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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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It's hard to believe that we are already in the dog days of summer. This week especially has been hot and sticky with temperatures hovering in the 90s. In my last newsletter to you, I was talking about cold breezes. Now, I wouldn't mind a cold breeze, but this is the way of New England and we are happy for the changing of the seasons and the weather.

Our seasonal workers are back on the grounds with so much upkeep over these summer months. The lots have all been seeded and grass is growing although a bit dormant at the current time. The flowers are in full bloom and we have some time to catch up with shrub trimming and other grounds and building maintenance.

The Columbarium and most beautiful cremation

garden is looking good. We're thinking about adding a couple of trees in the garden to replace trees that were there previously. We are always thinking about changes, beauty, what improvements to make.

Walter Magnusson, Executive Director of the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose California and his Board of Directors did indeed visit us to tour the lot of Sarah Winchester, during the spring. Sarah's sister Isabelle "Belle" Merriman was also remembered during this visit, with Robbie Nolan of Nolan Monument Company unveiling a new monument on the site. The two sisters, Sarah and Belle, were interesting, and in their day, they were a force to be reckoned with.

To honor Sarah's philanthropy, Dr. Jennifer Possick, Medical Director of the Winchester Chest Clinic, Yale New Haven Hospital, also joined us to talk about the work that began by combating tuberculosis, but continues today to provide patients with lung disorders a state-of-the-art approach to evaluation and treatment.



The Evergreen Office in Summer.

Many of you have purchased monuments and markers over these past few months. We offer a variety of granite stones from the most reputable quarries. Like all products, not all granite is the same. We pride ourselves on choosing the best quality and most beautiful options for your selection on our website or to view in person at Evergreen.

Our flower program is growing ever stronger as family members age, move, or can't visit the cemetery to place flowers for a special occasion or just to remember a loved one. We are here when you need us, not just for burial or cremation, but also to place flowers for you in your absence.

Our notable in this issue is William Carver, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, who made a difference in one child's life by sending her a book.

Seasonal Flower Program



Our flower program is online as well as available at the office. You can choose to remember a special occasion or a day that is important to you and your loved one. Enjoy this option to shop with your credit card.



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For More Information, to Search for a Loved One, or
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Iris by the entrance.

Do Not Trespass On Someone Else's Gravesite

When a loved one dies, we are heart broken and want to let the person know that we are thinking of them. We visit often and bring flowers. We may add personal touches to the gravesite or within the most beautiful cremation garden. But beware to not trespass on someone else's gravesite. Each grave is set within a grid of the entire lot and covers a 3 x 8 foot space. When you erect fencing or put stones, bricks, etc., to demarcate the burial lot of your loved one, you may be trespassing on someone else's lot and infringing on the space of their loved one. Cemetery rules state that flowers may be placed within 12 inches of the monument or marker - no artificial flowers, no fencing, no blocks, or bricking. We have been lenient knowing that the loss of a loved one is difficult, but if taken to excess, then we will have to abide by the rules. We thank you for visiting us at Evergreen and hope that you will not trespass.



William (Bill) Carver - 1931-2010 - Yale Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library



William (Bill) Carver is remembered for a small act of kindness in 2001. Sarah Feldman, had hoped to thank this kind librarian, but she was unable to find him. When Sarah was 14 years old, her entire personal library was destroyed by flooding in

Houston, Texas.

She was on vacation at the time and told her story to an employee of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, Bill Carver.

Sarah asked Carver many questions and he took the time to answer each question for her. He knew how important books can be to a person.

Carver promised to mail her a book to restart her collection and sent *The Medieval Book* by Barbara A. Shailor along with a letter of hope that this book would help her with her new library collection.

In a 2023 segment of

National Public Radio (NPR), Sarah, who was then in her 30s, was married, and had a dog, spoke about how this gift from a librarian had changed her life and made a lifelong impact on her.

She tried to find Carver to tell him how much that small gift and gesture meant to her. She sent a letter to Beinecke during Covid, but she didn't receive a response.

Sarah wondered if Carver was still alive, since he seemed old to her when she met him. But being 14 at the time, perhaps everyone seemed old. In any case, Sarah would have liked to tell

Carver how he had changed her life.

Since we also could not find additional information on Bill Carver, we decided to celebrate his life with Sarah Feldman's story and thank you.

William (Bill) Carver donated his body to science at Yale University and is now resting at Evergreen.

