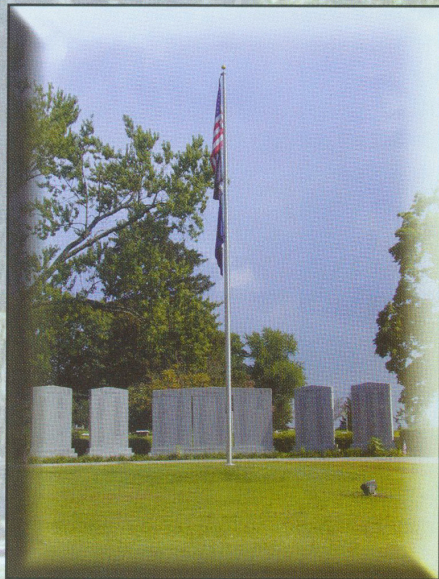


MIDWAY Cemetery



RULES & REGULATIONS



PLEASE DO



Plant flower beds of spring bulbs and summer annuals. Beds should be 6 inches on either side and 1 foot in front



Natural flowers are permitted at all times.

PLEASE DON'T



Toys, shells, balloons, decorative stones and similar articles may not be left on cemetery lots.



Articles made of concrete; urns, benches, boxes, etc. are not allowed.



Bark mulches are not allowed.



Flower beds must be maintained.

HISTORY

Although Midway was established in 1833, there was not a central, city-run cemetery until 1890 when R.S. Starks, Richard Godson, John B. Swope and J.A. Steele had the state legislature pass an act authorizing the Midway Cemetery Company. On July 8, 1890 Starks, Steele, Swope and Godson purchased a 23 acre, 2 rood, 10 sugar pole tract of land lying west of Midway on the Midway and Spring Station Turnpike Road, from John P. and Columbia Ennis for the sum of \$2,945.31. On September 10, 1890, 17 acres, 26 sugar poles of this land was sold to the Midway Cemetery Company for the sum of \$1.00.

With this land now set aside, Midway finally had a place to bury their own and in the same year of 1890, Lacreacia Ingram Russell became the first to be laid to rest in the new cemetery.

The following year, 1891, the Midway Cemetery Company donated a lot for the re-burial of four Confederate prisoners of war who were executed for a crime which they did not commit. The men, M. Jackson, J. Jackson, S. Rissinger and N. Adams were reportedly buried where they fell on November 4, 1864. The women of Midway, led by Mrs. Nancy Porter were responsible for leading a movement to move the soldiers' remains to the new cemetery. A monument erected on the site reads "Rest Soldiers, Rest Thy Warfare O'er".

The years following saw regular movement at the cemetery. Then, in 1956, Miss Mayme Cogar sent out two hundred letters asking for donations to friends who had relatives buried there. The funds received were placed in an account that is still used by the Midway Woman's Club to help beautify the cemetery.

In the decade of the 1960s, the cemetery was enlarged with the addition of sections G, L, and M. During this time, the vault at the back was also removed.

Midway has a long and proud history of supporting our country in its struggle for freedom at home and abroad. In turn it has given many sons and daughters to the cause. Citizens, in an effort to show their appreciation for these brave men and women, formed a Veterans Memorial Committee. Under the leadership of Joe Fisher a monument with the names of those who served in all branches of the armed forces during all wars, was erected. It was dedicated on July 4, 1997 and now serves as the focal point of the cemetery.

MIDWAY CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(As Adopted by the Midway City Council)

- ❖ Interment's and inurnments will be made by Midway Cemetery personnel only.
- ❖ Interments and inurnments will be made only after obtaining: a) authorization of the owner of the cemetery lot ; b) authorization of the nearest relative of the deceased; c) approval of the Midway Cemetery.
- ❖ The Midway Cemetery shall not be held responsible for any order authorizing an interment given over the telephone, nor for any mistake occurring because of inaccurate instructions.
- ❖ No lot owner may sell his lot or any portion thereof privately without permission of the Midway Cemetery. The Midway Cemetery will repurchase any lot or portion thereof at the original purchase price less the current transfer fee, providing no interments have taken place.
- ❖ The Midway Cemetery will not recognize transfers of ownership by will unless duly notified.
- ❖ The owner of each lot shall have the right of beautification of their lot, but in order to achieve the best results; all planting must be done with the permission of the cemetery manager and under his supervision. No tree nor shrub growing within the lot shall be cut down or destroyed without the written consent of the management; and if any tree or shrub situated in any lot shall become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, it shall be the right and duty of the management to remove said trees or shrubs, with the lot owner bearing all costs.
- ❖ Toys, shells, balloons, decorative stones, statuary of animals, angels, etc., and similar articles are not allowed to be placed upon graves, nor will trellises, fencing or curbing be permitted on any lot.
- ❖ Artificial decorations will only be permitted from November 15 until March 1. Artificial decorations placed at other times will be removed.
- ❖ Any decorations placed on a lot, which do not conform to the Midway Cemetery's policies, will be removed.
- ❖ Natural flowers will be permitted at any time and will be removed when wilted. The pots or baskets containing such plants should be placed in close proximity to the monument.
- ❖ Flower beds of spring bulbs of summer annuals planted in front of monuments or between markers are allowed. Should a flowerbed become unkept the Midway Cemetery reserves the right to remove such bed.
- ❖ Bark mulches are not allowed around head stones.
- ❖ Articles made of concrete; urns, benches, boxes, etc. are not permitted on lots.
- ❖ Standards, supports, hangers and brackets used for the hanging of flowers and other type of plantings will not be allowed on any grave in the Cemetery. Grave decorations must consist only of approved materials; such as flower baskets, small flower pots (12 inches or less), wreaths and in ground planting where allowed.
- ❖ In March of each year the grounds are given an annual house cleaning. A second clean up is made a week following Memorial Day.
- ❖ The Midway Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and, especially, due to thieves, vandals, explosions, unavoidable accidents or acts of God.
- ❖ Since this is a cemetery, with an inherent sacred nature, it is requested that visitors be decently clothed, including shoes and shirts, that they refrain from parties, picnicking and sports activities of any kind on the grounds.
- ❖ No pets allowed in the Cemetery.
- ❖ No skateboards, rollerblades or skates are allowed in the Cemetery.
- ❖ The Cemetery reserves the right to prohibit entrance to the Cemetery by the public at those times when the safety of visitors and preservation of the Cemetery is threatened by bad weather or similar factors.
- ❖ It shall be the right and duty of the Midway Cemetery to review or amend the Cemetery rules, guidelines and fees on a yearly basis.
- ❖ The above rules and regulations do not constitute all the rules and regulations of the Midway Cemetery, but only those most pertinent to the Midway Cemetery and visitors.