

Dido Doin's

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Dido Day Sunday

April 28th, 2019

Festivities

start at

1:00 PM

Bring a Picnic Lunch!



There will be a few antique cars on display, a jump house for the kiddo's and door prizes!

Come Out and Join the Fun!

Prizes!

Win a Shopping Trip to Wal-Mart!

On Dido Day \$25 Walmart Gift Cards will be awarded to the winners of the following categories:

- *Youngest Person in Attendance
- *Oldest Person in Attendance
- *Couple Married the Longest
- *Person who Traveled the Farthest to Dido
- *Newly Married Couple
- *Largest Family Group Present
- *Most Dido Days Attended



A Message from the Chairman of the Board

During last years Dido Day we asked for volunteers to fill our Board of Directors. We had overwhelming support and now have a full board for the first time in many years. I would like to thank all of the new board members for volunteering their time and supporting Dido Cemetery. The names and contact information for the current board is listed on the back page of this newsletter. During the latest board meeting some of the financial questions were clarified, a committee was established to review and renew our nearly 30 year old by-laws and to review our current policies concerning a number of topics at Dido. We have additional meetings already scheduled so that we may continue to bring Dido up to date.

As most of you know, our cemetery is almost completely sold out. Teresa Stewart, Secretary and Lot Sales, has taken on the task of reviewing all of the old records, some dating back 50 years or more, to determine the ownership of the unused lots that have been sold. Once she completes that task, I will put that information on the CAD drawing of the cemetery for all to see. We will also put a .PDF version of the drawing on the website so anyone can access it.

Dido Day will be Sunday, April 28th, at 1:00 PM. There will be a bounce house for the kids again this year. The kids loved it last year as well as the president of the association! We are also planning on having some antique cars on display for the old timers to do a little tire kicking. Please join us as we pay respects to our loved ones that have passed and we carry on this 100+ year tradition of Dido Day!

Sincerely,
Randy Williams
Chairman of the Board
Dido Cemetery

Dido is going GREEN!!

Dido Cemetery's annual newsletter, *Dido Doin's* is one of the cemeteries most costly expenses. In order to cut down on this cost we are asking members to please send us your email address so that we may send you a digital copy instead of a hard copy via USPS.

All you have to do is send a quick email to Barbie Williams that includes your name and preferred email address. Please make "Dido Newsletter" the subject of your email. And to all those members who have already gone green, Dido thanks you!

Sincerely,

Barbie Williams

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Dido Day 2018



15 Famous People and What They're Buried With!

Most people are aware that King Tut was buried with his famous solid gold “death mask” but did you also know that his tomb contained hundreds of gold figurines, a small chair made of ebony inlaid with ivory, jewelry, ornamental vases, weapons, and enough seeds to plant a large garden? Ancient Egyptians were well known for burying their dead with goods to protect them and aid them in the afterlife but modern day people have been buried with some interesting items as well! Following are 15 famous people and what they were buried with.

Humphrey Bogart (1899 to 1957).

Before the actor’s cremated remains were laid to rest, they were supposedly joined in their urn by a small gold whistle bearing the inscription “If you want anything, just whistle,” which he had given his widow, Lauren Bacall, years earlier. The line was a reference to their 1944 film, *To Have and Have Not*, loosely based on an Ernest Hemingway novel, and the first movie to pair the then 43-year-old Bogart and his 19-year-old future wife.

George Burns (1896 to 1996).

For the vaudeville, radio, television and movie comedian, cigars were a constant prop, and he went to his grave with three in his pocket. What brand those might have been doesn’t seem to have been recorded, though Burns was known to favor El Producto Queens. He explained the very practical reason behind his preference in a 1994 interview with the magazine *Cigar Aficionado*. The interviewer was Arthur Marx, son of another well-known cigar-chomping comedian, Groucho Marx. Burns told him, “the reason I smoke a domestic cigar is because the more expensive Havana cigars are tightly packed. They go out on the stage while I’m doing my act. The El Producto stays lit. Now if you’re onstage and your cigar keeps going out, you have to keep lighting it. If you have to stop your act to keep lighting your cigar, the audience goes out.”

Harry Houdini (1874 to 1926).

The famous magician and escape artist was buried with his head resting on a packet of letters from his beloved mother, Cecilia Weiss. As Houdini’s friend Howard Thurston (perhaps the second most famous magician of the day) observed at the time, “His love for his mother was his deepest devotion.” Cecilia’s death, in 1913, had been a shock that her son never quite recovered from. Houdini’s coffin was a specially designed solid bronze model with a hermetically sealed inner liner that he had used underwater in his act.

John F. Kennedy (1917 to 1963).

Among his leisure pursuits, the 35th President was a collector of scrimshaw, pieces of whale bone or ivory that were engraved with pictures and designs, most famously by New England whalers. Highlights of his collection were

on prominent display in the Oval Office during his presidency. A particular favorite was a 9 1/2-inch-long whale tooth, engraved with the presidential seal by the scrimshaw artist Milton Delano. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, who had commissioned the piece, gave it to her husband for Christmas in 1962, the last Christmas he’d live to see. It was buried with him in Arlington National Cemetery after his assassination the following November. Other items buried with the President include letters from his wife and two children and a pair of gold cufflinks. His brother Robert, who would be assassinated less than five years later, is said to have added a PT-109 tie clip and a silver rosary.

Bela Lugosi (1882 to 1956).

As the most famous interpreter of Dracula on both the Broadway stage and Hollywood screen, the Hungarian actor Bela Lugosi spent much of his career in coffins. In 1956, when the nearly forgotten Lugosi died from a heart attack, he was laid to rest in his final one. At the suggestion of family and friends, according to Arthur Lennig’s 2013 biography, *The Immortal Count*, Lugosi was buried in full Dracula regalia, including his trademark black cape.

Frank Sinatra (1915 to 1998).

The “My Way” singer was buried his way, with a bottle of Jack Daniel’s whiskey, a pack of Camel cigarettes, a Zip-po lighter, and a dollar’s worth of dimes, according to contemporary news accounts. The dimes were reportedly in case he needed to use a pay phone. Jack Daniel’s had been Sinatra’s frequent companion, both on stage and off, ever since he was introduced to it by the comedian Jackie Gleason. In Gay Talese’s celebrated 1966 *Esquire* article “Frank Sinatra Has a Cold,” Talese quotes the singer as saying, “I’m for anything that gets you through the night, be it prayer, tranquilizers or a bottle of Jack Daniel.” He was also known to refer to it as the “nectar of the gods.” Sinatra’s fondness for Jack Daniel’s, and the fact that he was buried with a bottle, have since been featured in the whiskey maker’s advertising, adding posthumous celebrity endorsement to Sinatra’s many other credentials. Jack Daniel’s has also created a premium whiskey in his honor, *Sinatra Select*.

Tony Curtis (1925 to 2010).

The movie actor shares his coffin with a long list of items, including his Stetson hat, a pair of driving gloves, his grandson’s baby shoes, and the ashes of his dog.

Wild Bill Hickok (1837 to 1876).

Legendary Wild West gunslinger and lawman Hickok was buried with his rifle.

Bob Marley (1945 to 1981).

The reggae great is reportedly buried with his red Gibson Les Paul guitar, a Bible, and some marijuana.

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Harland Sanders (1890 to 1980).

The Colonel of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame was buried in his trademark double-breasted white suit.

Tiny Tim (1932-1996).

Best known for his 1968 rendition of "Tip-Toe Thru' The Tulips With Me," the ukulele-strumming falsetto singer was reportedly buried with—what else?—a ukulele and one or more tulips.

Harry "The Horse" Flamburis (1939-1977).

In 1977, Harry "The Horse" Flamburis, president of the Daly City, California, Hells Angels motorcycle club, was shot with his arms and legs bound together and his eyes and mouth taped shut. When he was buried, more than 150 Hells Angels members surrounded the cemetery on their bikes. Three months later, the Angels returned to the cemetery with Harry's motorcycle in tow. They placed the chopper on top of Harry's coffin. One of the bikers admitted that they don't usually bury their machines, but added, "We're doing it just in this case because the bike is a special kind of bike and we don't anyone else ever to have it."

Stan Musial (1920 to 2013).

St. Louis Cardinals slugger and Baseball Hall of Famer Stan "The Man" Musial was nearly as fond of the harmonica as he was of the bat. He was buried with one of the former in his jacket pocket

William S. Burroughs (1914 to 1997).

The Beat Generation novelist was reportedly buried with, among other things a loaded .38 caliber revolver, a sword cane, a ballpoint pen, a fedora and a joint.

Sandra Ilene West (1939-1977)

When California socialite Sandra Ilene West died in 1977 from a drug overdose, she was buried in San Antonio, Texas, in her 1964 Ferrari 330 America. She asked to be clad in her favorite lace nightgown with the driver's seat positioned at a comfortable angle. West and her car were placed in a large box, which was covered with cement to discourage vandals.

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"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals."

- William Gladstone