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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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And so the quiet days of winter are again upon us. The 2022 burial lots have been graded and seeded for the emergence of grass in the upcoming spring. Leaves were cleared by the full time as well as seasonal grounds crew over the final days of fall. The seasonal changes in beauty, as well as temperature, are surely marked on our 85 acres of park-like grounds.

The website has been busy during the Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday season with people ordering placement of fall flowers, pillows, and seasonal flowers to be placed at the burial lot of their loved ones and during the upcoming 2023 year. If you tell us what you want, and when you'd like placement, then we can take care of placing flowers on the gravesite

and email you a photo once placement is complete. You will never again miss an important milestone date for your loved one. Information is available on the website.

For a while in 2022, black granite monuments and markers were not available, but they are back in stock and ready for order. Gray and pink granite are also fully stocked and ready for order. Please see the website for more information.

If you have visited the Columbarium lately, you've seen that there are many Niches both single and double that are reserved for the future.

If you know that you, a friend, or family member is going to choose cremation and would like to be securely housed within a Niche here on cemetery grounds, then make an appointment to come in and choose the Niche of your choice and we'll place a "Reserved" sign to show that it's ready when you are.

It is time for us to begin planning for 2023. It's our 175th year celebration. You'll be seeing our golden emblem on correspondence.

This is the time of year



The Hawaiian Delegation at the Richards Monument.

for clean-up, tidying up, and preparation for the spring budding and flowering to follow. We await that first glimpse of purple crocus or yellow daffodil with great expectation.

We are always interested to hear what you have to say about the beauty of Evergreen and/or to hear the stories of your loved one who is resting here at Evergreen.

Our notable in this issue is Clarissa Lyman Richards. The information was shared by Sandra Markham who invites you to visit the Richards family lot to see their beautiful suite of white marble monuments which were cleaned in anticipation of the two hundredth year anniversary of Clarissa Richards' departure from New Haven for the Sandwich Islands.



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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Quiet days of contemplation.

Holiday Thoughts of Those Who Have Passed

The holidays are difficult as we think of family members and friends who have passed before us. Mostly, we perhaps think about ourselves and the loneliness of life without the ones we love.

But there are also memories of happy days that we have spent together. Times that we have basked in the sunshine, cooked and shared a meal together, or laughed until our sides hurt.

Life is precious and each day together should be spent as if it is our last. Let's tell people how much we love them while they are still alive as well as inscribe our love for them on their marker or monument when they have passed.



Clarissa Lyman Richards - Second Company of Missionaries/Sandwich Islands now Hawaii

Among the thousands of gravesites in Evergreen Cemetery is one that has a special connection to an event that took place in New Haven two hundred years ago which was recently commemorated by a group of visitors from the Hawaiian Islands. The delegation came to Evergreen in October 2022 to see the grave of Clarissa Lyman Richards, which is sited on a rise overlooking the pond below.

Clarissa had been one of the fourteen members of the Second Company of missionaries sent to the Sandwich Islands in November 1822 by the American Board of Commis-

sioners for Foreign Missions.

Clarissa Lyman was born to a prominent Massachusetts family on 10 January 1795. On 30 October 1822, she married William Richards, a recently ordained Presbyterian minister and the couple sailed from New Haven twenty-one days later. When they reached the Sandwich Islands in late April 1823 (after 158 days at sea), the Richards settled at the port of Lahaina on Maui where they remained until 1838.

Rev. Richards preached and taught. He worked with native Hawaiians for many years to translate the Bible into the

Hawaiian language, and eventually became a translator and teacher to the ruling families of the kingdom. He was instrumental in creating the documents that transformed the chiefdom into a constitutional monarchy.

After the death of her husband in November 1847, Clarissa Richards was awarded a lifetime annuity by the Hawaiian government. She returned to the U.S. in late 1849 and was settled in New Haven by 1853 with three of her eight children, a son James (1827-1858) a physician, and daughters Elizabeth (1832-1855), and



Helen (1834-1860).

Clarissa died on 3 October 1861. She outlived the three children who had traveled to Connecticut with her.

The Richards family is resting here at Evergreen. Their monument is a white obelisk topped with an urn.