



Pictured from left to right: David Willis, Lori Smith, Bonnie Schlote, and Kenneth Myers

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 Siloam Cemetery Association Annual Meeting
 and Carry-in Lunch

Sunday, August 31, 2008

Lunch begins at 12:30 pm, Meeting to follow

Please join us for an afternoon of
 fellowship and memories!

Keeping Our Cemetery Alive

As most of you know, the cemetery is maintained on donations only. We have been very blessed in the past several years to receive some very generous donations from the family of those who have died. The only means of support for the maintenance of the grounds and stones is to keep the donations coming in. Those who went before us did a wonderful thing of forming this cemetery association and beginning the process. The present generation and the generations to come have large shoes to fill.

How can you help? One way is to make every effort to attend the annual meeting. We need members present in order to conduct the business at hand. Another way to ensure future care of the grounds is to provide for the cemetery in your living wills and trusts. This is an excellent way to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death. So often we see old cemeteries in disrepair and deterioration because present generations have not been given direction by past generations. Let's not allow this to happen to Siloam Cemetery. Help us keep Siloam alive for decades to come, be involved.

Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Check or Cash _____

Is this donation in memory of a person? Y N

If so, name of person in memory of: _____

Please cut out this donation form and enclose it with your check or bring it to the annual meeting with your check or cash. Please do not send cash through the mail.

To mail your donation, please send it to:
 Siloam Cemetery Association Treasurer
 11 Midway Street
 Middletown Mo 63359

SILOAM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Changes for the good...

Siloam Cemetery Association has been around for well over 50 years. It is safe to say, time marches on and changes occur in everything we do. If we think about it, 50 years ago banking was certainly different. We didn't have ATM (Automatic Teller Machines), debit cards, drive-through windows, online banking, online bill paying, and several other features which we wouldn't want to do without now, not to mention computers and pay at the pump. In light of this, it has come to the attention of the board, change would be very beneficial in a few areas of our organization as well.

The first priority of the cemetery association is to protect the

laws will preserve everything the founders of this association began as well as add some new guidelines for the cemetery association to follow for the present day. These by-laws will protect the association from detrimental situations which could arise with the cemetery. They will explain the requirements for burial in Siloam Cemetery, how monies donated are to be used and by whom, how the board functions and what power they hold, how maintenance will be provided for the upkeep of the cemetery, the role of the membership, how membership is obtained and several other vital guidelines.

Another topic brought up during the 2007 annual meeting on September 2, 2007 was the current annual meeting date. Traditionally the annual meeting has taken place on Sunday, the day before Labor Day. The discussion was that it might be possible to have larger attendance for the carry in dinner and meeting if the date was moved to either the weekend before or the weekend after Labor Day instead of on Labor Day weekend. This was tabled and will be discussed further at the upcoming annual meeting on August 31, 2008.

A very notable change is the addition of Siloam Cemetery on the Pike County Genealogical website (<http://www.pcggenweb.com/pcgs/index.html>). The Pike County Genealogical Society has made available to any cemetery in Pike County, the ability to publish historic and current information about individual cemeteries. We jumped at the chance to be part of this wonderful tool to publish information about Siloam. Currently there's a complete and up-to-date listing of every burial on record for Siloam. This is available to the public without going to the courthouse and researching in person or visiting the cemetery. We have already been contacted by a distant relative of the Wilhoit family who lives in Canada! The website the genealogical society has in place also accepts photographs of each tombstone in addition to the capabilities to add photos of loved ones buried there. We anticipate having a presentation at the 2008 annual meeting to demonstrate just what this means for our cemetery. We would formally like to thank Pike County Genealogical Society for their foresight in creating such a wonderful tool which can be used by area cemeteries.

As you can see by reading this article, your board for Siloam Cemetery Association are doing their part to bring us into the 21st century. We have been and will continue to work diligently to implement these and other safeguards to ensure the future of the cemetery.



future care of the cemetery and the tombstones of our loved ones. We have been very blessed by donations over the course of this association and have taken great care to safeguard these monies for the future. Those serving on the board past and present have been very dedicated individuals and have had the best interest of the cemetery at heart. Like any viable organization adopts and follows by-laws or covenants, we feel this is a very important step to be taken by the Siloam Cemetery Association. The by-

Remembering Those Who Have Gone On...

A few weeks ago we celebrated another Memorial Day. We would like to take a moment to pause and remember those who have lost loved ones this past year.



Richard Charles Fuerst, born April 28, 1939 died on September 27, 2007. He was buried in the new addition to the cemetery in Ward 109, plot 4. While waiting for the stone his family placed a concrete bench displaying his love of squirrels in his honor. Richard had a passion for squirrel hunting as a teenager which brought him to the New Hartford area. He fell in love with the land, the people and eventually his wife,

Glenna (Lybarger) Fuerst, who he married in 1959. They moved to the New Hartford area in 1964. Richard's other passions included his K a w a s a k i mule, Dodge automobiles, cutting wood and helping neighbors. He also volunteered his time to the cemetery and church by cutting grass, cleaning stones, painting the church, planting trees and many others. He will be missed by all.



Sue Ellen Kerns born October 22, 1944 and died December 20, 2007. In her honor the family has placed a red bench next to Ward 8 grave 1. It is under a shade tree just inside and to the right of the front gates overlooking the cemetery. The bench reflects Sue's love for the Kansas City chiefs and her wish to her husband. Before her death, her request was made known to the board by her husband, Kenneth Kerns, to place a



bench in her honor at Siloam Cemetery. She used to visit the cemetery with her husband and saw the need for a place to sit and admire the grounds and reminisce. The bench was installed just this past May 2008. Sue loved classic movies, Jeopardy and cooking shows. She was also a collector of cookbooks and loved cooking for family and friends. She will be missed by all.



Siloam Cemetery Association By-Laws

The question was asked during the 2007 annual meeting regarding whether the cemetery association had any active by-laws in place. This has prompted discussion by the board and it is in the process of being written at the printing of this newsletter. They are hoping to have this completed by the August 31 meeting date.

These by-laws are being adapted from 50 years of minutes and our rich tradition. They feel it important to have a document we can stand on now and in the future outlining the association, the reason we are here, how the money is to be used, how to obtain a burial plot, who is responsible for certain actions and how decisions are made regarding the cemetery.

Thank You for Giving Your Time

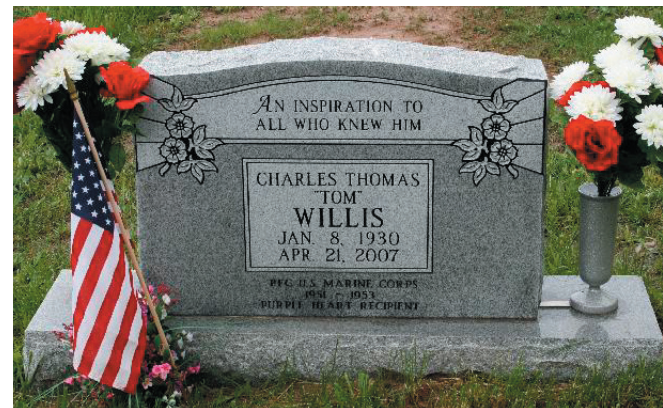
Even with all of the rain, the grounds looked very nice on Memorial Day weekend. Upon arriving on Memorial Day, the flag was flying high and flags were distributed to each veteran's grave. We would like to thank Marion Meiers for keeping the grounds mowed and looking great in spite of all of the rain.

Thanks goes to everyone who have donated their time, their money and their love for the cemetery, George Hummel for providing the wonderful entertainment during the 2007 meeting. We look forward to enjoying his talents again soon. Also, thanks to Lori (Atkinson) Johnson for helping throughout this past year with various tasks and to Garland and Sandy Willis for providing the needed information to make this newsletter possible. We hope to continue this well into the future so those who are unable to attend the annual meeting will still be involved in the cemetery association.



Newly Installed Tombstones

Charles Thomas Willis born January 8, 1930 and died April 21, 2007



Donna Jane Grote Born December 23, 1959 and died July 12, 2007



The Culwell family have added 2 new stones for the unmarked graves of James and Sarah Culwell and an unknown grave in Ward 2. James E Culwell was born Dec 15, 1859 and died Feb 18, 1936. Sarah Elizabeth Culwell was born Dec 2, 1861 and died Oct 6, 1930. The unknown grave is marked with a stone and beautiful



saying, "Rest in peace known only to God"