

Contemplations

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Happy Fourth of July



Summertime is a great time for family time! As we celebrate the Fourth, let us remember the cost of our freedoms and that there are many who will not be with family at this time because they are serving overseas. Let's take time to thank those in uniform for their dedicated service to the greatest country in the world. May we always be the kind of Americans that our military personnel are proud to protect. Our wish for you is a fun, safe summer season.



The Declaration of Independence

- The document that we know as the Declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress on July 4th although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier.
- All of this had occurred with some of the delegates to the Congress not even present; New York, for example, did not even vote on the resolution until July 9th.
- Even more interesting is the fact that not a single signature was appended to the Declaration on July 4th. While most of the fifty-six names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781.

IN MEMORY OF

George Grimes
 William McNeill
 Edward Kendrick
 Barbara Shedd
 Jerry Mergan
 Madonna Schmitt
 Sanford Williams
 Patricia Schantini
 James Knowles
 Louise Robertson
 Vance Cartwright
 Joy Van Dyke
 Emily Fields
 Allen Combs
 David Brown
 Kevin Rogers, Sr.

A Day to Remember - Memorial Day Ceremony 2005

From the Florida Times Union, May 31, 2005 - Gregory Piatt



The sound of bagpipes, motorcycle engines and patriotic songs filled the air at Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery on Memorial Day in commemoration of those who have died in the nation's wars.

There were representatives from all the branches of the armed services who placed their service's hats on the missing man table, a ceremony honoring military personnel missing in action.

Gayle Plant, who participated in the missing man ceremony said, "This ceremony gives me the chance to honor the men and women who put on the uniform and died."

At the back of the crowd were about a dozen people dressed in leather vests of the Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club. The club made two passes on motorcycles around the people gathered to start the ceremony. During the ceremony, the names of the 61 veterans buried in the cemetery were read along with the poem by Howard Schnauber called *I am the Flag of the United States of America*, which brought some in the crowd to tears.

The guest speaker, Marine reservist, Maj. Margaret Weitzel, asked what would the world be like if all the men and women didn't fight and die in the wars of the last 100 years. She called their deaths "the price of freedom."

As the ceremony ended and the songs of each service played over the speakers, Lt. Cmdr. Bruce McGee said the cemetery does a great job every year to honor those who have fallen. "It means a lot to come out and honor those who died. It's better than taking the day off."

Thanks to everyone who joined us this Memorial Day and for making our ceremony such a success. Please plan on joining us next year as we take time to remember those who have served in our nation's military.



RUSSELL HAVEN OF REST

• "a family owned,
community cemetery"

• The Campbell Family -
Jerry, Sue, Alicia, Anna



Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery

2315 Sandridge Rd.
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Phone: (904) 284-7720
Fax: (904) 284-6656

Cemetery Hours:

Gates open 7 am until 7 pm.
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9-5
Saturday and Evenings by appointment

*Grief Share
will return
in the Fall*

Our website is up and running . Please take a look at www.rhrcemetery.com and let us know what you think!

Please for safety's sake, no glass containers can be placed in the cemetery.

Just for laughs

Although this married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who was behind the wheel operating the boat. He was concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it." So she drove the boat to shore.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching TV. She sat down next to him, switched the channel, and said, "Please go into the kitchen. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

Pre-need Cemetery Arrangements - What Every Consumer Should Know

Making cemetery arrangements before they are needed is a thoughtful way to give your family peace of mind. In addition to finalizing important decisions ahead of time, a pre-need contract offers a financial advantage. It is an opportunity to pay today's prices for something that will be used in the future.

Just remember, the key word is plan. There is no reason to feel rushed or pressured when entering into a pre-need cemetery arrangement. You have the advantage of time. Keep the following concepts in mind:

Be a Comparison Shopper - The services offered by cemeteries can vary greatly, so it is wise to shop and compare. Visit or call several cemeteries to get specific information on what is offered. The more you know, the better your comparisons will be. Ask specific questions about costs, so that you understand your comparisons. Weigh the costs as well as your family traditions and personal preferences.

Consider Cemeteries - Bear in mind the condition of the grounds and facilities. While it is possible to obtain information over the phone, there is no substitute for personal inspection. Ask whether perpetual care is provided through a trust fund. Before signing any arrangement, make sure you understand what is included and what is not.

Make an Informed Decision - When making inquiries, ask for price lists. Compare the quality of what you see with the prices. Consider the reputation of the company you wish to deal with. Not all cemeteries are required to be licensed, but any business selling pre-need merchandise and services in Florida must possess a Certificate of Authority issued by the state. Pre-need arrangements need not be purchased all at once. A portion of the services or merchandise can be covered by one agreement, leaving another portion to be purchased later on. Such flexibility may benefit your financial situation.

Develop a plan, compare prices, and make an informed decision.



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Fourth of July Pie

8 oz. cream cheese, softened	1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
1/3 c. concentrated lemon juice	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 to 1 c. strawberries	1/4 c. concentrated lemon juice
Blueberries	1 banana

In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk. Beat until smooth. Stir in 1/3 cup lemon concentrate and vanilla extract. Pour mixture into baked pie shell.

Chill at least 3 hours. Slice strawberries lengthwise. Arrange "fallen domino" style in 1 ring around outer edge of pie. For next ring, add a single row of fresh (or frozen, thawed and drained) blueberries. Slice a banana into 1/4 cup of lemon concentrate and drain. Place banana slices as next ring. Add another ring of blueberries, then a little "mound" of sliced strawberries in the center.