



# Thank You — From the Bottom of Our Hearts

LONE PINE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION · BIGFORK, MONTANA

*Lone Pine exists because people like these showed up.*

## HOW WE GOT HERE

The Lone Pine Cemetery Association was formed February 13, 1917. For nearly a century, dedicated volunteers kept these grounds. By 2014, many of those volunteers were aging and finding it harder to keep up. That year, the next generation stepped up — and has been carrying the torch ever since. Now, we find ourselves as the older board members, and we are looking for the next generation to carry it forward.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

### Tim Darr

Designed and installed our beautiful arch entry. Trims trees, leads spring cleanup, negotiated a donated riding lawn mower from Penco Power Products and a sizable discount from Murdoch's on a second mower — both transformative for grounds maintenance.

### Bill Morton

Assisted in adding our flag display at the entry. Planted and maintains the shrubs on the east perimeter. Has independently cut and removed countless branches, making spring cleanup easier year after year.

### Jeff Wade

Instrumental in keeping the grounds mowed alongside Bill and Tim. A steady, reliable presence who shows up season after season to keep Lone Pine looking its best.

### Barb Potts

Helped reorganize the cemetery association in fall 2014 and has never stopped. Forever cleaning graves, removing old plastic flowers, raking pine cones and needles, and clearing debris — quietly and faithfully.

### Arlene Wilson

Secretary/Treasurer of the association. Instrumental in all cleanup, maintenance, and meetings. The organizational backbone that keeps the association running smoothly year after year.

### Darlene Smith

Has painstakingly compiled and maintained the alphabetical burial records, and has personally created new replacement grave markers for plots where the original markers were lost or damaged.

### Eagle Scout Mark Whitney

Designed and built our community board gazebo at the cemetery entrance — now home to a map of the grounds, articles of interest, and the complete alphabetical listing of everyone buried at Lone Pine.

### Ron Wenzel

Of Bigfork VFW — brought the Wreaths Across America program to Lone Pine starting December 2024. Thanks to Ron and his volunteers, wreaths were placed on all 180 veteran graves in November and December 2025, along with a beautiful flag celebration at the entry.

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **Penco Power Products** — donated a riding lawn mower to the association
- **Murdoch's** — provided a generous discount on a second riding mower
- **Crossroads Church** — made a sizable donation that helped purchase a trailer for hauling equipment
- **Bigfork VFW** — partnership for Wreaths Across America and our annual flag celebration
- **The trailer seller** — generously discounted the trailer upon learning it was for Lone Pine Cemetery

*"To every volunteer — named and unnamed, past and future —  
you hold our history in your hands."*