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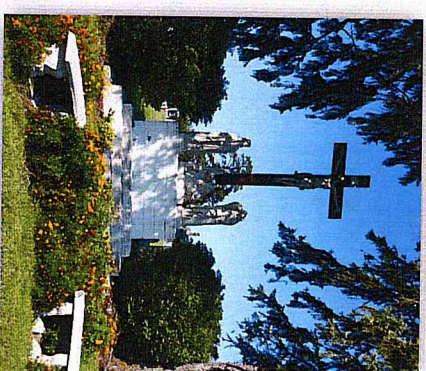


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Fourth Annual

CEMETERY WALK

featuring



Calvary Cemetery

1429 W. Adams Street ~ Creston, IA

September 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm

Hosted by the

Gibson Memorial Library

History of Calvary Cemetery

Creston's first mass was performed in 1868, when it was just a railroad camp, but soon afterwards the Burlington Railroad donated two lots on which a small Catholic church was erected. In 1873, Father Augustine Burns of the Order of St. Benedict became a resident pastor. A man of great ability and influence, he worked to build the church in Union County and southwest Iowa. In 1874, on a trip to the east, he suffered a stroke and died in Burlington, Iowa. Father Burns rests in the special section of Calvary Cemetery designated for priests and originally planted with twelve evergreens, representing the twelve apostles.

Calvary Cemetery, which consists of about ten acres in Douglas Township, is part of a 120 acre tract purchased from Patrick and Minerva O'Hara by the Order of St. Benedict of Atchison, Kansas, between the years 1877 and 1879. When plans to build a monastery on the land did not materialize, 110 acres went to the Creston Water Works, to a rural school, to the county for a roadway, and to various individuals.

St. Ann's Society, a group of ladies with a special interest in Calvary Cemetery, maintained the cemetery for many years. Through annual dues and occasional fundraisers, its members contributed to the care and upkeep of the cemetery.



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Portraits of Our Families



♦ **Thomas Walsh**

Union County Deputy Sheriff Thomas Walsh was the first police officer killed in Union County in the line of duty in December 1899, over a land dispute. (Researched by David Hargrove)

♦ **Zelda Geis**

Zelda was totally invested in Creston. She opened a jewelry store with her husband in 1944. Zelda also helped start St. Malachy's PTA and the Rectory Re-Run. (Researched by Susan Weight)

♦ **Robert Spencer**

Bobby Spencer's life was cut short as he began his college career. Bobby was heavily involved with the movie theaters. (Researched by Susan Weight)

♦ **Edward and Rosalie Pesik**

Ed and Rosalie were among ten siblings. All of them happily lived on the family farm. They joyfully contributed to St. Malachy School and Holy Spirit Parish. (Researched by Susan Weight)

♦ **D.C. Williams**

Spiv Williams, as he was known, had many careers in his lifetime. Spiv made quite a name for himself in the juke box business. (Researched by Susan Weight)

♦ **Dorothy Peak**

Dorothy began teaching home economics at Creston High School in 1940 and stayed in that position for thirty four years. Dorothy was an innovative educator. (Researched by Susan Weight)



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- ♦ **Tour Guides:**
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Gary Shae, Susan Weight and Dick Anderson
- ♦ **Ticket Takers:**
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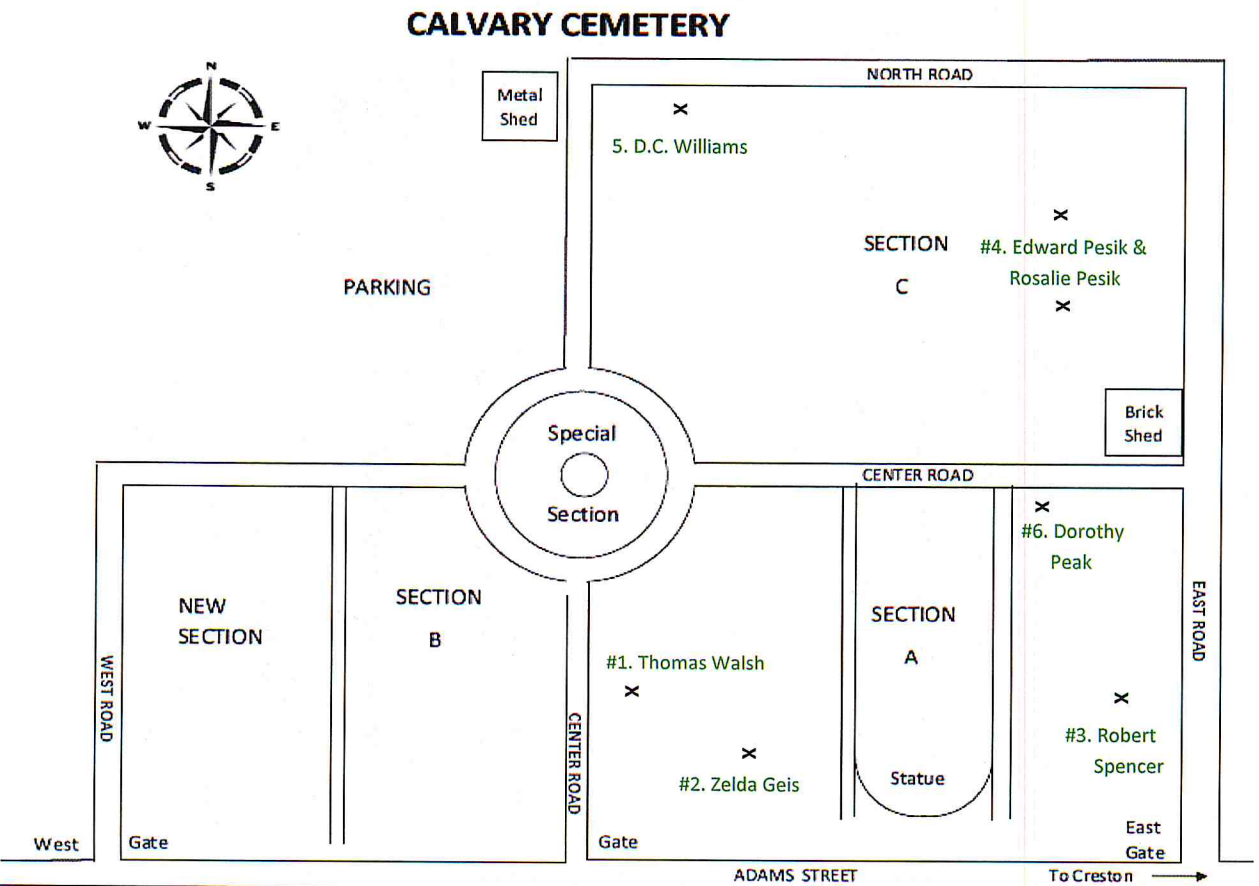
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Calvary Cemetery Map



Actors

Wyatt Franklin as Robert Spencer

Judy Gile as Zelda Geis

David Hargrove as Thomas Walsh

Sandy Harris as Dorothy Peak

Becca Slick as Rosalie Pesik

Midge Scurlock as Bernie Williams, wife of D.C. Williams

Clint Williams as Edward Pesik

Actors' Bios

- ◇ **Wyatt Franklin** has been acting since he was four months old when his mother took him on stage with her to play the part of her infant son in a short play for a local Veteran's Day celebration. Originally hailing from central Illinois, Wyatt moved to Creston when he was 10 years old, and lives here with his three siblings, three cats, parents, and dog. You may recognize him from the plays he has been in at Creston High School, Wyatt is on the Creston High School speech team.
- ◇ **David Hargrove** holds a doctoral degree in American history. He is the director of the Winterset Public Library. David is married to Jennie Hargrove (Huntrods) and they have a daughter, Reba.

Actors' Bios Continued

- ◇ **Judy Gile** came to Creston from Kansas City, being born, reared and schooled there. She attended Drury College where she developed her interest in theater. Judy and her family came to Creston in 1972, and she became involved in the newly formed Creston Community Theater as an actor and director. She worked at Crossroads Mental Health Center for thirty years as a social worker. About six years ago, she became involved again with Crest Area Theater doing a play. She has enjoyed performing in several of our cemetery walks and hopes you enjoy her version of "Zelda."
- ◇ **Sandra Harris** is making her first appearance in the Cemetery Walk with her portrayal of Dorothy Peak. Sandra is a former teacher and now runs the Adams Street Country Lodge. She is also active in many community organizations.
- ◇ **Becca Slick** was involved in play productions throughout middle school and high school. She has performed various characters, both male and female. Becca earned her Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She moved to Creston in 2015 and has taught Iowa History at Southwestern Community College since January 2017. She has helped out with Drama Camp. When not working at the college library or teaching classes, she enjoys spending time with her family.
- ◇ **Midge Scurlock** is a beloved, long-time educator for the Creston Community Schools. Midge is an active Creston supporter through volunteerism, especially Gibson Memorial Library.
- ◇ **Clint Williams** has enjoyed acting since elementary school. He performed the lead roll his senior year in Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Clint moved to Creston to teach biology at Southwestern Community College. He returned to the stage after getting involved in the SWCC drama club, where he has acted in numerous short and one-act plays. He enjoys the comradery that comes with acting and performing, and looks forward to more opportunities in the future.