

Shiloh Cemetery Association Inc

NEWSLETTER



COMMUNITY MOURNS THE DEATH OF TRUSTEE MARK WEBSTER

Mark Webster was a friend that you thought would never die, that he would always be there, quietly working in the care of Shiloh Cemetery: helping folks choose grave spaces, mowing, pulling sand spurs, pruning trees, raking, marking graves for the funeral homes to open. But, he did die, and we miss his helpful, smiling dedication so very much.

Mark was made a trustee in 2003, one of the original trustees chosen at the time Shiloh Cemetery Association was first incorporated when Etter Usher donated the nine acres surrounding the one acre ancestral graveyard. He served as President until 2010, and after that as Trustee-at-Large until his death on August 5th - 21 years of loyal service.

But, Mr. Webster actually served much longer than that: in the late 1970s, he helped his father, R.V. Webster, clear Shiloh from the Florida woods when it was overgrown and neglected, and he helped maintain it until the Association was formed.

In 2010, he and Alan Chancey, a surveyor, created the plat map of the 10 acre cemetery that is now used for managing grave spaces. The map was initially used to assign grave space addresses in the cemetery to record past burials and is now used to record new grave space reservations. Because of his skill in accurately locating grave space addresses, he was the Association's primary contact for funeral homes.

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Your comments and questions may be submitted in writing to

Ginger Oliver, Secretary
PO Box 634
San Antonio, Florida. 33576

Or Email to trustee@shilohcemetery.org

Correspondence will be reviewed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and a reply provided.

HURRICANE HELENE

Though there are trees downed in Shiloh Cemetery, no graves were harmed either by flood waters or by uprooted trees or fallen branches from Hurricane Helene. At the upcoming cemetery cleaning, Saturday, October 26, 2024, 9 am til noon, we will do our best to get the cemetery cleaned up. We know that many of our usual volunteers will be working in the surrounding communities - Cedar Key, Sumner, Rosewood - that were devastated by the storm surge. Our sincere condolences to all who have suffered loss due to Helene, both in our area and across our state and country.



MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS

The Board is responsible for seeing that the Cemetery's common and unimproved areas, and unidentified historical graves in the cemetery are maintained. The Board may delegate its authority or hire a maintenance contractor or other entity to maintain the grounds in good repair, though this work is routinely done by volunteers.

Families and friends of the deceased are expected to care for the individual grave spaces and remove leaves, tree limbs, trash, and similar debris from the Cemetery property when cleaning around grave spaces. Loose, degradable vegetation may be piled in the burn pit on the west of the South area, but whether loose or bagged, refuse, trash and debris may not be left anywhere on the grounds for others to remove.

PLEASE TAKE NON-BIODEGRADABLE TRASH WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE; TAKE BRANCHES, LEAVES, AND PALM FRONDS TO THE BURN PILE AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE SOUTH AREA OF THE CEMETERY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TRASH OR DEBRIS BY THE ENTRANCE GATE. Remember, anything that is piled up outside of a grave space is piled on someone else's grave space or on the common grounds. Please respect the grave spaces of others.

All equipment and materials used in maintenance activities are to be removed from the Cemetery when not actively being used. No equipment may be stored in a grave space or common areas of the Cemetery.

Only the Board and their agents may authorize any changes to the Cemetery that include such actions as grading, planting, landscaping, pruning and so forth.

Do not plant trees in the cemetery. Small shrubs and flowers may be planted, but must be within the 5x10 individual grave spaces and not in the common areas or on other grave spaces.

Any tree, shrub or plant already standing anywhere on the property, including individual grave spaces, that encroaches by its roots, branches or otherwise and becomes or may become detrimental to its surroundings for any reason, the Board may order its removal or take such action necessary to change or correct the problem.

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Mark Webster regularly participated in the meetings of the Board of Trustees and readily voiced his opinions in keeping the character of the cemetery as a rural community burial ground that provides inexpensive grave spaces for people who need them. He consistently participated in the annual cemetery cleanings in April and October, as well as stopping by the cemetery in the evenings to pick up fallen tree limbs or litter left by visitors or motorists.

Sometimes, he would strike up a conversation with people who stopped by the cemetery, curious about its seashell covered graves. He loved to talk about Shiloh's history and the stories of the people buried there, many of them pioneers in the settling of Levy county.

Mark Webster was a kind man who enjoyed the solitude and peace of Shiloh and Shiloh benefitted from his tender care. We miss him very much.

**ANNUAL SPRING CEMETERY CLEANING AND OPEN FORUM****Saturday, October 26, 2024****9 am - 12 noon!****Please support Shiloh Cemetery!**

Bring your rakes and trimmers and we'll all roll up our sleeves to give Shiloh a good spring cleaning and work on restoration of graves that need our care.

Let's work together to keep Shiloh Cemetery a place of solace, tranquility and peace.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE FISH FRY AT LUNCH!**We look forward to seeing YOU!**

SHILOH Cemetery Association is a State of Florida qualified charitable organization.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

VETERANS HONORED WITH CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Robert Avery Baker
 Harold Simuel Beckham
 Jesse Devannie Beckham
 Walter Melvin Beckham
 Francis Patrick Bible
 Kyle Claude Brown
 Charles Larry Brown
 Robert C. Campbell
 James Ronald Campbell, Sr.
 Charlie F. Ford
 Wilbur Ford, Jr.
 William Howard Goodwin
 John Wing Hodges
 Rufus Ingram
 Hugh Bediel Ingram, Sr.
 Kenneth M. Jones
 Albert Branch King
 Charles Perry King
 James H. King
 John Hardy Lane
 Garold Arnold Miller
 Thomas Valentine Mims
 Harvey L. Osteen
 Edward Joseph Phunstein
 William R. Schrock
 Roy Thelbert Sills (memorial only)
 Willie Mason Surls
 Willie E. Watson
 Mark Webster
 Robert Vernon Webster



Once again we will endeavor to place a Christmas wreath on the grave of each of the veterans in Shiloh Cemetery. Please contact Elaine Rains to make a donation for a wreath for a loved one or for a veteran who has no relatives or friends in the area. Each wreath is \$25.

We are proud to recognize and remember our veterans



NEW ENTRY SIGN FOR SHILOH, ERECTED APRIL 27, 2024

We invite you to come out to Shiloh and take a look at our new entry sign, expertly crafted by Gerald Morgan. Out thanks to all who helped in installing it.



SPRING CEMETERY CLEANING APRIL 2024

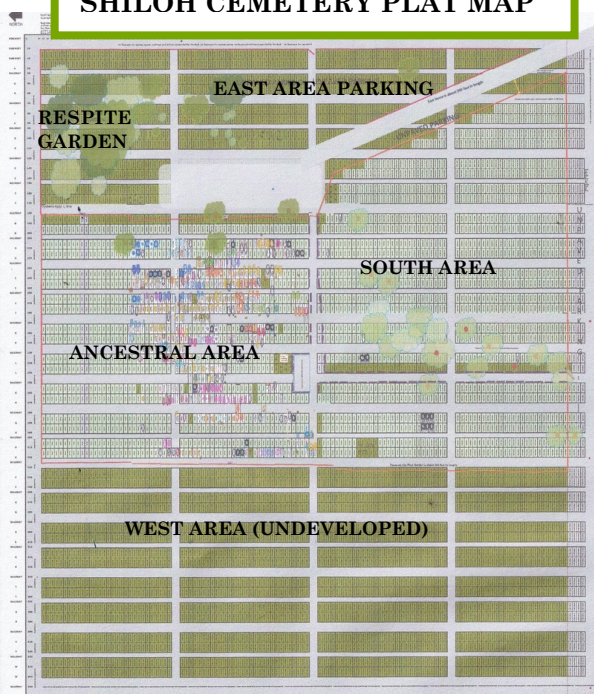


GRAVE SPACE RESERVATIONS

Grave space reservations may be made by contacting a Trustee who will make arrangements for determining the site, completing the paperwork and payment of the requisite fees.



SHILOH CEMETERY PLAT MAP



PROCEDURES FOR RESERVATIONS AND INTERMENTS IN SHILOH CEMETERY

RESERVATIONS

1. Make an appointment with a Trustee to visit the cemetery and determine a desired location.
2. Complete the required paperwork and pay the necessary fees:

\$50 Administrative fee

\$50 Grave Space privilege fee

\$50 Headstone promise deposit

Total fees, \$150

Note: The headstone promise deposit will be refunded when a durable headstone is placed within one year of interment.

3. You will be sent a certificate which affords the named individual the privilege of burial and/or erection of a memorial in the designated grave space. This certificate is for your records only.
4. You will receive guidelines that outline embellishments that you may or may not make to the grave space.

INTERMENTS

1. Notify Gerald Morgan and confirm authorization for the burial and/or placing a headstone.

Note: A grave space is required for both burials and cremations. Though cremations have been placed in occupied graves spaces in the past, individual grave spaces are now required. Scattering of ashes in the general areas is not permitted.

2. Provide Gerald Morgan with the deceased's date of death and date of burial for the Association's records, as required by the State of Florida.
3. Notify the funeral home to contact Gerald Morgan to discuss any questions and procedures.
4. Gerald Morgan will mark the grave space location for the funeral home.
5. After a durable headstone is placed, the headstone promise deposit will be refunded, if within 1 year of burial.

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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

OCTOBER 2024

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Shiloh Cemetery Association, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit institution organized for the management, maintenance and improvement of Shiloh Cemetery in Sumner, Florida.

Supported by private donations and modest grave space privilege fees, Shiloh provides an affordable option for those needing its services.

The ten-acre cemetery is located at
12690 SW Shiloh Road
Cedar Key, Florida 32625

Board of Trustees

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Calendar

October 26, 2024 9 am til lunch

Fall Cemetery Cleaning and Public Forum

January 25, 2025

Winter Meeting Board of Trustees

April 26, 2025 9 am til lunch

Spring Cemetery Cleaning and Public Forum

July 26, 2025

Summer Meeting Board of Trustees