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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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Last summer many of you commented about the bright yellow sunflowers that dressed the boulevard fence line of Evergreen. The seeds from last summer's sunflowers were gathered and stored over the winter and have now been planted. It would probably surprise you to know that these sunflower seedlings begin as tiny little plants - no higher than one inch high, and then they grow towards the sun and reach approximately four to six feet dependent on species and weather conditions. We will closely watch their progress over the summer months.

Bird watchers have been very active in the cemetery this spring and summer as they watch the various birds on their migratory path from

south to north. We have had many new births within the cemetery: swans, ducks, etc. It is both beautiful and peaceful to watch as these newborn birds spread their wings and grow into adulthood. There are many species of birds joining us at Evergreen this year as well as the egrets and herons who make Evergreen their home. Our fountain is running smoothly - creating a peaceful spray to cool the wildlife and oxygenate the pond.

The grass has greened up nicely, all newly seeded areas are doing well. New single grave sections have opened to expand the options and locations available for family choices to come.

Our seasonal crew has returned. You can always locate them by their bright colored Evergreen shirts. They are a valued asset to the cemetery during this very busy growing season - cutting the grass, trimming the edges, maintaining the cemetery to our stellar maintenance standards.

Our Columbarium and The Most Beautiful Cremation Garden is looking fabulous with great new colorful



The gracefulness of a swan as it traverses the pond of Evergreen. So many of our bird species live in harmony.

flowers and flower beds. As the area is maturing, we are moving some plants to alternate locations within the cemetery and putting in a plethora of new flowers in all of the colors of the rainbow.

The cemetery pays homage to its origins as a park-like area in New Haven with walkers, firefighters, police personnel, and families utilizing the cemetery for exercise, training, and visitation. We are fortunate to have so many people enjoy its peacefulness and beauty.

Our notable in this issue is Alan C. Bennett, a friend and member of the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors. We look forward to briefly sharing Al's life with you we remember and think back on the many moments that we have shared. The photo is from the dedication of the Columbarium.



Seasonal Flower Program

If you have moved out of the area, or cannot make it to Evergreen, but would like your loved one remembered with flowers, then please call the office 203-624-5505 or email me: djfiore@evergreencem.org



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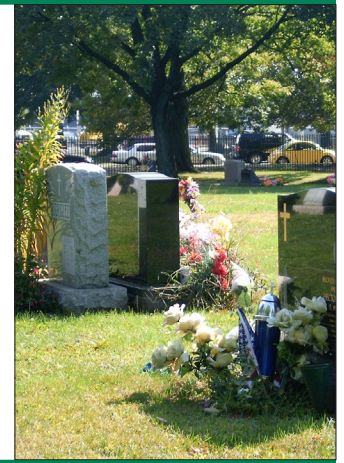
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Evergreen Crematory in spring

Thinking of Loved Ones - Placing a Monument or Marker - Buying a Niche - Telling Stories & Bringing a Smile in Remembrance

Many times, in the past, a relative didn't have the money to purchase a monument or marker. Things might have been tough in the family. So many children and grandchildren remember their parents or grandparents fondly and now - perhaps many years later - they come back to Evergreen to buy a monument or marker to cherish the life of one who has passed before them. Things are better now for so many families that grew up in New Haven. We watch as generation after generation pass through the gates of Evergreen. We meet families and share stories during the bad times and the good - the sadness after a recent death - the remembrances of a treat on a sunny day or a gift from a special relative that changed a life. We look forward to seeing you during visitation at Evergreen. We look forward to hearing your story and watching the smiles of remembrance.



Alan C. Bennett - Contemporary Man - Member of the Board - 1924 - 2016



Alan C. Bennett passed away peacefully on 30 June 2016. He was a much respected member of the Evergreen Board and served as VP/Treasurer.

Al was born to Melville and Helen Munro Bennett in 1924. He was a graduate of Hillhouse High School and Northeastern University. He was a longtime resident of North Haven.

Bennett was a proud veteran, who served with honor in WWII's Pacific Theater. He received two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, and numerous Campaign

Medals and yet Al was a humble man - not one to boast about his heroism.

Bennett spent his entire professional career at C. Cowles and Company in New Haven, retiring in 1989 as President, a position that he held for nineteen years.

He served on several boards: Evergreen Cemetery, the Hospital of Saint Raphael, and New Haven Savings Bank. He was a firm believer in giving back to his community as a fifty-nine year member and past president of the New Haven Lions Club. He was

honored in 2012 with a "Life Membership."

Al Bennett was a friend - one who could be turned to in times of doubt for advise and counsel. I was fortunate to sit by the fire with Al Bennett to discuss happenings at the cemetery and plans for Evergreen's future. He would think and then give his learned opinion for discussion. We, who have worked beside Al, miss him now and will miss him for many years to come.

Alan C. Bennett is resting here at Evergreen.