

# ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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*“An Historical Cemetery  
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”*

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## THE NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With my first year as Chairman almost behind, I have to say I'm pleased with the way things have gone here at the Cemetery. We completed another major capital project; and I have to tip my hat to Brian Eadie for his vision and foresight in bringing the new gateway project to life. The old entrance needed some serious dollars spent on it every few years and there was no end in sight to what would have been a very expensive and continual maintenance cost to maintain it.



Our new entrance way structure will provide us with decades of use before it will need any kind of work done to it; and this new entrance completes our vision for the front of the cemetery property for the foreseeable future.

The Board recently approved the 2014 Operating Budget. The Finance Committee needed three meetings to hammer out a budget it felt comfortable bringing to the entire Board for approval; such is the process involved in running the affairs of the Cemetery. Decisions made may not have an immediate impact, but may be felt many years from now; and our Cemetery finds itself in pretty good shape because previous boards looked to the future health of the corporation with the same long term vision that the current Board is doing. Dollars are not always plentiful, but we usually manage to find what we need to get the job done. I'm proud to be part of what I feel is a well-balanced Board of Directors. This group of people isn't afraid to debate with one another when the need arises; but as a group, the focus is consistent throughout; a solid foundation upon which St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery operates and plans for the future is what this Board has delivered over the past year.

“Baby Boomers”, who are now between the ages of 50 and 68, are either retiring or planning for their retirement. There are many important factors to consider along with ensuring your financial circumstances are in order and your Last Will and Testament / Powers of Attorney are drawn up. Perhaps you have also prearranged your funeral needs but have not yet considered your cemetery needs or those of your loved ones? The decisions to be made when one passes away are many and are often made at a very difficult and emotional time. Prearranging is the best course of action to take. It allows you the time to fully research the many services available at a time when it's convenient for you in every way. Whether you choose traditional casket burial or cremation disposition, the options and services we offer take into consideration “all people – from all walks of life”.

Our Administrator would be happy to provide you with all the answers you need. Please contact us for an information package containing the recently revised “Consumer Guide to Funerals, Burials and Cremation Services”, our complete price listing and services as well as a personal tour of the cemetery. Rest assured, we offer a variety of affordable choices to honour your wishes and those of your loved ones.

As in 2013, we anticipate another busy year here at the cemetery. After we take care of important business in April at our annual Lot & Niche Holders Meeting, we are looking forward to the installation of a new, all-granite, 64-niche Lakeshore Columbarium sometime in May. Please pray for pleasant weather for our annual Memorial Service in June where hopefully I will have the opportunity to meet and chat with as many of you as possible.

*Sincerely, Steve Ostler - Chairman*

**ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2013**

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**If you are interested in joining the Board,  
please contact the Administrator for  
more information.**

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**General enquires may be directed to the  
Administrator**

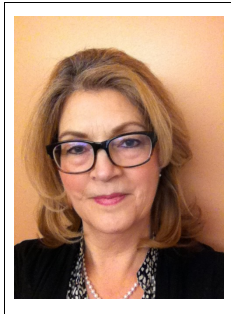
April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> - Monday to Thursday -  
9:30 am. - 4:30 pm. and Friday - 9:30 am. - 4 pm.

**Off-Season**

November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> - Monday to Thursday -  
10:30 am. - 3 pm. and Friday - 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm.

**2013 INTERMENT SUMMARY**

Caskets	42
Urn Burials	44
Niche Interments	<u>37</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>
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**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES**

*by Bonnie Ross*

*"In the blink of an eye...."* how many times have we heard this phrase and yet, it still does not, in any way, prepare us for the inevitable we all must face someday.

In the past year, two of the many rights holders who were daily visitors to the cemetery, passed away – no warning, just gone...in the blink of an eye! Of the many chats I had the privilege of having with these fine individuals, they shared the one, all too familiar common thread, of loneliness and yearning for their family members buried here. However, they also shared with me how comforted they felt just walking the grounds, sitting for a bit and remembering all of the good times. For them, it was an essential part of their grief journey to be close to their loved ones' place of rest. We, at St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery, recognize this important element for our Rights Holders. Our Committees meet regularly to ensure that we are able to sustain and offer services for the kind of resting place you have all come to know and expect.

Also this past year, I had the privilege of attending the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the OACFP (Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals) in Hamilton, Ontario. The Conference was both informative and enlightening. Many of our fellow cemeterians expressed concerns over the high cost of doing business while maintaining a high level of service against low investment returns and changing consumer trends. Rest assured, these challenges will continue to be addressed in the coming years by a competent and diverse Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have such a volunteer board who is able to devote the time needed to get the job done. We will continue to strive to provide service to others with compassion in every aspect of our work here and are always open to suggestions and fresh ideas.

That being said, should you be looking for a challenging and interesting Board of Directors to be an important part of, we would love to hear from you. This year, our annual meeting is on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We will accept resumes for nomination consideration to the Board by Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Please contact the office to obtain a Bio guideline to complete and submit by the deadline date. Kindly note that nominated persons do not have to attend the annual meeting and will be notified if elected to the Board and when the next board meeting is in order for you to attend. As a Rights Holder, you automatically acquire the right to vote on all items on the annual meeting agenda. Should you not be able to attend at the annual meeting to vote, you may ask for a proxy form and return it to the Administration Office by e-mail, mail or fax by Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

In conjunction with our Website, we are pleased to announce that we now have a Facebook page. This Facebook page will continuously be updated on important dates, pictures and what's happening around the Cemetery. I look forward to seeing one and all at the Memorial Service this year – please check out our Facebook page for details of the Service as they progress.

Spring is just around the corner – I pray the rest of your winter will be filled with warm thoughts and good health!

**THERE'S ALWAYS A SPRINGTIME**

*After the Winter comes the Spring  
To show us again that in everything  
There's always renewal divinely planned,  
Flawlessly perfect, the work of God's Hand . . .  
And just like the seasons that come and go  
When the flowers of Spring lay buried in snow,  
God sends to the heart in its winter of sadness  
A springtime awakening of new hope and gladness,  
And loved ones who sleep in a season of death  
Will, too, be awakened by God's life-giving breath.  
All who believe in God's mercy and grace  
Will meet their loved ones face to face  
Where time is endless and joy unbroken  
And only the words of God's love are spoken.  
**by Helen Steiner Rice***



# **IN MEMORIAM - 2013**

**by Date of Interment**

**April**

Douglas Arnold Easter  
Dorothy Eaman  
Ronald Albert Brown  
Gordon Burton Empey

**May**

Henry Healy  
Morgan Upper  
Jean Upper  
Dorothy McWilliams  
Kenneth Mattice  
Dorothy Thompson  
Agnes Gertrude Hickey-Brassard  
Heather Daye  
Lionel Grant  
Pearl Leroux  
Heather Ivy Robertson  
Flora Catherine Stewart  
Joseph Anthony Jarvo  
Rudolphe Cadieux  
Charles Wesley Crump  
Leslie John Ferguson Savery  
Stanley Kerr  
George Watson  
Chad Vincent Bingley  
Armand A. Davidson  
Lorne Henry  
Sheila Jarvis  
Barry Fenton  
Arnold Campbell  
Laurentius Jacobus Wylemans  
Robert "Allison" Prosser  
Jean Willard  
George Stokes  
Gerard Frederick Ouimet  
Catherine Love  
Sylvia Coir  
Murray Howard Dixon  
James Eamer  
Joan Gallagher  
Bruce Stuart  
Eleanor Susan Thompson  
Brenda Brady  
Elma Allen

**June**

Maurice Villeneuve  
William Marcel Legue  
Clarissa Loucks  
Aldia Joan Easter  
Ina Viola Rose Elliott  
Raymond Harold Bouchier  
Margaret Farran  
Sheila Beauchamp  
Barbara Leblanc  
Mary Catherine Sabourin  
Jean Duncan  
Lester Thibeault  
Phillip Cooper  
Eric Hart  
Dennis Robert Hair  
May Hair  
Geraldine Trudell  
Shawn Gallant  
Wilma Todd

**July**

Jodie Lloyd Mondoux (Infant)  
John Wayne Mullen  
Gilberte Besner  
Linda Pearl Villeneuve  
Dorothy Heagle  
Ida Marie Bard  
Eunice Henderson  
Gerald Kenneth Stewart  
Ann Fourney  
Herbert Daniels  
Irvin Stanley  
Marjorie (Peggy) Seymour  
Kenneth Reginald Mortson  
Ovila Samson  
Claire Markell  
Gail Marilyn McDougall  
Winnifred Andrews  
Dawson Andrew Pidgeon

**August**

Glenn Dafoe  
Joseph Anthony Jarvo  
Linda Labelle  
Rheal St. Denis  
Stephen Riasyk  
Jay Jenkins  
Colin Campbell  
Olive Jean Carter  
Ronald Vincent Taillon  
Blake Pitts  
Claude George Jesmer

**September**

Agathe Bonneville  
Wayne Williamson  
Ghislaine Langdon  
Thérèse Cramaine Shaver  
Rodney John Plumondon

**October**

Ernest Jean Joseph Bourdon  
Wayne Livingston Ashe  
Dorothy Mae St. Pierre  
Eva Howard  
Gladys Etta Collins  
Maureen Hartle  
Irene Rowe  
Florence Dunlop  
Jessie Abbott Beach  
Gilda Louise Banyai  
Delbert Plumadore  
Marjorie Edith Heagle  
Elizabeth VanderVeen  
Hubert Kennedy  
Stephen Ingram  
Michael Ingram  
Kenneth Hellyer  
Verna Pearl Crites  
Roger Robinson  
Jean Loch  
Gail Edith Ervine

**November**

Melvin Richard Colbran  
Helen Muriel Aitken  
Dean Loucks  
Wilda Wattie  
Ernest Gillard  
Jeannine Diane Shane  
Régis Serre



**KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

The annual  
**LOT & NICHE HOLDERS' MEETING**  
will be held on  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 @ 7:30 pm.**  
in the Administration Building.

All Rights Holders' are welcome to attend. The meeting will be comprised of Committee Reports, motion to appoint Auditors, passing of the General Operating By-laws and election of the Board of Directors for 2014.

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THE ANNUAL

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

WILL BE HELD ON  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014 @ 2:30 PM**  
ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE  
**PASTOR STEPHEN L. KING**  
OF THE  
**LONG SAULT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

**PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR A  
SPECIAL TIME OF REMEMBRANCE!**



**PROMOTION  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

by **Scott Sayers**  
Committee Chairman

The Promotion Committee is well underway with the logistics of our Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, June 22, 2014 on the Cemetery grounds. Our guest speaker for the service will be Rev. Stephen King of Long Sault Pentecostal Church.

Our Service last year saw record attendance and good weather. Guest speaker Pastor Oren Cole from the Cornwall Salvation Army shared an inspirational message and was joined by his wife Pastor Glenda Cole and the local Salvation Army Brass Band who shared their musical talents.

We look forward to you joining us again this year at 2:30 pm under the tent where together we celebrate the lives and memories of our loved ones. Please bring a lawn chair. Continued....

Many thanks to the Cemetery staff Brian Eadie and Bonnie Ross who play such a vital role in the operations of this cemetery. As well, we extend our gratitude to the Maintenance Committee who, through their dedicated hard work and your support, were able to complete the beautiful gateway project that greet our visitors.

This year, with your continued support, we will be installing **Gateway Columbarium** and **Sunset Cremation Garden** signage similar to the current **Harmony Cremation Garden** signs to clearly designate these memorial areas.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and support for your cemetery and look forward to celebrating with you at the Memorial Service rain or shine!

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**MAINTENANCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

by **Connie Winters,**  
Committee Chairman

The Board and Committees have been meeting to make sure that 2014 will be another busy and productive year at our Cemetery.

As many of you have seen, the new entrance way has been completed along with the lighting which makes for a beautiful entrance to the cemetery. This spring, new shrubs and flowers will be planted to enhance the entrance way.

The foundation for the new Lakeshore Columbarium was installed last fall and we will have the new columbarium installed in May.

Again, in 2014, we will continue to replace old foundations. In 2013 we replaced 26. This year, we plan on replacing 12 or 14; a slight decrease but we have other projects that require the time we have available. We have trees that require trimming, flower beds that need work and a beautiful shoreline that needs our attention. We will be working on the interlocking brickwork around the columbaria to clean it up and apply sealer as well as many other projects.

We also plan to upgrade our small backhoe for one that is larger which will help our groundskeeper to get projects done quicker and make it easier to enhance the beauty of the cemetery.

The Committee wishes to ask for your continued patience and understanding while we complete these projects. Thank you for helping to make your Cemetery a wonderful place of peace and remembrance!

**SERVICES, MEMORIALS AND PROGRAMS**

4' x 10' in-ground burial lots for caskets and urns / 3' x 4' in-ground cremation lots for one or two urns  
Columbaria niches for one or two urns

Solid bronze vases, emblems and porcelain pictures / Completion inscription service

Winter Vault Committal / Pre-Need Planning Services

Flat bronze or granite markers with or without a vase

Memorial Tree and Bench Programs / Genealogical Research Assistance / Annual Newsletter and Memorial Service

One-time Care & Maintenance fee on lots, niches and foundations

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