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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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As I write this holiday message, the snow is falling outside my window and the crew is busy clearing the driveways and sidewalks to welcome you, if you decide to venture out in the storm.

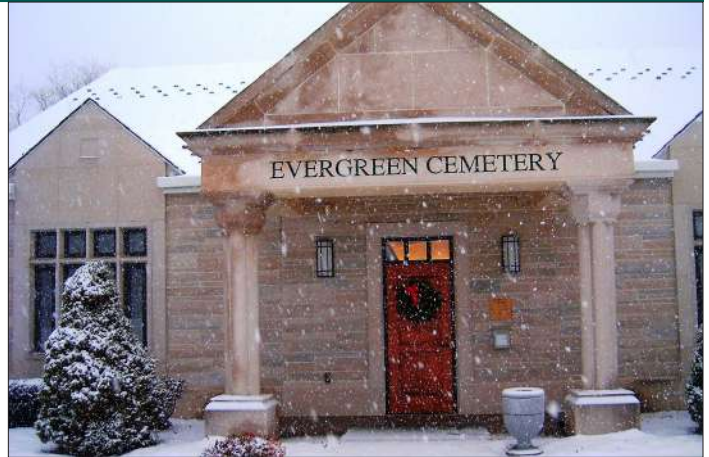
Winter is a very special time of the year here at Evergreen. It is quiet and beautiful. Winter decorations - pillows and wreaths have been placed on gravesites and the snow has gently descended upon them. Winter is a time for quiet contemplation and remembering those family members who have passed before us and are resting at Evergreen.

As we all prepare for the holidays ahead, we realize that the loss of a family member can cause a void. The loss becomes even more present in our minds

than at other times during the year when we are busy with the everyday necessities of life. Remember that your family member is safe resting here at Evergreen. All lives have the good times and the bad. The holidays are a time to remember the good, smile, and tell stories of holidays past.

In 2021, we are looking forward to vaccines and the end of COVID-19.

We are working on many exciting things for the year ahead. We are planning a shopping cart for our website. We will become like Amazon allowing you to place flowers, holiday decorations, markers, and monuments into your cart. We will even allow you to choose your own lot within the cemetery or niche within the columbarium. You will be able to make your arrangements pre-need when your thoughts are logical and your plan is clear in your mind. Just like Amazon, we will allow you to complete your shopping with your credit card. It is all very exciting. Who knows, we may even add Midnight Mary tee-shirts to our website shopping area - maybe in



As snow begins to fall, we will still be here to welcome you.

shocking pink or black.

We are in the process of designing a billboard for Evergreen. We will display the beauty of Evergreen that you see every time that you visit: the dogwood and pear trees of spring, the roses and gardens of summer, the spectacular colors of fall, and the quietude of winter.

You must watch as you drive the roads of New Haven and its environs and let us know when you spot our billboard.

Enjoy the holiday with your family. Let's keep the good things that happened this year in mind and look forward to an even better year in 2021. As always, we look forward to seeing you when you visit.

Our notable in this issue is Walter S. Brooks, former State Representative of New Haven, who is resting here at Evergreen.



Seasonal Flower Program



Placement at this time of year includes winter holiday decorations. It is never too late. If you got caught up in life and didn't make it to the cemetery, then call or email now and we'll take care of it for you.



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Snow on a monument

Closing out the year

- Leaves have been raked
- Gravesites have been seeded and readied for spring
- Equipment has been transitioned over from leaves to snowfall
- Pillows & winter decorations can still be ordered
- Markers and Monuments can be purchased and set in winter
- Niches within the Columbarium can be chosen and reserved
- Pre-need arrangements can be discussed
- Plans have been completed for our Crematory
- Crematory expansion will begin in spring 2021
- I think we've checked all the boxes.



Walter S. Brooks, Former State Representative of New Haven 1932 - 2000

Walter S. Brooks was born in Maryland in 1932 and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was married to Andrea Jackson-Brooks and is the father of three sons and one daughter, and the stepfather of two sons.

He was a state representative from 1981 through 1991. He represented the people of the 95th district in the City of New Haven. Brooks served in the State Legislature for five terms.

As a state representative, Brooks was the first chairperson of the Select Committee on Housing. He also served

during his legislative career as vice chairperson of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Health and a member of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Labor, and Energy and Public Utilities.

During his service as a state representative, Brooks held several key state posts, which included Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of the State of Connecticut, Commissioner of Liquor Control for the State of Connecticut, and Chairperson of the Black and Hispanic Caucus.

Brooks had a long and

active involvement as a community and civil rights activist. He served with Community Progress Inc., the first anti-poverty agency in the country.

In addition, Brooks served as the city-wide coordinator for Voter Registration for the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and as Chairperson of the New Haven Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, as well as, Field Secretary of the Northeastern Region of C.O.R.E.

Prior to his death, Brooks was project director of Beulah Land Development Corporation, Chairperson



of the New Haven Housing Authority, and Vice Chairperson of the Democratic Town Committee.

Brooks was well known and greatly respected for his commitment to, and leadership for, the well-being of the people of the City of New Haven.

Walter S. Brooks is resting here at Evergreen.

We thank Kathy Foust for sharing information on Walter S. Brooks.