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Happy Spring 2026 to our Members and Friends of Evergreen Cemetery Association from our Board of Trustees, along with Executive Director Dede Tollefson and Superintendent Tom McCartan. We express our **HEARTFELT THANKS** for your generous donations to Evergreen Cemetery and Memorial Gardens.



As we strive to perpetuate the legacy of Evergreen Cemetery and Memorial Gardens as places of Rest, Remembrance, and Reflection, we are also reminded that cemeteries exist because every life is worth loving and remembering.



We strive to utilize our knowledge and readiness to serve both association members and visitors. We have had many successes in the last year, including generous donations to replace our backhoe and lawn mowers, the completion of the two-year **remodeling of the office space** with the help of donated work hours and supplies, landscaping around our Memorial Garden's second columbarium, and new seasonal grounds staff. We note this progress has been successful due to your generous donations. **Thank You.**

Our ongoing work has been to maintain the aging water/irrigation system at Evergreen, where three dozen locations have required pipe or faucet replacements. This is a major issue, and an overall replacement plan with funding needs to be developed. This could be addressed through a service project by individuals and/or service clubs. If interested, please contact Executive Director Dede Tollefson.

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EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

2026 Donation Form

Make a donation or volunteer - cut out and send in this form.

\$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (Office Use Only) _____

Comments _____

I would like to volunteer _____

I would like to discuss possible unused grave sites available, please call: _____

(Grave sites need to be designated to the owner of the lot upon death in the office records or in a Will or Trust with legal descriptions, not just stating a lot.)

Thank you for your interest in our cemeteries.

As the season moves into decorating and flower planting, please make sure to adhere to the "Grave Decorating Policy" sent to you last fall and posted at the entrances of the cemeteries. If we find that adherence to the policy is not being followed, we will post a sign at the gravesite. We do believe that you would want to respect our policies to help maintain a consistent environment for those visiting and resting there.

Every improvement, every step forward, and every moment of care is made possible because of YOU. Volunteers are welcome to come and use their talents to make our cemeteries stand out as visitors drive by. We truly could not do this work without your support.

In response to the community's desire to secure any remaining unused grave sites in Evergreen Cemetery, we have begun locating available spaces. Also, we request that, if there are open grave sites that families will not be using, please contact the cemetery office for consideration as possible saleable or donated sites. We have a list of those requesting any availability. **Thank you.**

Your support of the Evergreen Cemetery Association in our general maintenance and groundskeeping is appreciated and needed. A contribution as small as \$10 helps when many share in the giving.

Please be reminded that we are a 501(c)(13) tax-deductible nonprofit public cemetery managed by a volunteer nine-member Board of Trustees. Consider adding Evergreen Cemetery Association to your list of charitable contribution recipients or leaving a legacy gift by including the cemeteries in your will or estate planning. Many members and friends may wish to do a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Please visit our website for more information on how to do a QCD.

THANK YOU to the Volunteers who are always welcome. For those who wish to contribute their time and talents in the office or on the grounds, please contact our office for more information. Some ideas include monument cleanings, cemetery walks, and the cleanup of flower debris. Walking with friends can be an enjoyment.

Our website provides information about the Evergreen Cemetery Association, including the Directory of the Dead and details. Our **letterhead** includes the website link, email address, phone number, mailing address, and elected Trustees.

Thank you again for your continued support of the historic Evergreen Cemetery and Memorial Gardens.

The Evergreen Association's Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at the Crow Wing County Land Services Building. The election and re-election of trustees will take place, as will any public concerns.

Have a pleasant and peaceful summer.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Trustees