

Find A Grave

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SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU MAY THINK

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This slide features the 'Find A Grave' logo in blue text at the top center. Below the logo is a horizontal dashed line with a small yellow circle in the middle. The background is a light blue gradient. At the bottom, there is a yellow bar containing the name 'Laurel Smith' and the email address 'bearpair@comcast.net'.

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Explore the Home Page

www.findagrave.com

On the left:

- Find Famous Graves
 - [Lucille Ball](#)
 - [Another famous redhead](#)
- Questions and Answers
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

On the right:

- [Forums, Store, etc.](#)
- Find Graves

This slide is titled 'Explore the Home Page' in green text. It includes the website URL 'www.findagrave.com' in purple. The content is organized into 'On the left' and 'On the right' sections, listing various navigation options with bullet points and sub-bullets. The background is a light blue gradient with a yellow bar at the bottom.

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Find Graves

- [Search 78 million grave records](#)
- [Search for a cemetery](#)
- [Add burial records](#)
- [View recently added names](#)
- [Stroll through our online cemetery](#)
- [Join the Find A Grave Community](#)
- [Top 50 Contributors](#)
- [Link To Find A Grave](#)
- [Surname index](#)

This slide is titled 'Find Graves' in green text. It lists ten search and navigation options, each preceded by a small yellow circle and a purple link. The background is a light blue gradient with a yellow bar at the bottom.

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Searching for a Memorial

- Spelling must be exact
 - You can search a partial first name
 - You must select the box for partial surname search
- Birth and death years may be
 - Before
 - In
 - After
- Narrow results by state and county if you know it
- But avoid too many search terms, especially anything about which you are uncertain

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Search Page Icons

-  This memorial is sponsored & ads have been removed
-  Someone has left flowers and a note
-  There is a photo of the person, their family or documents
-  There is a photo of the headstone

The person's name in **bold** shows that you maintain the memorial

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Components of a Memorial

- Birth and death dates and locations
- Biography
- Photos
- Add a photo
- Request a photo (only in the USA)
- Leave flowers and a note
- Family links
- Marker transcription
- Notes
- Burial information
- Virtual cemetery
- Memorial information

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Find a Cemetery

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Searching for a Cemetery

- Enter at least the first 3 letters of the cemetery name
- If you don't know the cemetery name, browse by state and county
- You may also browse by countries

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Dynamic Site

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Politics

- Search 78 million grave records
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Non-Members

- Non-members can:
 - Search the site
 - Suggest a correction or provide additional information
 - Add flowers and a note
 - Share a memorial on Facebook

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Join the Find A Grave Community

- Easy
- Free
- No spam
- As a member you can:
 - Create a memorial or edit a memorial you maintain:
 - Name
 - Birth & death dates & locations
 - Biography
 - Burial Information
 - Marker transcription
 - Relationship links
 - Transfer maintenance to another FAG member
 - Delete the memorial
 - Add photos
 - Add flowers & a note

Become A Member

Becoming a Find A Grave member is fast, easy and FREE. To proceed, just enter your email address and choose a password below. We will never share your email address with anyone! [Why does Find A Grave require membership?](#)

Required Information

Email

Display email on member page.

Password

Name

First Name Last Name

Public Name

[\(What is a public name?\)](#)

Remember me from this machine.

Optional Information

US Zip Code

[\(Why do you ask for a zip?\)](#)

I would like to be a photo volunteer. [\(What is a photo volunteer?\)](#)

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The Action Panel

- The Action Panel – use it to:
 - Go to the Home page
 - Begin a new memorial search
 - Refine your current search
 - Look up a cemetery
 - Add a memorial
 - Access FAQ (Help w/FAG)
 - etc., etc., etc.
 - Go to your profile page
 - Go to your contributor tools
 - Log out



The screenshot shows the 'FIND A GRAVE' logo at the top, followed by a 'Actions' menu with links: Begin New Search, Refine Last Search, Cemetery Lookup, Add Burial Records, Help with Find A Grave, Top Contributors, Success Stories, Discussion Forums, Find A Grave Store, and Support Find A Grave. Below this is a 'Logged in as:' section with the name 'Laurel' and links for Contributor Tools and Log Out.

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The Action Panel on a Memorial

- Use it to search for others with the same name in the
 - Cemetery
 - Town
 - County
 - State



The screenshot shows the 'FIND A GRAVE' logo at the top, followed by a 'Actions' menu with links: Begin New Search, Refine Last Search, Cemetery Lookup, Add Burial Records, Help with Find A Grave, Find all Cops in: Haverlyville Cemetery, Haverlyville, Page County, Iowa, and Find A Grave. Below this is a 'Logged in as:' section with the name 'Laurel' and links for Contributor Tools and Log Out.

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Your Profile Page

- Your member number
- Bio and links
- Contributions to Find A Grave
- Search contributor's records
- Virtual cemeteries
- Messages you have received

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Your Contributor Tools Page

- Your public profile – view, edit, or change password
- Link to Find A Grave
- Q&A
- Customize – flowers/scrapbook, cemeteries, virtual cemeteries, friends
- Contributions to Find A Grave
- Photo volunteer
- Download your data

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Creating a Memorial

- Make sure a memorial does not already exist
- NEVER knowingly create a duplicate memorial
- Find the correct cemetery using Cemetery Search
- Select “Add a name to this cemetery”
- Use the naming conventions (see FAQ)
- Do NOT mark your entry as famous
- After you create the memorial, you may add photos, relationship links, and all the other features.

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Asking for a Transfer of Management

If the memorial qualifies for a transfer – a direct relation within 4 generations follow these steps:

- Copy down your member number
- Select the edit tab on the memorial
- Select Suggest a correction or provide additional information
- In the message field
 - Ask **POLITELY**
 - Explain your relationship
 - Provide your member number
- WAIT

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What if...

- You are being asked to join for a fee?
- You can't locate a memorial?
- You locate duplicate memorials?
- You locate duplicate cemeteries?
- A manager won't transfer a memorial?

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The Only Fee on Find A Grave

The only cost to you on Find A Grave is optional

If you wish to remove the advertisements from a memorial, you may choose to sponsor that memorial for a one time fee of \$5

Select either the heart under the action panel or the band just under the tabs at the top of a memorial.

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Pay It Forward

Please consider becoming a Find A Grave volunteer

- Take photos in your area if you can, in answer to the hundreds of photo requests
- Add memorials with information from obituaries – don't copy the obituary itself
- "Walk" a small cemetery or a portion of one and add the information, with or without photos

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How to become a Photo Volunteer

- Sign up
- Find requests on your contributor's tool page or go to the cemetery's page and select "photo requests"
- Claim the photo
- At the cemetery
 - Arrive prepared for mud, dirt, or grass accumulation on the grave (scissors, water, SOFT brush, rags)
 - Gently remove obstructions from the marker
 - Take a photo using a setting for the web (lower resolution)
 - Take the best photo you can

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General Photo Guidelines

- Post only photos you took, that you have permission to post, or those so old the copyright has expired.
- JPEG format preferred (.jpg or .jpeg).
- 750 KB maximum file size.
- 300-1200 pixel width.
- Cropped with no surrounding white space.
- No post-mortem photos.
- No photos taken from other web sites!!!

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Adding the Photos

- Go to the list of requested photos.
- Select fulfill
- Upload the photo

- If you encountered a problem you may enter that information from this location