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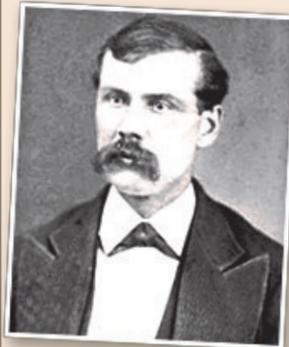
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Established in 1882, River View Cemetery is the oldest not-for-profit endowment care cemetery in the Portland area, owned and operated by the River View Cemetery Association and governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. All of the Trustees are committed to the cemetery as a result of having family members buried at River View Cemetery.

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact Jessica Repp at 503.246.4251. If you wish to sign up for our email list and receive the newsletter and event information electronically, please email jessica@riverviewcemetery.org.

Historical Figure—Virgil Earp



Virgil Earp, born on July 18, 1843, who survived the famous 1881 gunfight in Tombstone, Arizona without a scratch, rests beneath a variegated holly tree in River View Cemetery.

Earp's first wife, Ellen, was told that her husband Virgil, a Union soldier, had been killed in the Civil War, so she remarried and moved to Portland with their young daughter, Nellie Jane, in 1864.

The family was reunited when Virgil Earp visited the Rose City in 1899.

He died of pneumonia on October 19, 1905 in Goldfield, Nevada, and was returned to Portland for burial by his daughter.



If you would like to visit the Virgil Earp gravesite, please feel free to stop by our office for a map and walking tour brochure. We also welcome organization tours!

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River View Cemetery Association

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Newsletter



Fall ~ Winter, 2016

Upcoming Events

Holiday Memorial Service

This special service is provided for all families who have experienced the loss of a loved one, whether recently or in the past. Our service is open to all! Saturday, December 10th, 1:00 p.m., Adams Chapel at River View Cemetery.

Children's Memorial Day Candle Lighting Service

This is a special service held to commemorate the lives of all children, loved and lost. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents who have lost a child of any age, for any reason. Sunday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m., Adams Chapel at River View Cemetery.

Memorial Trees

We invite you to place an ornament on our memorial trees in the lobby at River View Cemetery between December 1st and 31st. We will have ornaments available for you to use, or feel free to bring your own from home.

Sunshine Division Food & Clothing Drive

We will be conducting a clothing drive this year on behalf of the Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division. Collection barrels will be in our cemetery lobby from November 11th - December 16th. Please join us in helping feed and clothe those in need in our community by donating non-perishable food items and new/gently used clothing for all ages/sizes.

For more information on any of our events, please call our office at 503.246.4251 or visit our website at www.riverviewcemetery.org.

President's Message

It is autumn again at River View Cemetery and the cemetery is gorgeous with the vivid color palette of falling leaves. The cemetery has never looked so beautiful after a year of hard work by our dedicated cemetery staff.

On a personal note, it was last autumn that I lost my wife to cancer. At that time I witnessed first-hand what it means to put yourself in the care of the River View Cemetery and River View Cemetery Funeral Home professionals.

First of all, my wife and I had selected our cremation plot in 1995. We purchased it at that time because we wanted to be near my grandparents and other family members that had purchased plots in the Jefferson Point area. It was of great comfort that we were able to purchase a plot in that area.

Secondly, we had little advance notice of my wife's illness, but I was able to set up funeral and disposition arrangements with the funeral home and cemetery staff in advance. It seems that we are always recommending that families preplan, but when it came right down to it we really hadn't followed through ourselves. We should have.

Thirdly, when my wife passed away, I picked up my cell phone at the hospital and called 503.246.6488, the phone number of the River View Cemetery Funeral Home. Steve Moore, the funeral home manager, returned my call in what seemed to be an instant. From there he took care of everything. I went in several days later and finalized the funeral and cemetery arrangements.

Lastly, we held my wife's memorial service at the Adam's Chapel, as we always do for our family members. The pastor from our church performed the service. Several weeks later I personally placed my wife's urn in our plot, although not without a lot of grief and tears.

Throughout, the River View Cemetery and River View Cemetery Funeral Home professionals were there, assisting in every step, as if we were family. I know it is that way for everyone we serve and for that I am extremely grateful.

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas Woodworth
President, River View Cemetery
Board of Trustees



Natural Burial Continues to be a Popular Choice at River View

It's been six years since River View made national news by offering natural burial nearly anywhere in our cemetery.

Every year since then, interest in natural burial has grown steadily among our clients. Last year, over one-quarter of non-cremated earth burials at River View were unembalmed burials without a vault or liner, and in some cases, shrouded burials, without a casket.

Interest in the community has grown, too. We've become well-known as a leading resource both locally and throughout the industry. We remain unique in our commitment to integrate natural burial options throughout our historic grounds.

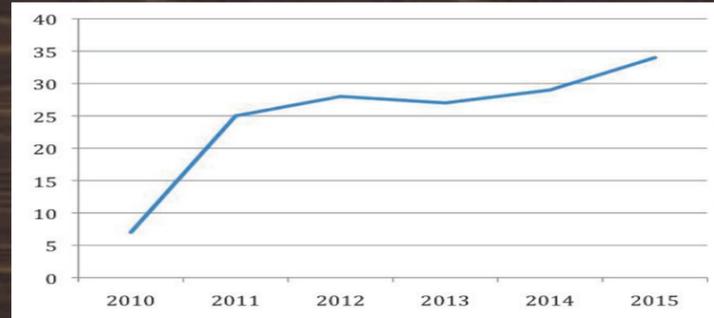


One of many offerings of natural caskets

In addition to natural burial, many have opted to have a natural funeral, as well.

Our funeral home offers a variety of options that can serve to lower the ecological impact of the funeral arrangements, including fully biodegradable caskets and urns, memorial folders and other printed materials that are printed on recycled paper and reception services using local caterers who provide natural, organic food; fair-trade coffees; etc.

If you would like more information on the natural burial program at River View, please contact our office at 503.246.4251 or River View Cemetery Funeral Home at 503.246.6488.



The number of natural burials at River View has grown steadily since we began our program in 2010

New Grave Locator Program Coming Soon to River View Cemetery

How many times have you visited a cemetery just to find yourself walking up and down rows of markers but not finding the site of the loved one you came to see? You look at the map you were provided but it doesn't make sense. After much looking you either find the site or you give up.



In the next several months you will also have the ability to take a virtual walk through the cemetery. All the stops from our seven walking tours will be available as well as all the roads and walkways. Please check our website for updates for this feature.

Have you stopped in the office in the past to inquire about available spaces in the older sections? As we work through this project we are finding additional spaces. These spaces are being added and are available to purchase. If you are interested in the older areas please contact us as spaces are limited. If you are interested in a section that we have not mapped yet please let us know. We can let you know when the mapping of the garden is completed and show you the new spaces.

If you would like more information about this project or would like to be notified when new features become available please call our office at 503.246.4251.

This past year River View Cemetery started the first steps to help make locating a site much easier. We are excited to announce that the first stage is now available. Using your smartphone or computer, you can search our burial records. This search is available on our website at riverviewcemetery.org. Once on the website, click on the "Services" tab, then on "Search Burial Records", type in the name of who you are looking for and the site information will be provided. Names are constantly being added. If you don't find the name you are looking for please call our office at 503.246.4251 or e-mail us at info@riverviewcemetery.org.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FUNERAL HOME ENTRANCE NEARS COMPLETION

With the five-year construction project of the new Sellwood Bridge coming to a close later this month, a bit of normalcy will return to the River View Cemetery Funeral Home's entrance on Macadam Avenue.

The original entrance that was directly in front of the funeral home building has been moved 50 yards north of the original spot, to align with the new intersection at the west end of the bridge. For those traveling westbound on the Sellwood Bridge, you can now drive directly into the entrance, however, if you're traveling northbound on Highway 43, you will now need to take the off-ramp to the

Sellwood Bridge and then turn left at the signal.

Driving southbound on 43, stay in the right hand lane, following the signs to the Sellwood Bridge and then turn right at the signal.

Driving into the new entrance, you will also notice that our historic pillars, that were stored for the past several years have now been put into their permanent place at the new entrance. In the coming months, a new wrought-iron gate will be installed and new landscaping will be put in, completing the project.

We would like to thank our clients for their patience during the lengthy construction process.



Funeral Home entrance construction in 2013



New Funeral Home entrance, nearly completed

River View Welcomes New Employees

Over the past few years, since our last newsletter, River View Cemetery and River View Cemetery Funeral Home have had several long-time staff members retire, resulting in the addition of several new employees. We'd like to welcome the following people to our staff:

- Grounds Maintenance Crew: Chris Simpson and Eric Hauth
- Family Service Representatives: Hank Flake and Maleah Wraith
- Cemetery Administration: Steve Gallaway
- Funeral Director: Chelsea Chick
- Funeral Home Advance Planning Representative: Abbie Ajifu

Collectively, these new employees bring a vast amount of industry experience with them to River View and we look forward to many years of exemplary service from them.

In Loving Memory of our Friend and Co-Worker, Robert "Rob" Delugach



For the last two and a half years, Rob Delugach worked as a member of River View's maintenance and interment crew. He passed away

unexpectedly on September 11, 2016, in Portland. A loving father, brother and son, he was always up for an adventure and had a huge heart which showed with his friends and family. He is survived by his son, Rayn and daughters, Meara and Lily. He leaves behind his mother, Karen Delugach and younger siblings, Tim, Janella, Tom and Jenny, along with several nieces and nephews, numerous friends and lives he touched by being a part of them.

Rob found his most joy in his children and treasured them dearly. He was an avid outdoors man who found beauty in nature and loved fishing. Rob was a great musician who appreciated all music, but especially "sick metal music".

Rob loved people. Wherever he was, he was always surrounded by his friends. He had a career that he loved. He enjoyed the people he worked with and the work itself. The best stories ever told usually start with, "This one time Rob and I...". He is so very loved and will forever be missed.

The Value of Advance Planning

Although assisting families at the time of a death is a very important service, an even more important service we offer is advance planning. Planning ahead before a death occurs can be one of the most responsible and caring things you can do to prevent emotional and financial stress for your family.

If decisions are made ahead of time, you can protect your family from having to make difficult and expensive decisions on possibly the worst day of their life. Advance planning staff here at River View are available to assist you with your cemetery and funeral pre-arrangements. If you would like a complimentary Pre-Planning Records Guide Book to assist you with compiling the information needed at the time of death, please give us a call at our office at 503.246.4251 to receive your copy.