

History is preserved at Redmond Memorial Cemetery

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REDMOND — As cemeteries go, Redmond's is not particularly historic nor picturesque. It is not one of the more than 1,500 Oregon Pioneer cemeteries in the manner of Camp Polk Cemetery in Sisters or Masten Cemetery in La Pine.

In fact, it could be designated historic as it meets the primary qualification given that it has at least one burial of a person who died before February 14, 1909 — 50 years after Oregon became a state. Redmond Memorial Cemetery has eight such burials among its 5,600. Harriet Susanna Garrison Foster was buried in 1895 at age 40 and later moved to the present cemetery.

The cemetery contains the remains of Rebecca Elliott who was 98 when buried in 1924. Natalie Rae Wilcox is buried there, the youngest, who lived 7 months and 9 days.

The Redmond Memorial Cemetery is located at 3545 S. Canal Blvd. on the city's south side. On July 28, 1906, James G. McGuffie learned of the death of Ezra and Lottie Eby's 9-month-old son, Lewis Clark Eby.

McGuffie was a part-time preacher for the Presbyterian Church and worked for the Deschutes Irrigation Company. That night McGuffie surveyed, cleared and fenced the original grounds of the Redmond Memorial Cemetery.

The cemetery is divided into 11 sections with two columbariums. There are designated sections for babies, veterans and their family members, the "Ash Gardens" for interments, as well as the standard size plots for caskets. Approximately 20 acres encompass the cemetery and it is maintained by the Public Works Department's Parks Division.

Travel a bit north to just under the shadow of Smith Rock and you will find Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery, although its younger than Redmond Memorial. The earliest graves are 1918. There are 728 souls interred there including a good number who were laid to rest as Redmond began to flourish as "the hub" of central Oregon.

Repository for history, too

Cemeteries are more than a place to bury the dead. Paradoxically, they are living history museums that give visitors a glimpse into life back when. When is where your interest leads you. For Hershel Nance of Redmond, he finds Memorial Cemetery a good place to be reminded of the service and sacrifice of military veterans there being many hundreds buried in Memorial's confines.

Nearing 90 now, it's harder for him to get around to all the soldiers and sailors in the hallowed ground. He likes to keep the little U.S. flags and other military insignia at the grave sites tidy.

Vunteers do the upkeep

Maureen Ryder and her sister, Cathy Powers, are regular visitors who without authority or notice remove flowers that have, like the graves they decorate, expired. "Nobody has ever questioned us," Ryder said. Powers added: "We sure hope nobody is upset with us but we think family and loved ones would appreciate looking after things a bit."



Bill Bartlett photo

Earliest graves in Redmond Memorial Cemetery are in The Old Section.



Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery with stately trees and Smith Rock in background.

Other than the "old section" which sits among trees at the base of a slope, Redmond Memorial is flat by design and void of shrubbery or trees.

The old section as the name implies is where the earliest graves are located. There you will find traditional looking headstones, none more than a few feet in height and none individually fenced. Some of the older ones are getting harder to read as time has eroded the engravings.

The remainder of the cemetery only has head stones that are flush to the ground, all neatly ordered. So when you look across the vast expanse on a snowy day you see only snow with an occasional flower arrangement poking through.

Many flower tributes are artificial yet look quite real given the state of the art today in such things.

Children seem to have a particular fascination with cemeteries. The occasional school outing to Redmond Memorial invariably rewards curious children. "Most poignant," Powers — a retired teacher from Eastern Oregon — says is "when children encounter the graves of infant deaths."

Families choosing cremation over burial but wanting a permanent memorial nonetheless have the columbarium at Redmond Memorial as a prominent place to honor loved ones in perpetuity. Niche size vaults built into the prominent walls are designed to hold urns.

Scattering of ashes

The Ash Garden is the simplest and for many the most sacred of ways in which to bury. Cremated ashes are scattered, there being no individual markers only a recording of the date and name.

Readers of a certain age will remember growing up that Memorial Day, the national holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May as "decoration" day when graves were visited and left adorned with

lavish floral arrangements. "Not so much any more," Ryder and Powers lament.

Like most cemeteries Redmond Memorial is open for visitation from dawn to dusk every day of the year. While serene and park like it should not be used as a picnic area or playground. Pets are welcome on a leash and it is common

for pets to be brought to visit the graves of their owners that they survived.

Exploring area cemeteries is perhaps a better winter activity than first meets the eye especially if history is one of your interests or you are just plain curious about early settlers to Redmond.

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