# Woodlawn Cemetery

North Woodlawn Creston, Illinois



# Beauty & Tranquility

Woodlawn Cemetery is a respected and attractive resting place for our loved ones and friends.

Located 1½ miles north of Creston on Woodlawn Road.

It is the site of the original settlement of Creston then known as Brodie's Grove.

#### **Future** Care

Future Care or Perpetual Care needs to be defined as to the responsibilities of each party. There are many times there is a misconception of what this care is and who is to assume what costs.

The Illinois Cemetery Care Act suggests that an explanation be given to the purchaser and holder of lots.

#### Woodlawn Association Responsibilities

- 1. Mowing of cemetery and all plots.
- 2. Leveling and seeding of grave sites.
- 3. Removal of plastic wreaths, flowers and stands once it becomes unsightly or during the Summer season of April 1-September 1

#### Owner of Plots Responsibilities

- Existing family trees and shrubs to be maintained. (New plantings by Sexton's approval and placement.)
- 2. Tombstone leveling and repair.
- Keeping clean grave sites with only flowers and grave blankets allowed.
- 4. Containment of shrubs and flowers to headstone area only.
- If work to be done by cemetery such as cement base replacement, sunken or leaning stones then responsible families will be billed.



### Sale of Plots

- 1. Plots at a minimum are sold two at a time in preferred locations
- 2. Occasionally only one plot is required and are limited to only those particular plots available.
- Each plot can accommodate:
   1 traditional Vault plus 1 retrievable Urns OR
  - 2 retrievable Urns.
- 4. Burial orientation will be in accordance of an acceptable universal standard. A husband on the right with the wife on his left facing East. Exceptions will be accommodated.
- 5. Please see the Sexton for available plots and prices.

## Installation of Memorials and Grave Markers

Woodlawn Cemetery Association in an effort to control standards and maintain uniformity within it confines, has secured Mr. Don Elliott as it's lone representative to set bases for stones. Any contact for stonework is to be directed to Mr. Elliott at 815-762-1261. All charges will be between yourself and Mr. Elliott.

- All non-conforming stones need to be approved by Sexton and/or Woodlawn Cemetery Association.
- 2. Solar Lights and Tomato Plants are not permitted.
- Benches are to be approved by Sexton and/or Woodlawn Cemetery Association. Granite only. No wooden or iron benches.
- 4. Pavers not to exceed 18" around stone for protection from mowers.

#### Rules & Regulations

For the protection of all lot owners these rules and regulations have been adopted to help maintain Woodlawn Cemetery. Application of these rules and regulations apply to all lot owners, visitors and contractors performing work within the cemetery.

- Woodlawn Cemetery Association will take precautions to protect the property rights from loss or damage caused by the elements, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief and unavoidable accidents.
- 2. The Woodlawn Cemetery Association is responsible for maintaining all grounds, including lots and roads.
- 3. No fence, hedge, mulch, or curbing on or around any lot is permitted.
- 4. Damage done to lots, drives, trees, shrubs, stones, and other property shall be repaired by the responsible persons.
- 5. Absolutely NO solar lights or tomato plants
- 6. No individual spraying of weeds, this will be done by certified contractors.
- 7. Respect of our cemetery is to be maintained. NO loud music or running across graves.
- 8. No picking up of coins left at headstones by visitors.
- 9. No "borrowing" of other people's decorations, pots, or Shepard's hooks.

#### Flowers-Shrubs-Trees

The Association encourages flowers, plants, shrubs, and wreaths that help beautify individual plots and our cemetery.

LIVE FLOWERS to be in planters.

<u>PLASTIC FLOWERS</u> and Plants are <u>not</u> permitted <u>SILK FLOWERS</u> and Plants permitted at all times.

NO THORNY SHRUBS and Plants will be permitted TREE planting will only be permitted by approval of Sexton and/or Association to reduce infringement on lots and alleyway.

<u>GRAVE BLANKETS & WINTER WREATHS</u> to be removed by familys by March 31.

### Woodlawn Cemetery Association Creston, Illinois Officers & Trustees



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#### Wreaths Across America

**REMEMBER** the Fallen. . . **HONOR** those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Woodlawn Cemetery has been selected by our DAR to become a sponsored Wreaths Across America Cemetery. This is made possible entirely by donations. Form can be found at wreathsacrossamerica. org/IL0136P or at a local business in Creston.

On a designated day in December at 11:00 am, a formal service will be held with Wreaths Across America at Woodlawn Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans. There will be the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

#### Memorial Day Services

Memorial Day services are held each year on the actual Memorial Day. Roll Call for the veterans is read along with a very fitting program. All are invited to this special day as we remember those who have gone before. The cemetery is adorned with American flags at the veteran's grave sites and an impressive Avenue of Flags is set out along the entrance road.



#### Our Solicitation to You

The members of the Woodlawn Cemetery Board would like to solicit each family to ask for help with something that is starting to become a concern. We are all very sensitive to each and every family in the way in which they would want to show grief and their connection to loved ones who are no longer with us.

With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone that any items to be placed on the grave sites are to be limited to the aprons of the monuments. This would be greatly appreciated by the maintenance personnel who have done a wonderful job of caring for our cemetery.

As items or flowers start to deteriorate and fade, they will be removed in a timely manner and placed by the side of the maintenance building or discarded.

Our desire is to have every family's loved one's resting place be of the utmost appearance in this beautiful cemetery.