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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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Although the sun has been shining, the cold winds have still been whistling through the trees as we begin our spring clean-up of the grounds. We are looking forward to swaths of daffodils and tulip blooms surrounding the office as we progress into the Easter holiday followed by sunshine and warmth.

For those who are teachers or students, it will soon be spring break. A time to bask in the sunshine and recharge our energy. For us, at Evergreen, it is a time to clear the grounds of pillows and the boxes of winter to make room for the placement of spring flowers on burial sites and placement in the Columbarium.

May and June are some of the most beautiful months at Evergreen with the plants

blooming, the trees in full flower, and the grass green-ing up for the summer. The new growth on the trees is the most vibrant of greens to mute into a deeper shade as the summer progresses.

In May, we will welcome Walter Magnuson, Executive Director of the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose California, and members of his Board of Directors to Evergreen to tour the burial lot of Sarah Winchester, her husband, William, and baby Annie. On this visit, the delegation will also tour the lot of Sarah's sister Isabelle "Belle" Merriman, which is located in a different area of Evergreen.

As always when we receive esteemed visitors to Evergreen we will celebrate their time with us and the beauty that we all experience at Evergreen every time we visit our loved ones or come to work in the morning.

Many of you have used our website to buy flowers for placement at times when you were not able to visit. With Mother's Day and Father's Day quickly approaching, this option



Flowering Trees. The Beauty of Evergreen in the Springtime.

might offer you the ease and convenience you need.

Additionally, family members have used the website to purchase monuments and markers in the same way, by going to the website, viewing the various selections of stones, and deciding what to write about the person who has passed before us.

Of course, it is always difficult to define exactly what makes a person special and unique. We give it much thought, whether that person be a beloved grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, son, daughter, or friend. Evergreen is a place for quiet contemplation and stories.

Our notable in this issue is Allen Ross Diefendorf, who studied with Jung and Freud and was instrumental in bringing the study of psychiatry to the U.S. and Yale School of Medicine. Allen and his wife Jeannette are resting at Evergreen.



Seasonal Flower Program



Our flower program is online as well as available at the office. Please visit our website to make your selections for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any day that is special for you and your loved one. Enjoy this option to shop with your credit card.



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Daffodils. A New Beginning.

Living in the Shadow of Sarah Winchester - Isabelle "Belle" Merriman

Isabelle Campbell "Belle" Pardee Merriman, was a younger sister to Sarah L. Winchester, bereaved wife of William Wirt Winchester, the only son of Oliver Winchester (Winchester Repeating Arms Company). Upon the death of William and Sarah's beloved daughter Baby Annie, Sarah moved to California with the vast wealth that she inherited from her husband's estate. Belle and her husband followed with their two children, Marion Isabel (Daisy) Merriman and William W. Merriman. Daisy was Sarah's favorite. After Isabelle's death in 1920 and Sarah's death in 1922, services were held in Palo Alto California and they lay at Alta Mesa Cemetery until the time Daisy traveled with their caskets by train to Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven. Members of the Sarah Winchester Mystery House in San Jose California will travel to Evergreen in May to tour and place a wreath on the grave of Isabelle, which is located in a different area of Evergreen than that of Sarah Winchester.



Dr. Allen Ross Diefendorf - 1871-1943 - Yale School of Medicine & State Hospital for the Insane



Allen Ross Diefendorf was born in Savannah, Wayne County, New York to Fletcher and Suzanne (Quackenbush) Diefendorf.

Fletcher, a manufacturer of staves and barrels and New York Assemblyman, accompanied Allen to Yale Universi-

ty in New Haven Connecticut and signed papers promising to pay for his son's education.

Allen graduated from Yale in 1894 with a BA and honors. He then entered the Yale School of Medicine in that same year and earned a medical degree in 1896.

He married Jeannette Cooper in 1895 and together they had four children.

Dr. Diefendorf taught at the Yale Medical School as a professor of mental and nervous diseases. At the same time, he was the Superintendent of the "State Hospital for the Insane" in Middletown Connecticut.

In 1907, he was one of a group of "alienists" (mental patients were considered "aliens to normal mental health") and those professionals who studied them were known as "alienists." Diefendorf was one of the professionals who testified regarding the insanity of Harry K. Thaw, who shot and killed Stanford White, architect of Madison Square Garden, at a performance in 1906.

Diefendorf served during WWI and treated many patients. He studied with Jung and Freud in Vienna in the summer of 1929 and became President of the Connecti-

cut Society for Psychiatry in 1934. He was the first president of the Connecticut Psychiatric Society, and was considered "The Dean of Connecticut Psychiatry."

He was a founder of the Yale Skating Society and was recognized as an accomplished ice skater. He helped to bring world champion figure skater Sonja Henie to the United States in the 1930s.

Allen Ross Diefendorf is resting with his wife, Jeannette, at Evergreen.

This information was provided by Cindy North, great granddaughter of Allen Ross Diefendorf.