Anthony Community Cemetery Association

Greetings on Memorial Day 2023

One hundred years…ten decades…a century…a really long time. No matter how you look at it, it is certainly a milestone birthday for our Anthony Community Cemetery! Even though very few things are the same now as 100 years ago, one vital thing has remained intact: the original mission of the cemetery. Indeed, this mission of providing the community with a comforting burial place while striving to keep the cost down for families, continues to this day.

Of course, change is also inevitable, and we have seen many. No longer an all-volunteer organization, the ACCA has adapted to rampant growth and other challenges by employing several people, all of whom are proving to be invaluable in operating the cemetery. We also have a web site…and that sure wasn’t around 100 years ago! It is proving so helpful in giving information such as prices, funeral procedures, sizes of headstones, deceased’s name and grave location, history of the cemetery, ways of contributing or volunteering and so much more. You can even leave a comment if you wish! It is anthonycommunitycemetery.com and I urge anyone who can, to look at it. I think you will really enjoy it, especially if you live away from Anthony and cannot visit.

Currently, we are working very hard to maintain the character of the cemetery as established a hundred years ago. A large part of that is controlling the types and sizes of headstones installed. This effort includes the dimensions and guidelines printed on each deed as well as posted on the web site, cooperation with the local monument makers as well as enforcement. Some future projects the Board of Directors are considering include improved handicap access, signage along the wall on Acosta Rd and a sign for the historics Story Cemetery.

Another thing that has remained constant over the years, is the generosity of our patrons. Since 2015, all donations, general ones given at Memorial Day, those in memory of a specific person, or ones sent when the family has so requested in an obituary, are set aside in a special account and not used for general operating expenses. This, along with careful use of other funds, helps insure the future care and welfare of our little oasis in the desert. Let’s go for 200! Since we are a 501 C13 non-profit, all donations are tax deductible and sincerely appreciated. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience and the thank you note you will receive serves as your receipt.

Respectfully,

Linda McNamee, President