



# MEMORIAL DAY 2020

## Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery



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## Welcome Friends & Visitors!

*The Board of Directors and staff at Highland Memory Gardens welcomes all lot owner families and visitors to these memorial gardens. Our staff and volunteers have worked many long hours to prepare for this special weekend. We ask that you respect this cemetery and the tributes which have been left behind honoring loved ones.*

## Memorial Day 2020



COVID-19 has turned our world upside down. It has been extremely difficult on our families as we have been limited to 10 people at a memorial/graveside service. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our HMG family during these unprecedented times.

For the safety of our families and staff, we have had to make some very difficult decisions regarding our Memorial Day festivities. We know that many of you look forward to this special time to honor our veterans, but due to the current restrictions and the need for social distancing, we feel it is in the best interest of everyone involved. It is with great sadness that we are cancelling these activities.

- 1. Our traditional 2020 Memorial Day service has been cancelled.**
- 2. The Avenue of Flags will be limited to the center drive to the Tower.**
- 3. Individual flags will not be placed on each veteran's grave.**

We do not wish to restrict your ability to honor your loved ones during the Memorial Day season, but we would suggest the following for everyone's safety.

- 1. Practice social distancing.** As you arrive at the cemetery, look toward the area around your loved ones' grave(s) and wait to approach if there are several people in that area.
- 2. Check our website** for updates [www.highlandmemorygardens.com](http://www.highlandmemorygardens.com) We will add a list of all of our veterans who have been buried in Highland Memory Gardens since Memorial Day 2019.
- 3. Share a memory and/or photo.** As a special way to remember your loved one, visit their page (go to our website and click on "Locate a Loved One") and share your favorite memory and/or photo! Please include the date of the photo or memorial if possible.

Thank you for your understanding. We are here to serve you. Please feel free to contact us.

## Helpful Information:

- Download our free app "Highland Memory Gardens" ([www.highlandmemorygardens.com](http://www.highlandmemorygardens.com)) to find the locations of your loved ones' grave(s).
- Visit our office during business hours for maps of burial locations.
- Waste receptacles are available for each garden.
- Water faucets are colored blue and can be found in each garden.
- Silk floral bouquets may be purchased in the cemetery office.

### Office Hours During Memorial Day Weekend:

Thursday and Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Sunday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Monday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Restroom Facilities Available:

For your convenience, portable restroom units have been placed just east of the cemetery office for visitors to use at all times during the Memorial Day Weekend.

# Veterans Buried at HMG since Memorial Day 2019

We honor the following veterans who have been laid to rest at HMG since Memorial Day 2019:

· Evelyn Christopher Appell  
· Richard Paul Baker  
· George Edward Battin  
· Laverne Wayne Beighler  
· Leland Mathew Brewster  
· James Lee Briar  
· Melvin Grant Clark  
· Ralph Decker, Jr.  
· Robert Henry Dyer  
· Franklyn Austin Finch  
· Jerry Allen Flaherty  
· Robert Henry Hale  
· Floyd Harold Herman

· James Roy Jensen  
· Phillip Frederik Jepsen  
· George Spero Karaidos  
· Fredrick Russell Kasner  
· James David Lee  
· Norman Eugene Lettington  
· Robert Lloyd Mackie  
· Donald Morton Maffett  
· Arthur Wallace Nelson  
· Ellsworth John Oakes  
· Jimmy Jay Parker  
· Darwin Eugene Pollard  
· Willard Wayne Pratt

· Donald LaVern Roberts  
· Larry Rex Rockey  
· Robert Dean Schlegel  
· Arnold Wayne Staub  
· Carl Herman Strong  
· William Allen Sumpter  
· Frank Henry Teske  
· Robert Rush Thompson  
· Dean Keith Veenschoten  
· Tommy Lynn Wheeldon  
· Parker Rieley Willson  
· Paul Edward Wolfe  
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## New Faces At HMG...

### TINA BURRIOLA



Tina is our newest Administrative Assistant, who joined HMG in February, 2020. Tina's bubbly personality is often the first you hear when calling our office and she is eager to be of assistance to all who call or stop by.

Prior to joining the HMG team, Tina most recently worked with special needs children in the SE Polk School District.

Having lived most of her life in the Des Moines area, Tina and her husband are the parents of five children and are active at Capital City Church. When not working, Tina enjoys attending her children's sporting events, baking and taking walks.

### GARY STORCK



After working in the automobile collision repair business for many years, Gary joined the HMG staff in April 2020 as part of the grounds crew. He enjoys working with the friendly people at HMG and being outside on the beautiful grounds.

Gary was born and raised in Des Moines. He is a graduate of North High School, Grand View College and Iowa State University.

When not working, Gary enjoys camping, bicycling, motorcycling, and tending to his yard and gardens.

*We welcome Tina and Gary to our HMG family!*

## Yearly Cleanup Schedule

**Memorial Day Cleanup:** Monday, June 1, 2020 - all items not in permanent vases will be removed and discarded. Items in permanent vases will remain to beautify our Gardens until the fall cleanup.

**Fall Cleanup:** 1st Monday in October - Monday, October 5, 2020. All permanent vases will be put into the ground for the winter. All decorations will be removed and discarded. Reminder: No vase use is permitted during the winter.

**Spring Cleanup:** 1st Monday in March, weather permitting - or 1st day when ground is thawed so wreath stand can be removed.

**Cleanup Notifications:** If you would like to receive a reminder of our cleanup days, please send your email to our office at [jan@highlandmemorygardens.com](mailto:jan@highlandmemorygardens.com). You will be added to our list and will be notified prior to cleanup days.

## Update Your Information

Do we have your current contact information? It is extremely helpful to us to have current address, phone number and email address for each of our lot owners and friends. If any of your contract information has changed in the past year or we do not have it on file, please send it to us at [jan@highlandmemorygardens.com](mailto:jan@highlandmemorygardens.com). Thank you for your help!