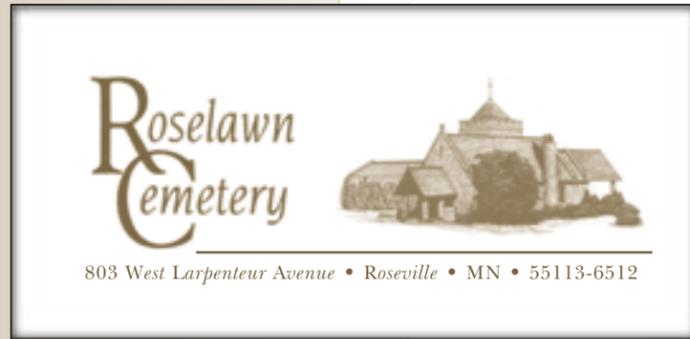


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Roselawn Cemetery Volume Five

Welcome to the 5th Cemetery Reader. This newsletter provides information and event schedules. It contains a few articles, that we hope will be of interest to you. If you would like to suggest an article call or email. We would love to hear from you. 651 489-1720 rocemetery2@qwestoffice.net

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Winter Wonderland

*There are strange and mysterious sounds
When the winds of winter blow,
The long nights are crystal clear and cold,
And the fields and meadows are covered with snow.
The stars are frosty against the sky,
And the wind's whistle is shrill,
As the snow blows against the house
And drifts against the hill.*

*Yet, I like to see during the winter
A white carpet on the ground,
To plod aimlessly in the deep snow,
Where deer tracks abound.
I like to feel the stillness
Of a crisp winter's night,
Watching a full moon rise over the horizon,
Exposing a winter wonderland beautiful and bright.*

Poem by Joseph T Renaldi



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Winter Wonderland



How do winter burials differ from other seasons?



During the winter, the frozen tundra expression takes on a cold obstacle when it comes to digging graves. When temperatures hit below zero and harden the snow-covered ground, the frost level can make it nearly impossible to open a grave. Below Roselawn staff will answer a few questions regarding winter burials.

WHAT IS A FROST BURNER?

To help thaw the ground Roselawn has frost burners. They resemble oil barrels cut in half lengthwise, then fitted with smokestacks and a hole for a torch. We place the barrel open-end down over the grave site, insert a propane-powered torch and pump heat into the dome. Within 24 to 30 hours later, you can then scoop out the now-softer dirt with a backhoe.

IF I WANT A TENT TO BLOCK THE WINTER CHILL, HOW DOES SOMEONE ORDER ONE?

The funeral home can make arrangements for a tent. They are very helpful with the bitter winter air.

CAN YOU BURY CREMATED REMAINS?

Yes we can bury remains in the winter. You will need to allow a minimum of 2 day notice just the same as a casket burials.

SHOULD I WAIT UNTIL SPRING TO MAKE THE BURIAL?

Although some funeral experts suggest immediate services to help in the grieving process, more families are waiting weeks or even months to finalize burial arrangements. One thing to keep in mind is having a family go through a second service can be very difficult. We are here to help you in your decision.

CAN I ORDER A GRAVE MARKER?

Yes anytime. Roselawn will set markers in the spring. Markers can take up to 8 weeks to be delivered. You will want to be sure to order before March 5 to ensure the marker is here for Memorial Weekend.

AFTER I PAY FOR THE ENGRAVING, WHEN WILL THE ENGRAVING BE DONE ON MY MONUMENT?

Only when the weather is above 70* - this process also can take up to 8 weeks. We have a company that comes to the cemetery and engraves markers and monument on the gravesite.



IF WE DECIDE TO HAVE A SERVICE IN YOUR CHAPEL, IS YOUR CHAPEL HEATED?

Yes - the attached gathering room has a warm and cozy fireplace. The chapel is a beautiful option for a service any time of the year.



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DO YOU PLOW THE ROADS IN THE CEMETERY?

I am very proud to say the staff at Roselawn is very expedient about plowing the roads. Nobody wants to get stuck in the snow, let alone at a cemetery.

DO YOU SHOVEL NEAR THE COLUMBARIUM FEATURES?

Yes - of course the roads are the first priority.

Orchard View



WHEN DO WREATHS NEED TO BE REMOVED?

February 1st wreaths should be removed.

I FORGOT TO PICK UP MY WREATH STAND, WHERE DOES IT END UP?

Roselawn will pick up forgotten wreaths and wreath stands. We recycle the stands, making them available for the following year.

CAN I PURCHASE A GRAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER?

Yes, bundle up and put on those boots. Roselawn staff will drive you around to the open locations but you might have to be out in the elements.

HOW SOON SHOULD I CALL TO SCHEDULE A BURIAL?

As soon as you can is the best answer. But no later than a 48 hour notice.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO BURYING IN THE WINTER?

Roselawn is beautiful all year round. In winter there is some sense of solitude a quiet stillness, it must be the blanket of snow.

WHAT ARE CATACOMBS?

A catacomb is a structure designed to temporarily store deceased bodies in winter months when the ground is too frozen to dig a permanent grave in the cemetery. Roselawn used to have catacombs. They were located adjacent to the chapel.

WHEN CAN I PUT OUT A SUMMER PLANTER?

You will want to be sure the grounds are ready. Typically around Mother's day would be a chance to bring a planter. Remember artificial plants are not allowed.



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 Would you be interested in volunteering your time to be on a committee for Roselawn? If so send a letter of interest to Roselawn Cemetery
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