

Contact Information

To schedule burials, get deed & burial records, buy plots, & general inquiries contact the Sherman Township Clerk, Bethany Bolduc at 231-829-3611 ext. 2 or osceolaco.shermantwp.clerk@gmail.com

Cemetery Sexton, Keith G. Calkins
Assistant Sexton, J. Fred Calkins
Contact provided upon request to the Clerk.

Cemetery mowing & associated work is currently done by a contractor. For questions please contact the Clerk or Sexton.

Find contact info for Board members and full text of the Cemetery Ordinance on our website, part of:
<http://www.osceola-county.org>
drop down menu - government, townships, Sherman.

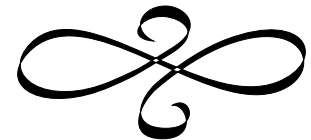
Sherman Township Cemetery has a rich history going back to 1870 when the township was just 2 years old. It is owned & operated by the township. There are approximately 1000 interments with war veterans from most of the major wars including at least one Medal of Honor veteran. Local resident, amateur genealogists, & former Township Treasurer, Ruth Calkins, has done extensive research on the families & people buried here as well as mapping grave locations & head stones. It is amazing to see the family connections across the cemetery. We have several families with 5 generation lineage buried here. Contact Ruth at 231-829-3707.

Sherman Twp Clerk
Bethany Bolduc
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Lot Ownership & Pricing

Always refer to current

Township Fee Schedule for up-to-date prices.

- ◆ Plot Prices (*Changing 9/1/23*) – (per plot) Resident \$25 (\$50), Former Resident \$250 (\$400), & Non-Resident \$650 (\$1,000). Plot ownership is for **burial rights** only. Unused plots may be inherited or returned to township for refund. No maintenance fees.
- ◆ Deed of plot ownership provided at purchase may be required prior to use.
- ◆ Clerk's record of sale & prior use must match family burial request or additional proof of burial rights will need to be provided.
- ◆ Plot ownership = Burial rights. Surviving spouse, children, other family member(s), or heirs at law can inherit. A living person must be owner of record for all unassigned empty plots. The Clerk will provide updated deed(s) as needed. Currently no charge.
- ◆ It is the responsibility of each deed holder to notify the Clerk of ALL address changes. **Failure may cause forfeited rights.**
- ◆ Grave Openings: Full Burial-\$450. Cremains single \$100, double \$175. Sherman Twp has no equipment for winter burials. Regular burials will be approx. mid-April through Nov. Winter or Off-Season burials by vote of Cemetery Board. Fee determined based on current conditions. Exceptions considered for active Military.
- ◆ Monument foundation fees: **regular \$.45 per sq. inch.** Large size is over 48" \$.66. Locating and installing onsite mixed concrete foundations with a 2" border must be done by Sexton. *No Pre-fab foundations.* Contact Sexton for info.
- ◆ Cemetery personnel place Veteran memorial flags in May. Contact Twp Clerk with questions if a flag is missing.

Rules

The Twp Cemetery Ordinance exists to maintain the peace & beauty of our cemetery.

The following condenses some regulations.

Please refer to the Ordinance for full text of requirements. Minimum \$100 fine for violation of the Ordinance.

1. Respect lot boundaries. Don't damage flowers, trees, plants, or shrubs on other plots.
2. Landscaping - sodding, grading, etc. to be done by Cemetery employees only and might not be completed the same day as interment.
3. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove or prune **any** funeral designs, floral pieces, plants, shrubs, statuary, and urns.
4. **Plants & Decorations** – You place items at your own risk. TWP assumes no liability for items left at grave sites. See details in Ordinance. Township-planted or pre-approved items are tagged. All items must be kept inline, North to South, with memorial stones.

ALLOWED Items:

- ▶ Urns, plant pots, statuary, real or artificial flowers inside urns or pots.

PRIOR APPROVAL Items:

- ▶ In ground plants, shrubs, or trees,
- ▶ Grave Blankets from 11/1 to Spring Opening,
- ▶ Benches.

NOT ALLOWED Items:

- ▶ Rose bushes,
- ▶ Decorations made of glass,
- ▶ "Shepherds" hooks on which to hang baskets (except DURING a burial),
- ▶ miniature fences or brick around plots, on the grounds as a pavement, or around plants.

Check Ordinance for Specific Details!
Call the Clerk or Sexton with your question.

5. Burials –

- ★ Vaults required for every type of burial. Usually purchased through the funeral home. Cremains vaults can be found online. *Twp recommends the Crowne Vault brand,*
- ★ **No** person other than Cemetery personnel is permitted to dig a grave or open any previous burial,
- ★ The scattering of cremains is not allowed,
- ★ Interments per plot are 1 full, or 1 full buried 1st & later 1 cremains above, or 1-3 cremains at various times. See Ordinance,
- ★ Burials must be scheduled 24 business hours prior to day/time of interment and are on a first-scheduled basis,
- ★ Interments will be subject to weather conditions & military regulations,
- ★ Funeral directors or family, upon arrival at the Cemetery, must present the necessary burial paperwork and fees.

6. Headstones/Footstones –

- ▶ Headstones must be purchased through a grave monument company **or** be pre-approved by the Cemetery Board,
- ▶ Foundations are required, see pricing section,
- ▶ When looking at/reading the main side of the stone, a person will be facing East.

7. Misc. –

- Pets are discouraged from coming in the Cemetery,
- Children are the responsibility of the adults they came with,
- Keep all vehicles to the designated roadways and to a slow 5 mph,
- Cemetery access through the walking gate is permitted all year at your own risk. Driving access is restricted mid-November through spring snow melt.

Thank you for your cooperation!