

Day Cemetery Inc.
Oakman, Alabama

2025

Dear Donor,

As a valued supporter of Day Cemetery in Oakman Alabama, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for any past contributions. Your time, effort, and financial support have been instrumental in maintaining the cemetery grounds and allowing us to continue as a perpetual care cemetery.

We are a non-profit cemetery operating under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c) (13). As a non-profit cemetery no board member receives any compensation for serving on the board.

Our Mission Statement

In providing a consecrated place for burial, we treat the deceased and their families with dignity and respect, while offering a spiritual and physical environment that encourages frequent visitation - where faith is strengthened, hope is awakened, and remembrance is accomplished through perpetual care.

Activities that your contributions support:

- **Ground Maintenance:**

Grass cutting is the major part of ground maintenance. In 2024 we spent \$4000 on grass cutting. Ground maintenance in 2024 also included the cutting and trimming of trees around the cemetery. It was felt that low hanging branches and some dead trees had become a safety hazard for families that were visiting their loved one's graves. The cost for tree trimming and cutting was \$2475.00.

Other maintenance is completed throughout the year such as filling in sunken graves, removing fallen tree limbs, clearing brush, cleaning out the flower bin and doing things such as planting flowers at the entrance of the cemetery. All of these are completed free of charge by volunteer board members.

We are still searching for an infrastructure grant as well as other avenues to repair our cemetery road. Our previous road repair estimates ranged from \$25,000 - \$35,000. The work would include cleaning the ditches, scraping the road and applying tar and gravel. While some grants are available for cemeteries it has been difficult so far to find an infrastructure grant which is what is needed to repair the road. For this reason, we are also obtaining estimates to only fix the road from the flower bin down the hill to where the roads intersect. If anyone knows of any resources that we could obtain please notify one of our board members.

2025 Projects

One of the goals of the cemetery board for 2025 is to begin section layouts for grave sites in the new part of the cemetery. Eventually there will be three sections with approximately 85 graves per section. The graves will be laid out in an organized manner and markers will be placed in order to easily identify grave sites in the future. The expected cost of the markers and needed equipment for one section is expected to be \$1256.91. We feel that this work is necessary in that currently there are only a few people on the board that know how to correctly lay off a grave site. This work will make it possible for anyone to locate the new grave sites. If funds allow, we hope to complete at least one section each year.

If you are interested in purchasing a lot the cost is \$600 per lot.

If you currently own a grave lot at Day Cemetery, we strongly encourage you to register your purchase at the court house. Unfortunately, as time passes papers are often lost and there may be no way to prove who the lot belongs to.

If you have the need to bury a loved one, please contact someone on the board so that we can make sure your lot is laid out properly and does not encroach on another grave lot.

Cemetery Contacts:

Gene Cameron: 205-622-3771

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Historical Connections:

Brief Cemetery History:

Day Cemetery is the original homeplace of William Byrd Day and his family. The property was donated by the family in 1863. In 1974 a Cemetery Board was established and in 1985 the Day Cemetery was incorporated for the purpose of establishing the Cemetery as a Perpetual Care Cemetery.

We are currently listed as an Alabama Historical Cemetery.

We have created a Cemetery e-mail and are maintaining a website (see information below).

E-mail: DayCemetery35579@gmail.com

Website: www.Daycemetery.com

Ways to Contribute:

1. **Mail a Check:** You can mail checks to Day Cemetery P.O. Box 285, Oakman Alabama 35579.
2. **Online Donations:** PayPal: Day Cemetery Inc.@daycemetery. You can also make a donation through the daycemetery.com website by selecting the donate button on the website. By using the donate button it automatically counts it as a tax exempt donation.

Donations to the cemetery are tax exempt. We appreciate all donations as you and your families' donations help to ensure that we are able to maintain the perpetual care of our beautiful cemetery.

Day Cemetery Decoration Day

As Day Cemetery Decoration Day approaches, (Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025) we ask that you please remove old flowers and items from the graves. If you are placing new flowers whether it is a grave stone saddle or potted flower, please be sure to secure all items as high winds often blow flowers away from the grave site and unfortunately, we have no way of identifying which grave the flowers belong to.

Sincerely,

Gene Cameron
Chairman, Day Cemetery Inc.