

What's New at the Harlan Cemetery

New Retaining Walls and Fencing

The largest project undertaken is along Cyclone Ave. where volunteers have completed installing new retaining walls. Klein Fencing, Earling, has installed new fencing along the top of the retaining wall, as well as along the grassy slopes that didn't require a wall.

Don Stowe, Stowe Red-E Mix, and Bruce Burger, Bruce Burger Construction, have completed nearly all the work on the retaining wall themselves as volunteers.



Just one of the beautiful new retaining walls with new fencing at the Harlan Cemetery.

Stowe, who serves as the board president and has been involved with the association for 14 years, said the mammoth project began in the fall of 2012, and now completed it encompasses 1,000 one-ton Stowe Red-E Mix concrete blocks along Cyclone Avenue.

Black wrought-iron fencing has been installed by Klein Fencing. In 2011 and 2013, donations by former Harlanites Dick and Barb Nelson paid for the gates at each of the three entrances. The east gate entrance was made by Metal Ink, Harlan, and the two northern gates were completed by Panama Welding.

New Web Site & New Family Member Site Search at www.HarlanCemetery.com

The Cemetery Association, with financial assistance from the Foundation, hired Des Moines-based software company, NewCom, to create mapping of the cemetery which has allowed the cemetery to be the first in Iowa to offer web-based searches of its cemetery plots on its website.

Just log-in at HarlanCemetery.com, and click on the black monument which states, "Click here to find family burial sites" and you can search for your loved one's burial plot.



Welcome to the *Harlan, Iowa Cemetery*

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A sanctuary of peace and beauty

Established in 1872 the Harlan Cemetery is a tranquil, meticulously maintained, 28-acre cemetery located on the northern edge of Harlan, Iowa. Extending from 12th Street along Cyclone Avenue the grounds are a pleasant combination of lawns, trees, evergreens and shrubs.

We take special care to be certain that families' needs, desires, and religious traditions are met and are committed to providing a place where the ritual of caring and honoring for the deceased.

Picturesque and serene, the cemetery is ideally suited as a resting place as well as a place to seek inspiration, take a walk and quietly reflect. We encourage you to discover our rich history and spend time visiting the beautiful grounds of the Harlan Cemetery.

For your convenience, we have created a database of burial records on our website. By clicking on the tab at your right, you can search our records to find the location of your loved one. We plan to offer the option in the future of allowing submitted memorories, photos and life stories. Our goal is to continue to work to collect and celebrate the history of Harlan by collecting the history of the lives that once lived here.



Just some of the many volunteers and board members at the Harlan Cemetery who have worked on the roadways, tree trimming and retaining walls. From left, Bruce Burger, Burger Construction; Don Stowe, Stowe Red-E Mix and Cemetery board president; and Eldon Erickson, board secretary.