

## OTHER INFORMATION

The grounds are staffed on a regular basis Monday through Friday. Because we do not have a full-time secretary the office is open at various times throughout the day but any one of the workers on the grounds will be pleased to help you find what you are looking for or point you to someone who can. Phone messages will be answered in a timely manner during business hours.

Cemetery maps and brochures are available in a mailbox near our old office or on our website.

Location of existing graves or genealogical research may be done at our website. There are more than 70 thousand names listed and more than 50 thousand obituaries available.

The staff of Greenwood Cemetery takes great pride in the work they do by providing a special place for family and friends to remember their loved ones. The cemetery is a place where people can connect with their ancestors, reflect on the many community founders, meditate, or spend time walking through the well-maintained grounds.

Greenwood Cemetery continues to be grateful to the residents of the City of Petoskey, Bear Creek Township and Resort Township for financially supporting the cemetery for over 100 years and for taking pride in this important part of our community.



## FACTS

Greenwood Cemetery consists of 105 acres of land with more than 80 acres of that being mowed and trimmed regularly.

More than 1,500 veterans, both men and women, will have a United States flag placed on their grave before Memorial Day. These flags stay in place until after Labor Day. Veterans interred here have fought in many wars, beginning with the Mexican-American war of 1847.

Mexican-American War .....	3
Civil War .....	204
Spanish American War .....	24
World War 1 .....	288
World War 2 .....	634
Korea .....	161
Vietnam .....	66
Persian Gulf .....	1
Iraq .....	1
Desert Storm .....	1
Veteran .....	122

There are more than 1,000 trees within the Cemetery's grounds, including Maple, Birch, Beech, Spruce, White Pine, Flowering Crabs, Plums and Pears. We also care for a rare Purple Beech which stands majestically in the central part of the Cemetery. Some of the trees are more than 100 years old and some have been planted recently – they all contribute to the beauty of the grounds.

The staff consists of full-time and part-time employees, each one believing that maintaining these grounds is a trust, not just a job. In addition to making interments, mowing and trimming, caring for the flower plantings and the trees, the staff also maintains the following:

- 10,000 markers
- 35,000 feet of water line and irrigation
- Over 7 miles of paved and unpaved roads
- Over 2 miles of chain link fence



# Greenwood Cemetery

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Greenwood Cemetery is located in Petoskey, Michigan, overlooking Little Traverse Bay.

Greenwood is a perpetual care municipal cemetery serving the City of Petoskey, Bear Creek Township and Resort Township. Although it is a municipal cemetery, our services are available to anyone in the surrounding communities who may wish to choose Greenwood as the final resting place for their loved ones.

The cemetery was first utilized in 1875 and was later incorporated by an act of the State Legislature in 1897.



The rolling hills and wooded areas cover over 105 acres. Greenwood shares this beautiful environment with all kinds of wildlife such as whitetail deer, turkeys, rabbits and squirrels.

### **CEMETERY LOTS**

Greenwood offers many cemetery lot locations. Some sections contain family plots and other sections offer a single or double grave space.

Our southern sections have a picturesque view of farmland with a choice of a single grave space or as many spaces as may be desired. Our northern sections provide a beautiful view of Little Traverse Bay with a selection of two, four or six grave lots. We have a new section that includes beautiful views of both Little Traverse Bay and farmland.



### **CREMATION INTERMENTS**

We have a number of choices for cremation interment. In all areas of the cemetery we allow two cremations per grave space or a combination of one cremation and one traditional in-ground burial per grave space.

Another choice for interment is the Columbarium (a mausoleum for cremation entombment). A columbarium niche includes space for two appropriately sized cremation urns and the granite cover allows space for the inscribing of names and dates. Floral plantings here are made by and maintained by the Cemetery.

We also have a Scattering Garden on a bluff overlooking Little Traverse Bay. The remains of a loved one may be scattered here at no charge and the name and dates placed in our records for those who desire to visit the resting place at a later date. There are granite tablets available next to the Garden for inscriptions if so desired.

Greenwood Cemetery believes it is vitally important to inter cremations in a cemetery rather than scatter the remains elsewhere as this results in a loss of heritage when there is no record of the final resting place. The cemetery is a resource for genealogy research since it provides a recorded history of our lives for future generations. With this in mind, some families have chosen to memorialize their loved ones here at the cemetery even though scattering elsewhere.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In order to maintain the beauty of the cemetery, rules and regulations have been implemented to provide unique and personalized landscaping. We do not allow artificial flowers but allow planting beds for live flowers, vases of cut flowers and have designated areas for shrubbery. Most of the sections in the cemetery allow for individualization of monuments and markers. A complete copy of the rules and regulations may be obtained in the cemetery office or at our website.

### **INTERMENTS**

For those wishing to complete as many arrangements as possible before needed, we offer the option of prepayment for grave opening and closing charges. We also accept pre-payment for the cutting of the date of death on a marker or monument.

Interments are made Monday through Saturday. There is an additional charge for Saturday, holiday or after 4:00 P.M. burials.

While many cemeteries in Northern Michigan are unable to make burials in the winter months, Greenwood has been making burials year-around since 1982. It is difficult for families to have to go through the funeral and burial at two completely different times – we believe this is an important service to the community.

