



The Evolution of Burial Concepts

In 1859, the vision of a public, non-denominational cemetery for the perpetual care of Hanover's citizens started with a 200-plot cemetery. Today, Mount Olivet Cemetery offers a range of affordable burial offerings.

The needs of our community are a high priority to us. Mount Olivet Cemetery will continue researching additional service offerings while continuing to honor and care for your loved ones with dignity and respect.

"Our board of directors for the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association are talented individuals and professionals acting on behalf of our clients," remarked Sean Huston, Board President. "We strive to make sound decisions for perpetual growth of the cemetery."

Digging into History

Sam Baker and his crew spend countless hours and miles traveling through the cemetery each year. They maneuver around the thousands of grave markers, the new and the old fragile ones, ensuring that the cemetery is well manicured.

In 1859, the first of three generations of George Zinns dedicated 20 years of his life in America and as the cemetery's first caretaker. He brought his family from Germany in the mid 1800s, and settled in what was then Heidelberg Township. Following his death in 1879, his son, also George, assumed the position of caretaker for Mount Olivet Cemetery and retired in 1929.

A third generation George Zinn became the second caretaker for Mount Olivet Cemetery. He died in 1944 from burns to his body while burning leaves at the cemetery.

The George Zinns, and all the caretakers who followed, are to be commended for their dedication to Mount Olivet Cemetery.



On left, George Zinn (3rd generation) with his father John G. Zinn, center. Photo donated by Billie Sullivan to *The Evening Sun*, posted 06/02/2012.



Wreaths Across America 2014



Memorial Day 2015



Pet Blessing & Memorial 2015

2015 Calendar

- **Wreaths Across America**, Sat., December 12, 2015, 11:50 AM

2016 Calendar

- **Garden of Innocence**, Saturday, May 7, 2016, 11 AM
- **SSGT Jeremy Redding Bike to Remember**, Sunday, May 29, 2016, 3 PM
- **Memorial Day Program**, Monday, May 30, 2016 following Hanover's Memorial Day Parade
- **Pet Memorial and Blessing**, Sunday, September 11, 2016, 2 PM
- **Pet Ossuary Program**, Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2 PM
- **God Bless America Motorcycle Honor Guard**, Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2 PM
- **Wreaths Across America**, Sat., December 10, 2016, 11:50 AM

**A Message from
Board President,
Sean Huston**

Our cemetery was formed and continues today operating as a 501(c)3 organization. Budgets are met and bills paid, yet new obstacles pop up.

As Board President it is my pleasure to lead a dedicated group of individuals who value their position while ensuring that the cemetery remains fiscally sound. The volunteer hours, if translated into dollars, would be more than our budget would allow.

The Mount Olivet Cemetery Association is appreciative of their time and dedication.

Other ways to help:

Your tax deductible donation can help defray the expense of large purchase items, such as:

- The new Kubota mower replacement
- Grave stone restorations
- Memorial Mausoleum restoration
- Office computer hardware and software upgrades

Cemeteries as Living Museums

The next time you visit Mount Olivet Cemetery, envision what life was like in the late 1880s and who served in wars such as the French and Indian War, the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, War of 1812, etc., or what their lives were like back in the 'olden days.'

Cemeteries across America are recognizing the potential for repositioning as a cultural and historical resource. I suppose one could say that cemeteries are becoming interested in attracting the living, not just the dead.

The Friends of Mount Olivet Cemetery, too, is reorganizing and actively planning for the future. Our committee is busy researching about the past lives of our interred residents and the cemetery history. Events and tours, and partnering with local historic organizations, youth groups, and Veterans organizations are just a few ideas being considered. We could always use more help and talent.

Incorporating social media as a means of communicating with you incurs little to no cost to us. For up-to-date information, please visit the *Friends of Mount Olivet Cemetery's* website, blog, or on Facebook. Let us know how we are doing, too!

Blog <https://friendofmtolivet2015.wordpress.com>

Web <http://www.friendsofmountolivetcemetery.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mtolivetcemeteryhanoverpa?ref=hl>

Email volunteer@mtolivetcemeteryassociation.org

Mount Olivet Cemetery Association's website is
<http://www.mtolivetcemeteryassociation.org>.



The Friends of Mount Olivet Cemetery will create an awareness of the cemetery's potential as a unique, historical community resource through research, education, and preservation.