

ROSELAWN READER

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Roselawn Cemetery Volume Two

Welcome to the 2nd Cemetery Reader. This newsletter provides information and event schedules. It contains a “Meet the Leadership” section, as well as a few articles. If you would like to suggest an article call or email, we would love to hear from you. 651 489-1720
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Legal Documents Everybody Needs

By Kate Z. Graham, Esq.*

There are specific legal documents that everyone should have in order to avoid certain problems. For example, what if you're seriously ill or injured? Is there anyone who can manage your affairs or make healthcare decisions if you cannot? What if you die? What will happen to your property or minor children? Things happen that are outside our control, but with careful planning it is still possible to direct the way that things turn out. This article will address the documents that everyone should have to make sure that, in an emergency, you've already made the decisions to keep you, your family, and your property well cared for.

HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES

Everyone over the age of eighteen should have a Health Care Directive. Health Care Directives are sometimes also called Living Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care, or Advanced Directives. At a minimum, a Health Care Directive is a document that says who will make decisions for you concerning your health care in case you cannot make those decisions yourself. There is no special form to fill out, and many forms are freely available online. The form must be signed by you and dated, it must designate an “agent” for healthcare decision-making, and either be signed by two witnesses or notarized. If you have a particular health care concern, be sure to talk to an attorney about ways to accommodate your concerns in your Health Care Directive.

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POWERS OF ATTORNEY

If you are seriously injured or sick, or even on a long vacation, you'll need someone to manage your financial affairs when you cannot. A Power of Attorney designates a person, known as an “attorney-in-fact” to manage your financial accounts and property. A Power of Attorney can be “durable,” which means that the power is still valid if you lack the mental capacity to manage your financial affairs yourself. The Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney is a form drafted by the state legislature. It is a simple check-the-box form that anyone can use to designate an attorney-in-fact, and it is freely available online. It's easy to use and widely recognized, but it has its limitations for people who need to transfer a lot of assets or want their agent to help with their estate planning. And beware! A valid Power of Attorney is a “license to steal.” Whoever holds the power can do just about anything with your money and property. Therefore, be very careful about who you choose to act as your attorney-in-fact. Talk to a lawyer if you have concerns about who should act as your attorney-in-fact, or if you have special concerns that the Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney cannot accommodate.

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Join us for additional information
June 14th 6pm in the Roselawn Chapel
Open to everyone
Call to reserve a seat 651 489-1720
Or email rocemetery2@qwestoffice.net

Get to Know Barb and Terry Bang

Interview by Becky Ackerman Cemetery Board Secretary

Barbra Bang has entertained Roselawn families and neighbors for at least the past sixteen years at our Memorial Day celebration. Each Memorial Day, she plays the organ in our beautiful chapel. She has also played at our Christmas Open House. Barb started piano lessons in the third grade and added organ lessons in the sixth grade, at the suggestion of a nun who was teaching her at the time. She has been playing liturgical music since then, in her words, “a looong time.” I asked Barb what she enjoyed most about performing at Roselawn, and she answered, “The people of course. Roselawn’s staff is awesome, and we have gotten to know many of the families that come every year to the concerts and to visit the graves of their loved ones.” As well as being an accomplished organist, Barb is a funeral



Barb Bang

director, which she describes as her passion. At present, she works at a family owned funeral home in Oregon. She grew up in North St. Paul and has been married to Terry for the past twenty-eight years. Barb has four grandchildren who reside in three different states. In her spare time, she loves to visit her grandchildren, scrapbook, knit, crochet and sew. She also sings in a choir and accompanies three choirs in her church. Roselawn is lucky to have such a talented organist to help us celebrate Memorial Day.

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WILLS AND TRUSTS

You need a Will or a Trust (or sometimes both) if you have minor children, if you need to provide for a disabled child or relative, if you own a closely-held business or sole-proprietorship, if you're worried about estate taxes, if you want to leave assets to charity, if you have been divorced or remarried, if you are unmarried but want to provide for a life partner, or if you have any other special circumstances that require planning. Given the many circumstances under which people need estate planning, most people need to think about making a Will or a Trust.

Most people will need to consult with an attorney to set up a Will or Trust. Although there are online forms available for people to draft their own Wills and Trusts, most people have circumstances that make doing this on your own too complicated and risky. Estate planning should give you peace of mind, not leave you wondering whether the documents you drafted on your own will truly do what you expect them to do. To preserve assets in your estate, and to save your loved ones a lot of grief, it's worth it to spend a little money and hire someone with the skills and experience to give you the peace of mind you deserve.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

Planning for incapacity or death is a complicated subject. Talk to an experienced attorney about your questions. Good questions to ask your estate planning or elder law attorney are: What should you do with your completed documents? How often should you update your documents? Do your documents accomplish your goals for your care needs or your family's needs? What happens when you need to use your documents?

For more information, join us on June 14, 2016 at 6pm at Roselawn Cemetery Chapel for a seminar addressing these topics and any questions you might have 6:00 pm.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, JOIN US ON JUNE 14, 2016 6:00 P M AT ROSELAWN CEMETERY CHAPEL FOR A SEMINAR ADDRESSING THESE TOPICS AND ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE

35th Annual Memorial Weekend Celebration



Organ Concerts by Barb Bang

May 28, 29, 30 2016

Saturday, Sunday and Monday

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sing along to honor our Veterans



Refreshments in the Gathering Room

Saturday, Sunday and Monday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Memorial Day Service

Monday 10:00 a.m. at Soldier's Rest

Presented by: Rosetown Legion and Roseville VFW

Songs by: North Suburban Chorus



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Events For 2016

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Memorial Weekend
Sat, Sun, Mon

- Organ Concert
- Barb and Terry Bang
- 11 am to 1pm
- Sat, Sun & Mon
- Free Refreshments
- In the Chapel

Monday May 30th

- VFW & American Legion Service
- 10:00 am
- Organ Concert
- 11am to 1pm

June 14th 6 p.m.

- Kate Z. Graham, Esq*
- Information regarding Legal Documents
- To be held at the Roselawn Chapel

August 20th

- Car Show
- Rods n Stones
- Food and Music
- Stop in the office for information

December

- Christmas Concert
- Details to come