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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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The brisk winds of winter will soon be upon us. The leaves have been cleared from the landscape and we are ready for the placement of pillows and wreaths to celebrate the holiday season. This is a great time to remember a loved one who is resting at Evergreen.

Over these past few months we have been allowed to walk through history in the brightly colored hues of autumn: yellows, reds, and oranges, but now our trees are barren of leaves as they prepare for their yearly rest.

Perhaps we too should think about winding down our activities in preparation for the winter months ahead. We can snuggle by the fire, sip hot chocolate, or read a good book to restore our energy in anticipation of

spring 2025.

However, the holiday season is upon us and for most there is little time to rest as we must shop for gifts, wrap presents, and bake the sweet treats of the season. There is nothing like the scent of cinnamon and sugar wafting through the air to get our taste buds ready for the holiday pleasures ahead.

For those who are resting at Evergreen though, there is a calm that settles over the cemetery at this time of the year. A peacefulness that comes with the winter season.

Families still visit to place wreaths and pillows on the graves of their loved one. Stories are told of previous years celebrations at gravesites of those who previously shared the holiday season with us. And, as long as stories continue to be told, then our loved one will live on in our memories and continue to live in our heart.

If you need to purchase a monument or marker, it is not too late. We set monuments and markers throughout the winter season. We have just received a new shipment of gravestones, so you will have your choice of



The Columbarium and Most Beautiful Cremation Garden.

gray, pink or black granite. Please see our website for the myriad of selections to choose from.

There are also Niche options to purchase in the Columbarium although you have probably noticed that there are many Niches that are already reserved for the future. It is always good to make your purchase pre-need to assure that you will be placed in the Niche that is most special to you.

Pre-need is also available for your choice of a burial lot within the beautiful 85 park-like acres of Evergreen. You can stroll the grounds and think about where you would like to rest. Perhaps by a tree or looking towards Yale or the neighborhood where you live.

Our notable in this issue is Charles Hooker, Physician and Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the Yale School of Medicine, who is now resting at Evergreen.

Seasonal Flower Program



Our seasonal flower program is now online. Please visit our website to make your selections for the holiday season or any occasion. Enjoy this option to shop with your credit card.



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Sarah Winchester's silent bench
in winter.

Celebrating the Holidays...

As we head into this holiday season of Thanksgiving and various religious holidays, we wish you and your family the best of the season. We know that for some of you the holidays are lonely as you process the loss of someone who has been an essential part of your life for many years. We hope that you will seek out the support of friends and family members to help you on your journey into a new phase of life. For those of you who are fortunate to still have your family members with you during this holiday season, we hope that you will embrace them and let them know that they are loved.



Charles Hooker - 1799 - 1863 - Physician and Professor

Charles Hooker was born in March 1799. He was the youngest of eight children born to William and Hannah Hooker of Berlin, Connecticut. William was a farmer, and like most farmers of his day lived a plain and unpretentious life. His wife Hannah shared in her husband's excellence of character and was known as a faithful and devoted wife and mother, a kind neighbor and a friend. Charles was a descendent of the first minister of Hartford, Connecticut, Thomas Hooker.

Charles Hooker was home trained until about the age of 14, when in order to gain a

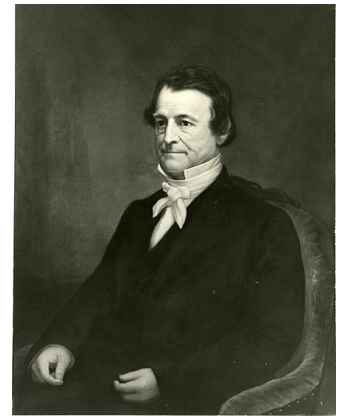
better education, he went to study with Reverend Flint of Hartford with whose family he resided.

In 1816, Charles Hooker entered the Freshman class at Yale where he was a diligent and successful student. He graduated from Yale College in 1820 and continued his education in medical studies at Yale, graduating in 1823, when he married Eliza Beers. Soon after graduating, Hooker began to practice his profession in the city of New Haven. His practice included surgery, obstetrics, and practical medicine, for which he was well qualified. A familiarity

with anatomy, a steady hand, and a cool courageous mind, made him a good surgeon. He continued as a physician over a period of 40 years.

In 1838, Hooker was elected a Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in Yale College. The appointment proved a most judicious one since he was devoted to all interests of the medical department as well as those of his students and graduates. He continued to profess until his death. He also served as the Dean of the medical faculty during his long tenure at Yale.

Hooker played an active role in public affairs that were



related to his profession and was especially interested in the management of the Connecticut State Hospital, of which he was a Director and one of the attending physicians.

Charles Hooker is resting at Evergreen among many of his family members.