

Resting Place

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

A choice resting place for the Murphy family

It was the unexpected death of his 39-year-old son that prompted Patrick Murphy to begin thinking about funeral arrangements for himself and the members of his family. "Up until then, I thought we were all going to live forever," he says.

Bill Murphy was an accountant who worked alongside his dad, brother and two sisters – all accountants – in Patrick's practice. His mother, Marie, also works in the firm as a bookkeeper.

Bill passed away four years ago, after suffering complications from diabetes. It was then that Patrick visited Burlington's Gate of Heaven cemetery for the first time, and was so impressed with the location that he immediately purchased four lots. In 2012 he bought four more, and this year added another four. Patrick would still like to add two more lots to the corner of the cemetery reserved for members of the Murphy family. He has also purchased a granite bench overlooking the area in Bill's memory.

"It's such a beautiful place," Patrick says of the grave site just off the cemetery roadway on the crest of a hill, overlooking a pond and forested area. The location is quiet and peaceful, yet easily accessible – less than a five-minute drive from the intersection of Highways 403 and 6.

Patrick visits Bill's grave every day when he is not travelling on business. "The visits give me some quiet moments with my son." He says his frequent visits also help him appreciate the care taken by the grounds crew in maintaining the cemetery. "Everybody here is just great."

Having such a large number of pre-paid lots allows Patrick to ensure that his family members have a choice resting place where they can be together. "Whoever in my family wants to be there is welcome," he says. "If we don't fill it up then it will be a nice park."



Patrick Murphy at son Bill's grave at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

What is pre-planning?

Pre-planning starts with selecting and purchasing cemetery lots, mausoleum crypts or cremation niches. These can be purchased individually or for entire families.

Families can also pre-arrange all associated supplies and services including paying in advance for the cost of interment, the outer grave container, monument or grave marker, and even cremation service at Holy Cross Catholic Cremation Centre. As a full-service organization for families, The Catholic Cemeteries can help you make your burial arrangements in advance. This is a caring and responsible thing to do.

- Your family won't have to make major decisions during an already difficult time
- Your family won't have an immediate financial burden at the time of death
- Today's price is locked in no matter how many years in advance the purchase is made
- Paying in advance ensures your wishes are met

The Catholic Cemeteries now offers extended terms on its payment plans for pre-need purchases of select services and supplies. For more information, please call 905-522-7727 (1-800-661-5985) and speak with one of our family counsellors.

A new Manager of Sales and Family Services



The Catholic Cemeteries is pleased to announce the appointment of John Perrotta to manager, Sales and Family Services, which became effective in June.

Mr. Perrotta has worked at The Catholic Cemeteries for 11 years, most recently as a family counsellor and cemeterian at Holy Redeemer and Devereaux Cemeteries in Georgetown. He holds a degree in History from McMaster University and also speaks fluent Italian. In his new role, Mr. Perrotta is responsible for managing the family services team and meeting with families and individuals as needed.

Mr. Perrotta replaces John Foster, who assumed the role of director of Cemeteries earlier this year. He can be reached at 905-522-7727 or jperrotta@thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

LIFE STORIES

Tell us your loved one's life story. Life Stories is a special feature on our web site that offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the life of your loved one.

Visit The Catholic Cemeteries web site – www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca, go to the link from the home page, follow the simple instructions and commemorate a special person by telling us their story.

We welcome submissions from the families and friends of individuals who are interred at one of the Catholic cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Expansion updates

- **Construction to expand Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum at Marymount Cemetery in Guelph began mid-August.** This work is expected to be complete next fall.
- **Plans are being finalized to build an extension to Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brantford.** Construction on this project will begin later this fall.
- **The planning continues for the new Holy Family Cemetery in Milton.** Construction for this cemetery will begin in 2015.
- **A new section for cremated remains is planned for Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in upper Stoney Creek.** Site plans are now being finalized for the St. Gabriel the Archangel Section, which will include columbariums. This area is expected to be open in summer 2015.
- **The Catholic Cemeteries' main office is also undergoing a transformation.** Work on an office expansion is underway and slated to be complete by the end of the year. The additional space will improve the accommodations for the expanding staff at the main office, which now totals 16 full-time employees.



Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek

Memorial Masses

Saturday, November 1 • 11 a.m.
Marymount Cemetery, Guelph

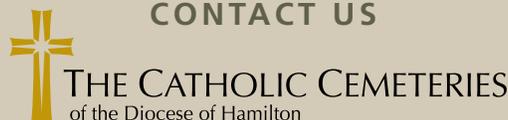
Sunday, November 2 • 2 p.m.
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington

Wreath Reminder: Wreaths can be placed on graves from November 1 to April 1. Families are responsible for removing wreaths to allow for spring cleanup.

Please be advised that this will be the last year wreaths will be available for sale through the cemetery.



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