

A Guide to CAVE HILL

Louisville's Premier Historical Cemetery



"Youth and beauty, the strong man and the feeble, the rich and the poor, the loved one and the stranger, gather here."

"Let the place of graves be rural and beautiful, Let it be under the free and the cheerful light of heaven."

Let trees be planted there. Let the opening year invite to their branches the springing leaf and birds of song, and when the leaves and birds are gone, let the winds summon from their boughs sweet and melancholy strains."

"Let the tokens of fond remembrance in the shrub and flower be there. Let the murmuring of the gentle rill be there."

"There let the rising sun cast westward the shadows, admonishing us of life's decline, and then let the evening shadows point to the eastern sky, in promise of another and brighter day."

"Amidst everchanging beauty and harmony where decay and renovation of nature may perpetually remind us that we must die, and that to die is to live again. There, let the dust return to earth as it was."

*from the Dedicatory Address
by Rev. E.P. Humphrey, D.D.
July 25, 1848*

Cave Hill Cemetery

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Open Monday - Sunday
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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www.cavehillheritagefoundation.org

LOTS, MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS, CREMATION NICHES AND MONUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Cave Hill Cemetery currently offers for sale an excellent selection of family lots for regular burial and the burial of cremated remains. Lots range in size from 1 to 39 graves. Many include the privilege of a central family monument of granite or marble while others may be marked by individual raised or grass level markers of bronze, granite, or marble depending on the design plan for the section.

Cave Hill's first community mausoleum in Section F was opened in 2006 and offers mausoleum crypts and cremation niches to the public for secure and dignified above ground entombment.

Our Lakeview Mausoleum was opened in 2009 and contains 180 full size crypts and 152 cremation niches. An outstanding view of the lake is a benefit for purchasing in this historic structure.

We have a complete memorial sales program and offer monuments and markers for sale to our lot holders at very competitive prices. They are supported by an exceptional guarantee.

An indoor columbarium, outdoor columbarium niches, cremation scattering garden and many styles of cremation monuments are available for our customers who choose cremation. You may stop by our Sales offices located at the Broadway and Grinstead entrances Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a tour of our facilities.

OUTDOOR CHAPEL & CREMATION GARDEN

In 2006 Cave Hill built a beautiful outdoor chapel in the quarry reserve near our main lake. This substantial structure was designed to nestle into the rustic and tranquil setting along the lake. It may be used for committal and memorial services instead of using a tent at the graveside. The area adjacent to the cliff face is reserved for cremation niches and has been transformed into a cremation garden for present and future memorialization for our customers who choose cremation.

WELCOME TO CAVE HILL

Cave Hill Cemetery was chartered by the General Assembly of Kentucky on February 5, 1848 for the purpose of operating a rural cemetery. The cemetery was dedicated in July of that year, and the transition of Cave Hill Farm into beautiful and historic Cave Hill Cemetery began.

Edmund F. Lee, a local civil engineer, concluded that Cave Hill Farm's irregular landscape was ideally suited for the formation of a rural cemetery.

The cemetery, located at the far east end of Broadway was "out in the country", if you will, and away from the bustle of city life. This was an ideal location, a rural location, to bury many Louisville citizens that died from a large number of communicable diseases prevalent in the mid-1800's. The city grew rapidly during this time, and there was a great demand for lots in the cemetery.

The cemetery's 296 acres were acquired in various tracts from adjoining land owners over a period of thirty years. Within the grounds, known in the mid 1800's as the "city of the dead", are sixteen miles of paved roads, five lakes, and one quarry.

Cave Hill was named for the cave on the east bank of the main lake below the Administration Office that runs 246' into the hillside. The limestone caverns beneath Cave Hill are made up of chain-coral and upper magnesian cliff limestone. This rock was buried in sea water during it's deposition and formation to a depth of 120' beneath a tropical sea. In various parts of the grounds, caverns were made in the rocks by the solvent power of carbonated rain water. The roofs of some of these caverns fell into the floor of the cave making numerous depressions. These are called basins, not sink holes, since there is not an opening at the bottom for future sinking.

As of 2014 there have been over 135,000 people interred on the grounds, and there is ample room for burial of many more citizens on the acres of land yet undeveloped. Many burials are made on lots purchased in the 1800's as lineal descendants die. As long as there is space on a lot, descendants may use the lot until it has reached capacity. Lots may be purchased by contacting our office at (502) 451-5630.

Cave Hill is an outdoor museum with many hundreds of exquisite works of monumental art marking the gravesites of Louisville citizenry. There is a great diversity of style and taste in the monumental memorials to the dead. Granite and marble are the materials of choice used in these monuments and there are hundreds of designs and colors that can be used to create a beautiful memorial to a loved one. Marble is more brittle than granite, so it deteriorates faster. But, being softer, more intricate carvings can be made enhancing the beauty of the design.

Although once well removed from the city limits, Cave Hill is now an island of peace surrounded by the city's hustle and bustle. Not only does it serve as a shining example of nineteenth century picturesque landscape architecture; it is one of the finest arboretums in the United States. Cave Hill has over 500 varieties of trees and shrubs which enhance its natural beauty. Some 400 of these are marked by small signs to aid amateur and expert plant lovers alike. Over 400 of the plants are labeled and a brochure, "Plants of Distinction" is available for sale at the Administration Office. The

mature ginkgo, bald cypress, Cedar of Lebanon, dogwoods, witch-hazel, crabapples, and other numerous shade and flowering trees, make a plant tour an unforgettable experience.

Our waterfowl collection is another benefit of a Cave Hill visit. The main lake is home to all varieties of waterfowl, and in the spring you will see baby ducklings, goslings, and cygnets (swan young), near the water. Corn is fed during inclement weather. Visitors supplement their diet with bread and other goodies from time to time, but are asked not feed the waterfowl along our Chapel road near the lake.

The series of five lakes are fed by underground springs which flow through the cemetery and exit into Beargrass Creek. During the fall of 1992 the lakes were dredged, removing 50+ years of mud and organic matter. This gives new life to the lakes by increasing water capacity, improving aeration, and increasing production of food chain organisms which feed the plants, fish, and waterfowl.

Cave Hill is as steeped in history as it is in beauty. During the Civil War, the United States Government purchased 42,113 square feet of land (at 25 cents per square foot) from Cave Hill Cemetery for the burial of Union soldiers who perished in that war. Nearby, a much smaller area was privately purchased for the interment of over 200 Confederate soldiers.

As you can see, Cave Hill is a wonderful learning experience for all ages, and we look forward to your visit. Cave Hill is open daily from 8:00 to 4:30, and the main entrance is located at 701 Baxter Avenue, at the head of Broadway adjacent to Cherokee Road, Grinstead Drive and Lexington Road.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES

- A speed limit of 20 MPH within the grounds must be observed to insure the safety of visitors and workers.
- Bicycles, Joggers, Motorcycles, Motor Homes or Buses are not permitted in the Cemetery
- Pets are not allowed to roam free or to be walked on a leash on the grounds of Cave Hill Cemetery. Pets contained within a vehicle are fine.
- Do not Park on the Grass.
- No picnicking allowed.
- No one under 16 years of age will be permitted in the cemetery unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Commercial Photography is permitted with written Permission from the administration office.
- Ritualistic, ceremonial burning of various items is only permitted in appropriate metal containers.
- Balloons, toys, statues, ornaments and similar articles are inconsistent with the decor and maintenance on the grounds. They are not allowed and will be removed. Ceramic, plastic or concrete urns and plant stands of any kind are not allowed. No benches of any description will be allowed upon graves or lots without the permission of management.

Open Monday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(weather permitting)

FLORAL DECORATIONS IN CAVE HILL CEMETERY

You are welcome to use a wide variety of floral decorations in Cave Hill Cemetery. However, landscaping, flower and groundcover planting on lots is not permitted unless the lot is in Special Service. Individuals may not plant and maintain plants themselves. Call our Administration Office at (502) 451-5630 for an estimate on the cost of Special Service.

Cut Natural Flowers and Potted Plants may be placed at any time during the year. They will be removed by cemetery personnel within ten days or when they become unsightly, whichever comes first. We offer attractive flower vases in many styles for permanent installation on lots.

Artificial Decorations are not allowed except during the period between December 1st and January 31st. Artificial decorations and other ornamentation placed at any other time will be removed by cemetery personnel.

Appropriate Christmas Decorations either artificial or natural, are allowed from December 1st to January 31st. Natural wreaths may be purchased at the Administration Office by placing an order 30 days prior to Christmas.

Our maintenance department schedules flower removal days on Tuesday and Thursday. All unsightly flowers are removed on one of these days. On occasion our resident wildlife may eat your flowers. We cannot be responsible for this occurrence or possible theft, but our guard force makes every possible effort to protect your flowers at all times.

SPECIAL SERVICE

All of the lots in Cave Hill are maintained by income from the Preservation Fund. If lot owners seek additional care they may contract for Special Service. Special Service requires an endowment where an individual places a sum of money in a private fund for the lot and the income from the fund is used to provide the service desired, or the person may choose Annual Care where a charge is made in January of each year to cover maintenance costs for the current year. Additional services available through Special Service are turf renovation, planting and maintaining trees, shrubs, flower beds, ivy, monument cleaning and placing of Christmas wreaths and cut flowers.

Tours for groups of ten or more people may be arranged by calling the Administration Office 502-451-5630.

Cave Hill prides itself on outstanding maintenance and continues to follow the landscape theory of creating a controlled naturalistic environment where trees, shrubs, waterfowl and family memorials blend together to form the beautiful panorama of a traditional, rural cemetery. Under all weather conditions, over 30 workers maintain the grounds and equipment on our 296 acres.

Cave Hill is Louisville's only arboretum and maintaining the trees undisturbed is difficult because of the nature of our business. Root damage is prevalent from digging graves and trees die from this damage as well as lightning, wind damage and old age. Dead trees are removed in the fall and replanting commences in the Spring.

Many of the plants are labeled with green, engraved plastic signs and are visible from cars and on foot. Enjoy your self-guided tour and visit on a regular basis. A tree brochure may be purchased at the Administration Office.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR WAY...

The Broadway and Grinstead entrances are connected by a solid white line. Broken white lines intersect the solid lines which will eventually lead you to an entrance. A solid yellow line marks the road from the Grinstead entrance to Col. Harland Sanders' lot. A green line marks the road from the Administration Office to Muhammad Ali's lot. All sections are marked by cedar signs and are shown on the map by the symbol "•".

(+++++) = broken line road

(=====) = solid line road

Many of our visitors get the impression that Cave Hill does not have any burial spaces remaining. In fact, there are over 10 acres of ground set aside for development in the future. Many sizes of lots are available with the option of an installment plan for pre-need customers. In 2000, we opened our Columbarium, a mausoleum for cremated remains. It is located just inside our Grinstead Entrance and contains 750 bronze niches with marble or glass fronts. A variety of tasteful urns are also available for your selection. Our cremation percentage has increased steadily over the years and in 2014 is 34% of total burials. Our family services counselors can assist you with questions regarding this option or others in the cemetery. Our Lakeview Mausoleum was opened in 2009 and contains 180 full size crypts and 152 cremation niches. An outstanding view of the lake is a benefit for purchasing in this historic structure.

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Broadway Sales Office 502-584-8363

Grinstead Columbarium Office 502-458-4792

Please call for an appointment



Section Signs

a to z lower case letters indicate a point of interest.

Points Of Interest

(lower case letters on the map)

- MUHAMMAD ALI - SECTION U**
Humanitarian, Civil Rights Leader, Heavyweight Boxing Titleholder. He championed peace and unity amongst the world.
- SATTERWHITE MEMORIAL TEMPLE - SECTION C**
Preston Pope Satterwhite gave many antiques to the J.B. Speed Art Museum. In 1928, he erected "Temple of Love" made of pink Italian marble, which is a copy of Marie Antoinette's ornate structure in her Petite Trianon garden at the Palace of Versailles in Paris.
- CAVE HILL NATIONAL CEMETERY**
Burial site for over 5,500 soldiers killed in the Civil War and other American Wars.
- PATTY HILL - SECTION G**
A kindergarten teacher who wrote the "Happy Birthday" song.
- GEORGE ROGERS CLARK - SECTION P**
"Founder of Louisville" and "Washington of the West" who was originally buried in the family cemetery at Locust Grove, the home of his sister Lucy Clark Croghan.
- COLONEL HARLAND SANDERS - SECTION 33**
Founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken empire. His monument, which includes a bronze bust designed by his daughter Margaret, is suggestive of the KFC headquarters building.
- a MERIWETHER LEWIS CLARK, JR. - SECTION A**
Established the Louisville Jockey Club on Churchill land and created the Kentucky Derby in 1875.
- b WILDER MONUMENT - SECTION B**
Designed by Robert E. Launitz, "The father of monumental art in America", and was erected in memory of Minnie, the Wilder's only child, who died at the age of seven.
- c JAMES GUTHRIE - SECTION B**
Distinguished political, business and educational leader. Served as United States Senator, President of University of Louisville, and President of L & N Railroad.
- d LITHGOW MONUMENT - SECTION C**
Features marble sculpture of the Angel Gabriel and four figures representing Faith, Hope, Mercy and Religion.
- e DAVID ROSS - SECTION I**
Cave Hill's first superintendent whose widow placed a triple sided monument with a club-moss carving which was the badge of the Ross clan, and a special favorite of David Ross.
- f TINGLEY MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN - SECTION E**
Erected in 1922 as a public memorial to William and George H. Tingley, who were brothers and individually achieved success as a wagon maker and as superintendent of the Louisville school system. It was restored in 2004.
- g RUSTIC SHELTER HOUSE - SECTION H**
Built in 1892 as a Watchman's Shelter House. Covered in Oak bark in St. Andrews cross pattern. This is a copy of Marie Antoinette's gardeners cottage in her Petite Trianon garden in Paris. It is one of the oldest examples of rustic architecture in the United States.
- h DOUGLASS LOT - SECTION G**
The family sold 49 acres to the Cemetery in 1863 with agreement that the fence around the family lot would remain.
- i TIFFANY VASE - SECTION N**
Monument designed by Tiffany's of New York.
- j JIM PORTER - SECTION N**
Was the Kentucky Giant at 7'8" tall. Drove a hackney coach and ran the Big Gun Tavern in Shippingport.
- k IRVIN MAUSOLEUM - SECTION P**
One of the few gothic revival designs attributed to the prominent Louisville architect, Henry Whitestone.
- l ELKS REST LODGE - SECTION 5**
Purchased by the Elks as a burial site for members and features a life size bronze elk.
- m NICOLA MARSCHALL - SECTION 5**
Creator of the Confederate uniform and the flag of the Confederacy. Portrait painter of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln.
- n THOMPSON FAMILY TREE - SECTION 5**
Symbolic monument in form of a tree with branches removed and individual headstones resembling logs, for Edwin Vivian Thompson, landscape gardener and farmer.
- o CALDWELL SISTERS - SECTION 13**
Family contributed money to build Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in 1872 in memory of their mother Mary Elizabeth Breckinridge Caldwell. Sisters married European royalty.
- p J. GRAHAM BROWN - SECTION 26**
Prominent Louisville businessman and philanthropist. Inventor of the Hot Brown Sandwich.
- q GHEENS MAUSOLEUM - SECTION 33**
Features a likeness of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper painted on glass in rear window.
- r PETE "THE GLADIATOR" BROWNING - SECTION A**
A professional baseball player and one of the best right-handed hitters and fighters ever. Used John Hillerich's bats to create the Louisville Slugger.
- s HENRY WATTERSON - SECTION P**
Editor of The Journal newspaper; later changed to The Courier-Journal. His name made famous Louisville's Expressway.
- t LOUIS SEELBACH - SECTION 13**
A bellboy at the Galt House, became an entrepreneur and developed the beautiful Seelbach Hotel.
- u SEBASTIAN ZORN - SECTION 1**
President of the Louisville Water Company. Created the filtration system and Crescent Hill swimming pool.