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President's Message

Scott Harmon

2016 has already been a busy year for the OCA. The OCA Awards Banquet was held February 20 at the Holiday Inn-Worthington. We had a great turnout for this event with around 62 attendees. There were a total of 29 awards presented during the evening. It's always great to see sales advisors and employees get recognized for their hard work and accomplishments. Our industry is very tough at times but also rewarding. It takes a special individual to be able to handle the jobs that we perform on a daily basis. I just wanted to congratulate not only the award winners but also every employee at every level that makes our industry GREAT!!

The Spring Conference followed three weeks later at the Embassy Suites- Columbus. The OCA Board spends numerous hours organizing these events to meet the needs of our entire association. We look at all the survey results to try and capture speaking topics that are of great interest to our association. The talks were highlighted by our keynote speaker Chuck Behrens. Chuck is the Spiritual Care Coordinator Hospice of the

Western Reserve. He held two discussions titled "Caring Makes Cents" and "Holy Hell". His talks were very

informative but also emotional. I wanted to give a special thanks to Marilyn Brandt and Lakeview Cemetery for helping to sponsor Mr. Behrens talks.

It's hard to believe that spring is here and we are heading into the month of April. With that comes a very busy season for all of us. Flowers are beginning to push out of the ground and the grass is starting to grow. The busy Memorial Day rush will be here before we know it. Don't let this busy time take away from your locations attention to detail. Most of the work that gets done at our cemeteries might not be mentioned directly to us by our visitors, but is definitely noticed. Be sure to thank the grounds maintenance crews for jobs well done. The work performed by these individuals makes our cemeteries a special place for friends and loved ones to visit.

The Annual Summer Convention planning is underway, but has had some obstacles in the early planning stages. The conference was going to be held at the Atwood Lake Resort. We had the dates set and were going through pricing talks. The company that ran the daily venues at the resort has walked away from the operations. We have found a new location to host



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Upcoming Events

Annual Convention
August 1-3, 2016
Schoenbrunn Inn &
Conference Center
New Philadelphia, OH

Fall Maintenance Seminar
October 6, 2016
Forest Hill Cemetery
Piqua, OH



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President's Message continued...

our summer conference. We will be staying at the Schoenbrunn Inn and Conference Center located in New Philadelphia, OH. The Conference dates will still be August- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The field day will still be at the Dover Burial Park Cemetery, which is about 5 miles away from our conference. This will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd. Golf Outing will be planned for Monday, August 1st. Additional information will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available.

Our Fall Maintenance Seminar this year will be at Forest Hill Cemetery and Arboretum,

located in Piqua, OH. Jim Roth is our host for this event which will take place October 6, 2016.

The Ohio Cemetery Association is still very active at the state level. The OCA currently has four members on the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission.

Current Commissioners are: Scott Harmon, Jim Wright, Rufus Slade, and Jack Lee Harris. Our association continues to grow and remain active at every level to ensure Ohio cemeteries have a voice and are taken care of.

On a final note, I would like to welcome three new members to the OCA Board:

Chris Sullivan with Spring Grove Cemetery, Shane Shipley with Fairview-Galion Cemetery Association, and our new supplier representative Robert Porter with Mathews International. These individuals are a great addition to our board and look forward to them growing and expanding our association.

Let's make 2016 a great and prosperous year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Scott Harmon
OCA President
Dover City Cemeteries

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August 1-2-3, 2016

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New Philadelphia, Ohio

More Details Will Be Available Shortly

See www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com for up to date information.



February Awards Night Recap

It was great to see such a great turnout for the 2016 OCA Awards Banquet. We had a total of 61 in attendance! The weather was much better this year than last. Those that attended were able to enjoy a great day that started with a sales roundtable discussion. Following the roundtable, we were able to spend an hour prior to dinner catching up with friends while making new acquaintances. I wanted to thank Joe Drozda for giving the dinner invocation. After the great dinner we began the awards portion of the evening.



There were a total of 29 awards given including 9 special employee and rookie awards. The 20 sales awards for the night totaled \$8,914,216.00!!! The Category 1 winner of the evening was Greg Neer from Sunset Cemetery with a total sales production of \$441,946.00. The Category 2 winner was Russ Smith from Lake View Cemetery with a total sales production of \$1,071,258.00. The Category 3 winner was Laura Favret from Resurrection Cemetery Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus with a total sales production of \$1,096,765.00. The Category 4 winner was Ronald Karlo from Sunset Hills & Forest Hill Cemeteries with a total sales production of \$513,017.00. I wanted to thank all the OCA cemeteries involved with the night's events for taking the time to recognize the most important part of this business, **THEIR EMPLOYEES!**

February Awards Night Recap continued...

The evening was capped off with some “HUGE” money winners. All In Casinos provided the evening entertainment. They provided games to be played for any skill level. The games included: Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, and Wheel of Fortune. Whether you were at a table or cheering from behind everyone seemed to have a great time. At the end of the night the biggest voucher turned in was \$4,500,000! I’m not sure if we would have the same luck in Vegas but it was fun trying. Again thanks for the great turnout and participation at the Awards Banquet. The OCA will only go as far as our membership takes us!

Scott Harmon

OCA President



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February Roundtable Sessions

February 20, 2016

Thanks to all who attended the roundtable discussions.

We want to especially thank Joe Drozda for led our roundtable (and for the Johnsonville coupons....you had to be there). We had a great time sharing ideas about family service, different techniques for serving families, and best practices for policies and procedures. We learned about the importance of family service to protect the rights of both the cemetery and the family, as well as the extra service above and beyond a typical arrangements conference.

There are a lot of great advisors with some great ideas and adaptations to current practices that can really make a difference to the

family and the cemetery's bottom line.

Please be sure to join us next year for the award winners, special employee recognition or just come for the roundtable and dinner. You don't have to be an award winner to participate.

Kirk Roberts
OCA Program Chair
February 2016 Awards Night



Welcome New Board Member

Shane R. Shipley
Fairview Cemetery
Galion Cemetery Association
Galion, Ohio

After graduating from Westford Academy in Westford Massachusetts, I went in the U.S. Army was in service of our country until 1996. My work history started out like every one - fast food and warehouses. Not liking working indoors a whole lot, I looked to the construction field where I became an operative mason in 1997, where I stayed until 2002. In 2002, I moved to a Galion, Ohio. At which time I was introduced to the Cemetery industry by way of ground maintenance. While working my first year I was handed an opportunity to advance to Caretaker of the grounds and finally as Manager of operations for the

Galion Cemetery Association, a private not for profit Association that was established in the late 1800. While here, without any form of formal training or schooling for our industry, I have had the opportunity of working with individuals and families who are going through difficult times.

I have now been in this field for ten plus years and look forward to serving several more while raising my three children. In my spare time I enjoy watching trains, big and small alike. I am also proud to be a member of the greatest Fraternity around, Free & Accepted Masons. I also look forward to the challenges set before me and learning as I go.



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Cemetery Spotlight

Jewish Federation Of Cleveland's Commission On Cemetery Preservation

Many of Cleveland's older Jewish cemeteries are located in areas where the Jewish community no longer lives and synagogues no longer exist. Without an organized

Campaign Chair. "Everyone is invited to contribute to this campaign and perform one of the highest expressions of chesed (loving kindness), as those buried in the cemeteries cannot repay anyone for the kindness shown to them."

resources needed to carry out their long term responsibility.

The Commission on Cemetery Preservation (COCP), a foundation of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, ensures the dignified



effort, these cemeteries have fallen into disrepair and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland has stepped in to help. With unanimous Board approval, the 112 year old non-profit organization

has launched a Cemetery Preservation Campaign with the goal of raising \$3.5 million to honor the deceased.

"The history of our Jewish community is represented in these cemeteries and together we can preserve that history," said Harley I. Gross, Cemetery Preservation

In the Cleveland area, there are approximately 69,000 graves in 16 Jewish cemeteries and 3 general cemeteries with Jewish sections. Many are plagued with overgrown trees and grass, broken or missing fences, and overturned headstones. Historically, congregations and benevolent associations have held primary responsibility for the upkeep of their cemeteries; but, not all have the

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maintenance, sustainability, and perpetuity of Cleveland's Jewish cemeteries under the Federation's supervision. As of 2015, the COCP has become responsible for the upkeep of 14,060 graves with jurisdiction of 6 Jewish cemeteries, including: Baxter Cemetery, Chesed Shel Emeth, Fir Street Cemetery, Harvard Cemetery, Lansing Cemetery, Workmen's Circle section of Lincoln Cemetery, and another west side cemetery is on the verge of being added soon. The COCP engages with new partners on an ongoing basis, evaluating the need to take on oversight of additional Cleveland Jewish cemeteries.

The improvement process is underway with tree removal, stone resetting, and landscaping thanks to the hire of a full-time Cemetery Manager, Brett Cochran,

who works with an oversight committee to design and implement appropriate maintenance plans that ensure ongoing care of the cemeteries under the COCP's jurisdiction.

Funds raised by the Cemetery Preservation Campaign will enable the care of these cemeteries in perpetuity and allow for the addition of other cemeteries as needed.

"It's a community's role to ensure that all cemeteries remain dignified, and that individual people are remembered," said Gross. "It's a moral responsibility, and it is also a communal responsibility. How we do this is our legacy."

For more information, please visit the Federation's website at www.jewishcleveland.org.



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**Permaculture Guru LLC Goat Project at Historic Spring Grove Cemetery
Suspended**

Cincinnati, OH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 – Since February 19, 2016, Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum has participated in an experiment to see how well grazing animals can control invasive plants and to provide a new source of education at Spring Grove. The goats were fenced in the northwest corner of the Woodland Preserve. A shelter was positioned adjacent to the parking area inside the Woodland Preserve and has remained on-site. The goal was for the goats to consume one acre of ground vegetation. During their stay, the goats have become beloved members of Spring Grove as well as a favorite destination for our hundreds of visitors.

On the evening of Monday, March 21st, a dog got into the goat's pen and attacked and injured several of the goats. It is unclear how the dog got past the electric fence and into the pen. We are reviewing footage from our surveillance cameras and are suspending this program for the foreseeable future.

Gary M. Freytag, President and CEO of Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum commented, "We have been encouraged by the popularity of the goats and the success of the program. We are deeply saddened by the events of Monday evening."

For more information about this event call (513) 681-PLAN (7526) or visit our website www.springgrove.org.

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Goats at the Grove

Dave Gressley

Director of Horticulture
Spring Grove Cemetery

Plants long used in the ornamental landscape have colonized far beyond their bounds throughout the Mid- West. One needs to look no farther than untended wooded areas or hidden corners in the landscape. Texts are emerging that speak of refined and optimal means of control of many of these invasive plants. However, in the most basic scheme, vegetative control comes down to either mechanical or chemical means or both.

Grazing animals have come back into vogue for vegetation control. The city of Cleveland leased a herd of sheep to keep the grass in check along a fenced and sloped lawn in view of Interstate 90 near the downtown skyline and in view of Lake Erie some years ago. Green industry people with an eye toward conservation have long held thoughts of incorporating less toxic means of landscape maintenance.

Goats have long been

known to eat everything in sight and the thought of them playing a role to control invasive vegetation was intriguing. An opportunity was presented to use Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum as an ideal test site to determine the test the effectiveness of the goats grazing on a steeply sloped ravine covered with different species of invasive plants. Lacking data, my interest centered on the degree of vegetation control with the hope that grazing would eradicate established invasive plants such as English ivy, winter creeper Euonymus, myrtle, Amur honeysuckle, Lesser celandine and even some escaped winter aconite. Late fall and late winter when desirable plants are dormant is the optimal time to make this test.

Goats, as it turns out, can't be turned loose and picked up when the job is finished. An electric fence protects them from predators and they are monitored daily. Some plants are less palatable than others. Myrtle is lower class fare on the menu and remains in relative abundance while other selections like winter creeper and English ivy disappear quickly. Amur

honeysuckle makes a good roughage aiding digestion when the twigs, cambium, the growth layer and bark are consumed. Supplements such as probiotics, hay and feed round out a goat's diet.

Our herd of goats are people friendly but others were weeded from this herd because of their aggressive behavior. They behave much like cats forming bonds, holding grudges and competing for treats.

The results of this one acre test will be determined after the goats have finished their task and time allows for any sprout growth of the plants we want to eradicate. Spring Grove has suspended their goat experiment for the foreseeable future.



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Swamp White Oak *“The Adaptable and Long-Lived Urban Tree.”*

Written by Mark A. Webber

Board Certified Master Arborist #OH-0824B

The Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) is an underutilized tree in the urban landscape today, however for 1000's of years in nature it has tried and true record. If sited correctly, it could become an important sustaining contributor to the urban forest canopy. This tree has a native range that starts from Ontario and to the Atlantic Ocean throughout the eastern seaboard states to South Carolina. Its range reaches throughout the Midwest to the western states Missouri and Iowa. When you find this species of oak tree growing in natural conditions, it grows in groves of like species of Oak, Hickory, Elms and other tree species.

One of this tree's greatest assets is its bright shiny leaves that make it a very handsome addition to the garden if it is given plenty of sun to grow. This tree species is tolerant of partial shade conditions and is a beautiful tree to integrate when one is trying to create understory trees to replace a nearby declining tree.



Photo source Webber2015

Site Conditions

Swamp white oak grows in acid soils and is tolerant of high pH soils like what is found in new construction sites and can tolerate wet to very dry soils. This tree thrives in low oxygen soils that are heavily compacted, and its branches are unique with a central leader habit when it is young and will create a broad spreading tree that can reach 50-60

in height. Surprising Swamp White Oak has a cold tolerance to zone 4 and has the biological potential for at least 300 years.

National and Ohio champion trees

According to the website American Forrest, the national champion, Swamp White Oak is located in Franklin Township, New Jersey at is 97 feet tall and 101 feet wide. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry says in Ohio our state champion is located in Licking County and is 70 feet tall and 76 feet wide.

Unique Genetics

Two forms of swamp white oak have been described: a mesophytic form with leaves that are green and velvety on the lower surface and prefers soil conditions that provide moisture on a consistent basis like bogs and or swampy areas.



Xerophytic Swamp White Oak (Photo Source Webber2015)

A second form is a xerophytic form with leaves that are white-tomentose beneath and this plant species has evolved over time to adapt to dry regions.

Swamp White Oak also has been known to hybridize with other nearby Oaks and plant breeders often rely on Swamp White to create unique plant selections and the following six hybrids with swamp white oak are recognized: *Quercus x jackiana* Schneid. (*Q. bicolor x alba*); *Q. x humidicola* Palmer (*Q. bicolor x lyrata*); *Q. x schuettei* Trel. (*Q. bicolor x macrocarpa*) ; *Q. x introgressa* P. M. Thomson (*Q. bicolor x muehlenbergii x prinoides*); *Q. x substellata* Trel. (*Q. bicolor x stellata*); *Q. x nessiana* Palmer (*Q. bicolor x virginiana*). Swamp white oak also hybridizes with chestnut oak *Quercus prinus*) and English oak (*Q. robur*).

An Important Wildlife tree

Swamp White acorns are noted to be some of the sweetest acorns of any of the oaks grown in the North American, in fact, this species of oak is the food of choice squirrels and other rodents .



Photo source Webber2015

In a study in Wisconsin, swamp white oak acorns were found to make up 27 percent of the diet of wild ducks and other nongame bird species.

Easy to Grow

Swamp White Oak can be grown and transplanted by nurseries by container production, balled and burlap as well as bare root methods. Unlike other Oaks, Swamp White can even be dug and harvested in the fall with a great deal of success into today's urban landscape. Once established this stress tolerant species will grow rapidly with an average shoot elongation from 15-24" annually.

If you are looking for a tree that can replace Ash trees or need a quick growing shade-producing tree that will thrive in today's urban conditions, then Swamp White Oak may be an excellent choice for your tree's needs!

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FOREST HILL CEMETERY – PIQUA AWARDED LEVEL I ACCREDITATION BY ARBNET ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Piqua, Ohio, 4/26/16 – Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua, Ohio has been awarded a Level I Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum, for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. Forest Hill Cemetery is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

Forest Hill Cemetery was established in 1868. Located on the north side of the City of Piqua it spans 120 acres and is divided by a canal with a walking path used by many for walking and biking. The cemetery is the final resting place for nearly 30,000 individuals. Forest Hill Cemetery has a tree program in place and works to plant new trees each year to provide a variety of trees to enjoy. It offers a tree adoption program with a plaque placed at the tree in memory of a loved one.

Forest Hill Cemetery Superintendent Jim Roth stated, "This has been a project that we have been working on for several years now and we have finally made it. I am proud of all those who have taken part in this project and to the cemeteries ground maintenance crew for their part in digging and planting the trees as well as ongoing tree care."

About ArbNet

ArbNet is an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta. ArbNet facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta meet their institutional goals and works to raise professional standards through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program. The accreditation program, sponsored and coordinated by [The Morton Arboretum](#) in Lisle, Illinois in cooperation with [American Public Gardens Association](#) and [Botanic Gardens Conservation International](#), is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta based on a set of professional standards. The program offers four levels of accreditation, recognizing arboreta of various degrees of development, capacity and professionalism. Standards include planning, governance, public access, programming and tree science, planting and conservation. More information is available at www.arbnet.org.

Retirement Announcement William P. Lavelle

June 1946: Started working at Cedar Hill Cemetery between junior and senior year at Newark High School. Worked for three months until school started. After graduation, worked part-time for next five years while employed at other places.

Drafted into US Army during Korean Conflict, serving 2 years from Jan. 16, 1951 until Jan. 15, 1953. Attained the rank of Corporal as Chief Clerk in Battalion Headquarters of 695th AFA, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Used furlough from Army to work at Cedar Hill Cemetery in May 1951 and 1952 to assist in preparing Cedar Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day. After discharge, returned to Owens Corning in Newark as a draftsman.

October 1, 1953: Appointed Superintendent of Cedar Hill Cemetery by Mayor John Swank of Newark, a position I held until retirement, April 1, 1982. Actually left Jan 1, 1982 but remained on staff to assist in the operation until April 1st.

January 1, 1982: Appointed General Manager of Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio to replace Mr. Jacob Kreps who was retiring at that time. Jake was President of OACS&O 1961-1962. Served as General Manager and Secretary, retiring August 1, 1996 after 15 years of service. Immediately appointed to the Board of Trustees as Treasurer.

November 2000: Elected as President of Union Cemetery following the death of the President, Walter L. Hartman. Held this position until April 2014 at which time I stepped down to a regular board member, retiring completely December 31, 2015 after 34 years of service.

I joined the Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents & Officials as a member in 1954 as

the youngest superintendent of the association. (Copy of letter from Edgar C. Warren, Sec. Treas.) Attended my first convention in Cincinnati, September 1955. S. Clyde Gordon from Spring Grove Cemetery was the president. This year, August 2009 completes 56 years as a member and will be my 55th consecutive convention.

First elected to the Executive Committee of OACS&O in 1963. President Edgar C. Warren organized the 1st Mid-Year Conference at the Southern Hotel, Columbus Ohio on March 30, 1967 with William Lavelle as its 1st speaker. A copy of that program is attached. The tradition has held strong for 37 years. The most recent Mid-Year Conference was held in March 2008. Moved thru the various offices and served as President in 1968-69. Half way through my term as President, our Sec. Treas., Wellman Carson of Spring Grove Cemetery became ill and could not serve. Sam Stueve, Superintendent of Spring Grove and the immediate Past President assumed the duties of Mr. Carson and between the two of us, we completed the year with a successful convention in September 1969 in Columbus.

At that time the nominating committee asked me to take over the office of Secretary-Treasurer, a position I held for the next ten years, 1969 to 1979. I had served on the executive committee for a total of 17 years.

After moving over to Union Cemetery in 1982, I served for many years on the legislative committee as a member and also as chairman. During that time I was also president of the Allied Memorial Council. Along with Charles Oliver,

Past President, myself and members of The Ohio Association of Cemeteries, we were successful in the formation of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Committee which was approved by the State Legislature. I was appointed by Governor George Voinovich to a three year term in August 1993 on the newly formed committee.



Over the years I have been an active member of the International Cemetery & Funeral Association (formerly known as American Cemetery Association) attending my first convention in 1957, Cleveland, Ohio, which was a joint convention with the OACS&O. The highest award possible in the interment and memorialization industry, that of Certified Cemetery Executive (CCE) was conferred in October 1988 by the American Cemetery Association. This was the 1st CCE designation ever conferred on a cemeterian in the State of Ohio. In October 1990 I was elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors of ICFA. (International Cemetery & Funeral Assoc.) On March 14, 2006, Las Vegas, NV. I was honored with membership in the Half-Century Club of ICFA. President of Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio when it celebrated its 200th year of service to the community (1806-2006) on June 9, 2006.

Public Service, City of Newark 30 years a Department Head as Superintendent of Cedar Hill Cemetery, with part time employment, was credited with 32 years of public service.

Elected to a two year term on Newark City Council 1984-85 serving on The Finance Committee Vice Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Retirement Announcement continued...

Served for 5 ½ years as a member of the Newark Civil Service Commission.

Past President, Past Secretary, 56 year member and 1st Life Member of the Newark Lions Club.

Member of the Governing Board of Directors of A Call To College serving as Secretary.

My Wife Virginia and I are volunteer ushers at The Midland Theatre having served over 1175 hours since the theatre re-opened in 2002. We were the 1st to reach this milestone.

Hobbies and other activities:
Member of the Newark High School Basketball Team in 1947 that won the championship of the Central Ohio League.

Basketball Official for 27 years working high school, college and tournament games over the entire State of Ohio from 1956 thru 1982. In 1968 was appointed Commissioner of the newly organized Licking County League. Duties were to select and contact officials for all varsity league football and basketball officials for the 1969-70 school year

Amateur wine maker since 1976. Attended wine making course at OSU-Newark.

Member of St. John's United Church of Christ, having served on Church Council on two different times. Member since 1952. Oldest Past President of the Congregation living as of this date. Also, a 60 year member of Acme Lodge #554, Free and Accepted Masons.

Virginia and I have traveled to all 50 States of the United States. Also with our trip to Africa on a Safari with Freedom Years of Park National Bank in March 2008, we have visited all Seven Continents of the World, Asia, Africa, North

America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia

Love of my life since I was 8 years old, that of playing Billiards. At present time I am ranked as a "AA" Player and a Recognized Teacher/Instructor. Also a member of the Ohio State Championship "8" ball team in 2003. In 2002 this same team was ranked 13th in the world at the International Championships in Las Vegas. In May 2010 I placed 5th in the Senior Singles Tournament held by the Valley

National Eight Ball Association in Las Vegas. This was an international tournament with 105 entrants, the 5th place paid \$500.00 Born in Newark on November 19, 1929 at 263 Boyleston Ave.

Have been married for over 64 years to Virginia Walker Lavelle also a Newark native. We have two children, Gayle Lavelle Miller, Worthington, Ohio and W. Dana Lavelle, Plain City, Ohio and four grand children.
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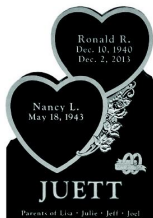
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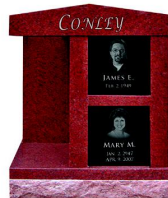
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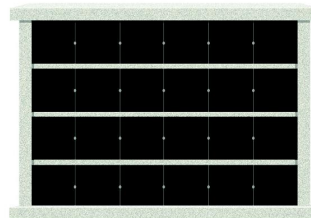
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