memory of Harold, Dorothy, & Maryann Harmsen
Dennis Harmsen, Iowa City
In memory of Harold, Dorothy, and Maryann Harmsen
Richard & Karen Hass, Cedar Rapids
John & Kay Hegarty, Swisher
In memory of Donald and Frances Hegarty
Joann Hegarty, Stanwood
William & Marcy Heick, Williamsburg
Gary & Linda Hein, Waseca, MN
In memory of Alberta Gritton Dugger
In memory of Archibald & Ethel Gritton Safley

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Mike & Brenda Herring, Mechanicsville
Ken & Carolyn Herring, Tipton
Rosalyn Hill, Tipton
In memory of Harry and Amy Spear & Gary Eichhorn

Robert & Glenda Holets. Tipton
Velma Huebner, Clarence
John & Hillary Hughes, Cedar Rapids
In memory of Dwight and Hazel Hughes

Mark & Susan Johnson, Tipton
In memory of Virtus Reiling

Peter & Dennifer Kann, Greensboro
In memory of Gene R. Phelps

Debbie Kattenhorn, Norwalk
In memory of Paul Buchmayer

Jeff Kaufmann, Wilton
Dean & Leslie Keller, Cedar Rapids
In memory of Max & Judy Keller

Bruce & Ann Kern, Mechanicsville
In memory of Clarence and Vesta Kern

Ed & Gail Kettenbrink, Tipton
Kevin & Debbie Kinney, Oxford
In memory of Paul Buchmayer

Cathy Knepper, Kensington, MD
In memory of Robert Dee

Gene & Connie Knutsen, Mechanicsville
In memory of Walter Chappell, Ed and Emma Meyers, Roland Meyers, Ed Ross

Jim & Jane Koch, Stanwood
Jeff & Holly Kooistra, Grimes
In memory of Clifford White

Calvin & Kris Kuehl, Tipton
In memory of Carol Schroeder

Robert & Joyce Kuhnle, Williamsburg
H. Mike & Harlo Laing, Riverside
In memory of Veterans without Descendants

Mark Laing, Stanwood
In memory of James and Lilly Laing
In memory of William and Mary Laing

Dan & Kathy Laing, Tipton
In memory of John Henry Laing

Ronald Laing, Tipton
In memory of John Henry Laing

H. Mike & Marlo Laing, Riverside
Jeff & Tari Laing, Tipton
Larry Laing, Tipton
In memory of John Laing

Rodney & Sharon Laucamp, Tipton
Phyllis Lenschow, West Branch
In memory of Elmer Flory

Denny & Karen Licht, Carmel, IN
Jeff & Cheryl Little, Tipton
Ron & Carol Mathias,, Davenport
In memory of Cecil & Randy Mathias

Nancy Mathias, Tipton
In memory of Randy Mathias

Larry Mathias, Saint Charles, IL
In memory of Cecil, Norma, and Randy Mathias

Marv & Kay Miller, Tipton
Ronald Moreland, Lisbon
In memory of Sandra Moreland

Mary Lou Morrison, Emmetsburg
Marty Moylan, Tipton
In memory of Don & Mary Challis

Mark Penningroth, Iowa City
Mary Jean Penningroth, Marion
In memory of William Penningroth

Brenda Pruess, Tipton
Shelly Quinn, Tipton
Craig & Kim Regennitter, Tipton
In memory of Rick Rochau

Joanne Reiling, Clarence
In memory of Virtus Reiling

Challis Restoration, Clarence
Jim & Sharon Rice, Andalusia
Bob & Barb Rickard, Tipton
In memory of Betty Rickard

Sharon Rife, Simi Valley, CA
In memory of Marlin Rife

Caryn Ringoen, Albert Lea, MN
In memory of Harold Yule and Yule Family

Delores Rohlf, Tipton
Kirk & Babetta Ruchotzke, Overland Park, KS
Larry & Susan Rummells, West Branch
Alan Safley, Springville
Ron & Lois Salmonson, Tipton
Gerri Scherer, Guttenberg
In memory of Clarence & Vesta Kern

Roger & Gloria Schmidt, Clarence
Ken & Sherry Schmidt, Clarence
Pamela Schmidt, Norway
In memory of Clarence Koontz and Rob Cousins

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Scott & Diane Schroeder, Mechanicsville
 Don Schroeder, Olin
In memory of Carol Schroeder
 June Seligman, Tipton
In memory of James and Nora Fulwider
 Darrel & Lori Shreve LeClaire
 Velma Simmermaker, Ames
In memory of Alberta Dugger
 Connie Smith, Tipton
In memory of Mike Smith
 Keith & Virginia Smith, Farmington, MO
 Mack & Mary Staton, Santa Barbara, CA
In memory of William A. and Grace T. Rigby
In memory of Alice Rigby
 Richard & Jean Sternberg, Roland
In memory of the Saffleys
 Kenneth & Nancy Stewart, Tipton
In memory of Rick Rochau, Laverne & Marilyn Doerman
In memory of James & Nora Fulwider
 LeRoy & Chery Stolte, Stanwood
 Marjorie Stonerook, Tipton
In memory of Ben Penningroth
 Marjorie Stonerook, Tipton
In honor of Rosemary Penningroth
 Eric Storjohann, New Liberty
In honor of Robert Rickard and Daisy Wingert
 Mark & Karen Stueland, Tipton
In memory of Paul Stueland & Cletus Steffen
 Ron & Bonnie Stutzel, Tipton
In memory of Mearl Laing

Jerry & Sherry Swinton, DesMoines
 William & Marcy Tate, Lisbon
In memory of Dean & Patricia Tate
 Marsha Tate, Muscatine
In memory of Deane & Patricia Tate
 Frank & Lorraine Tauber, Iowa City
 Karen Taylor, Springville
 Dawn Tofson, Northwood
 Bev Tripp, Tipton
In memory of J. David Tripp
 Jack & Janis Troop, Green Valley, AZ
 Rich & Kiaya Urban, Tipton
 Jennifer Vanoort, Clarence
In memory of Mary Magdalena Dorcas
 Dorothy Villhauer, Iowa City
In memory of Paul Buchmayer
 Doug & Wendy Vincent, Tiffin
In memory of Paul Buchmayer
 Joe & Tracy Vincent, Danville, IL
In memory of Paul Buchmayer
 Doug & Wendy Vincent, Windermere, FL
In memory of Paul & Clarice Buchmayer
 Lisa Williams, St Louis, MO
 Ron & Daisy Wingert, Tipton
 Robert & Marilyn Woode, Davenport
In memory of Forest Woode
 Roger Woode, Lake Mary, FL
In memory of Marvin Woode
 Juliet Wurr, Washington DC
In memory of Gene Phelps
In honor of Delores Phelps

Two Tipton residents join Cemetery Board

At the Nov. 4, 2021, meeting, John Barnum of Tipton and Marilyn Anderson Carney of rural Tipton became members of the Red Oak Grove Cemetery Board.

Each will serve a five-year term.

Mr. Barnum moved to Tipton in 1977, after living on a dairy farm near Boscobel, Wis. (where he attended a small country church like Red Oak Grove) and graduating from LeGrand (Iowa) High School. He is a custodian at the Cedar County Courthouse, and enjoys history, gardening and cooking. His wife,

Mary Wethington Barnum, is a musician with roots in Cedar County.

Mrs. Carney is the daughter of a long-time cemetery Board member, Ronald Anderson (1916-2009), a farmer in Red Oak Township. She works part-time at the Cedar County Assessor's office, and also does Cedar County Fair activities at Floral Hall. Hobbies include gardening. Her husband is Denny. One of their two sons, Bryan Carney, is the current mayor of Tipton.

In-kind volunteers, 2020-2021

The following individuals gave Red Oak Grove their work time and effort, knowledge and expertise, or loans or gifts of supplies/equipment. A hearty thank-you to all!

John and Mary Barnum
Lee Biene
Mike Boyle
Marilyn and Denny Carney
Josh Crist
Reece and Race Hall
Sherry Hall
Mary Jo Heil
Mike and Brenda Herring
Myron and Jan Holden

Dwight Hughes
Jeff Kaufmann
Kyle Kuehl
Kelly Lamb
Ron Lashmit
Lee Myers
Steve Nash
Mark and Matt Penningroth
Chris Pruess
Shelly Quinn

Bob and Barb Rickard
Scott, Diane, and Noah Schroeder
Nancy Stewart
Eric Storjohann
Karen Taylor
Mark Thumma
Dick Urban
Rich and KiayaUrban
Ron and Daisy Wingert
Roland Zimmerman

THE RED OAK GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, Inc., comprises a historic church and perpetual care cemetery dedicated to its upkeep and preservation. The vision of Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association is to further enhance the park-like setting of the church and cemetery, forming a unified site with Rock Creek and Red Oak Park (founded 1894).

The Presbyterian Church of Red Oak Grove was founded March 1, 1841, by ten immigrants from Scotland: John Chappell, Elizabeth Sturrock Dallas, Robert and Elizabeth Pirie, Robert Dallas, Miss Sarah Dallas (later Mrs. Elza Carl), John and Isabella Sturrock Ferguson, John Safley, and Samuel Yule. In 2007, the Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association assumed care of the church building.

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

For information about church rental, purchase of plots, or other matters pertaining to the church or cemetery, contact Bob Rickard, Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association president:

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