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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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Late spring into early summer is a time that we all look forward to. Children, because they anticipate the end of school for the year, parents because they can be outside more, families of people who are resting at Evergreen because they can visit and walk within our beautiful park-like grounds.

May leading into June is when our trees are flowering in various shades of pink and white. The air is still fresh and the heat has not yet become intense. Overall, it is a time to think about those who have lived before us and those who will carry on family traditions when it is time for us to rest.

This is an opportune time of year to purchase a marker or monument and have it placed at the head of the grave of a loved one. You

can think about what the person enjoyed in life - fishing, reading, or praying and choose artwork that signifies their interest. Not only will that person's name be honorably inscribed on the stone, but we will all be able to share a glimpse into what was important in that person's life.

It's a good time to visit our Evergreen Web Shop to explore the options from an inscribed bench or Niche in the Columbarium, to a burial lot, or flowers for the many special occasions. Life is precious. There are so many things that we miss when a person is no longer with us.

The Midnight Mary T-shirts have not yet arrived. The story of Midnight Mary is one that is passed on from generation to generation by people who live in the neighborhood and New Haven environs.

There are eagles back in the nest at Evergreen. For a while, they left the nest and flew off to spread their wings in other areas, but this past spring another family of eagles has claimed the nest as its own. So, once again we have Bald Eagles and perhaps soon their young.



So green and beautiful. The air is fresh. The breeze is brisk.

The wildlife at Evergreen is ever changing. We have the opportunity to see new goslings and ducklings waddling between their parents while they learn to walk.

No two days at Evergreen are ever the same. Some days we have Firefighters jogging over to visit the Fireman's Memorial, other days we have the K-9 force training their dogs. We might have doves released into the air, or taps played to signify the loss of a veteran. We've had horses, carriages, and a multitude of other ways to display love and remember one who has passed before us. Life is precious.

The days are longer and we look forward to having you visit and spend a few minutes in the sunshine. Every day is a new beginning.

Our notable in this issue is Frederick Dowd Meigs, Meigs & Company clothing store, New Haven.

Seasonal Flower Program



Our seasonal flower program has moved online. Please visit our website to make your selections for any time of the year or any special event. Enjoy this new option and a way to shop with your credit card.



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An arbor to welcome visitors.

How Many Ways Can You Say I Love You?

- You could inscribe a person's name on a marker or monument.
- You could place flowers on their grave.
- You could say a prayer or talk quietly to your loved one.
- You could remember the good times and bad.
- You could cry with feelings of loss.
- You could place your loved one in a secure Niche in the Columbarium for safe keeping.
- You could smile and tell stories of the good days.
- There are so many ways to say I Love You.
- I'm sure there are many that we have forgotten.



Frederick Dowd Meigs - A Mighty Event & Grand Field Day

A grand field day and shooting contest was held on April 21, 1903 by F. D. Meigs at his Tower Lot in Madison Connecticut.

There were contests and prizes, two brass bands, and entertainment. Approximately 2000 people attended including school children. It was documented that the crowd consumed 85 pounds of cheese, 4 and a half barrels of crackers, 5 pounds of fig cakes, 58 pounds of coffee, 58 pounds of ham, and 40 pounds of roast pork.

The day-long celebration marked 18 years of success for the Meigs and Company

clothing store in New Haven. Meigs curious tower was well-known to Madison residents.

Mr. Meigs had been fascinated with a stone tower on the Rhine River in Europe. He built a tower of his own on his ancestral farm in 1895. It was 50 feet tall with a massive foundation that reached ten feet above the ground and ten feet below. It was ten feet square and had two rooms that needed to be reached by a stairway at the back which could be pulled up from inside.

According to a newspaper article in 1897, "The roof was

finished and fitted after the manner of a roof garden and affords an excellent observation point. From the roof of the tower no finer view may be had than from any other point along the coast."

Meigs was proud of his tower. In 1897 he offered a prize of a pair of bicycle pants to the photographer who took the best picture.

In 1907, Meigs put a fence around his complete property. In addition, he added a 'heroic size bust of Benjamin Franklin' which attracted all kinds of attention to his roof garden.

There is nothing left of



Meigs tower, which was his pride and joy. But, here at Evergreen, Meigs erected a pyramid that likened his monument to that of the logo for his New Haven clothing store.

F. D. Meigs is resting here at Evergreen.