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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
- o 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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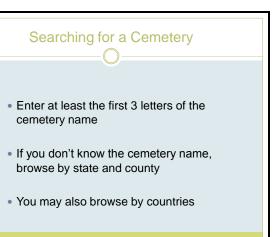
Components of a Memorial



- · 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

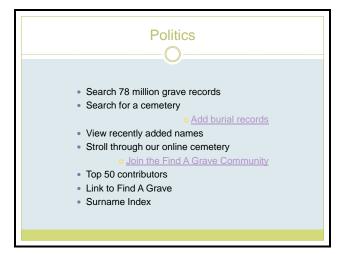
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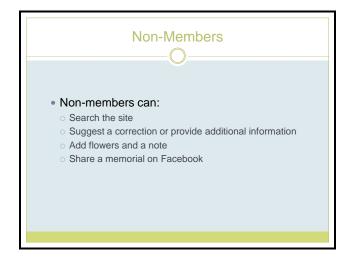


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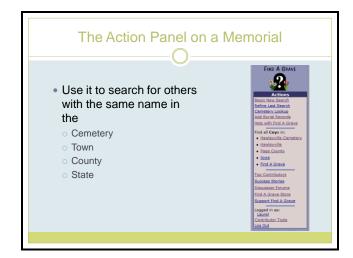


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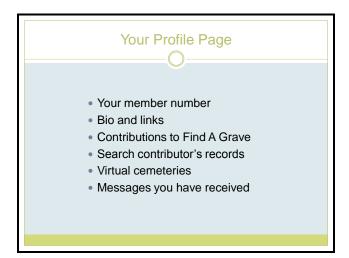




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Your Contributor Tools Page

- 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
- o Ask POLITELY
- o Explain your relationship
- o Provide your member number
- WAIT

What if...

- Your 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

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
- o 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