

A Brief History

Established in 1857, Ottumwa Cemetery is the final resting place for many of our community's citizens and loved ones. Originally placed on the outskirts of town, it now sits as a park-like centerpiece to the town's Northside. Toward the end of the twentieth century, the Court Street entrance to the cemetery began to take shape and become what it is today, starting with the installation of the red brick receiving vault, continuing with the wrought iron fence and Edgerly Gateway, and finishing with the limestone office and chapel.

Over the years, the City of Ottumwa acquired two additional cemeteries: Calvary Cemetery on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1953 and Ottumwa Jewish Cemetery on Van Ness Avenue in 2000.



Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a serene and comforting place where the mortal remains of community members can be laid to rest, respecting their religious and cultural needs, in compliance with appropriate laws and regulations.

Cemetery Office

1302 N. Court Street
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
Phone: 641.683.0687
Fax: 641.683.0686
Email: ottcemetery@ottumwa.us
www.ottumwa.us/departments/cemetery

Office Hours

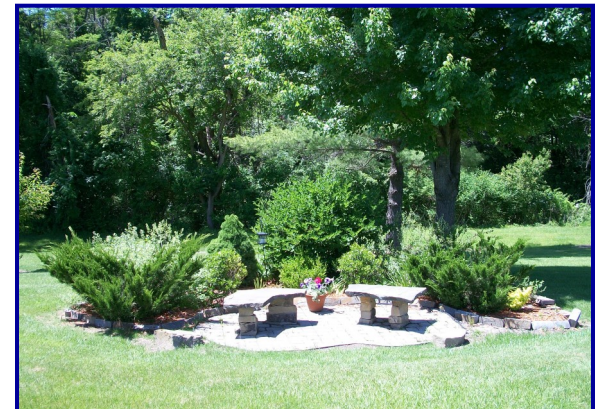
Monday—Friday
12:30 AM—4:30 PM
Grounds Open: Dawn to Dusk

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CITY OF OTTUMWA CEMETERIES



Ottumwa Cemetery
Calvary Cemetery
Ottumwa Jewish Cemetery



**DONATIONS
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The Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees accepts donations and endowments for general maintenance and capital improvement projects. These thoughtful gifts are used to maintain the beauty and efficiency of the cemeteries. Donors may designate a use for gifts, and every reasonable attempt will be made to comply with their wishes.

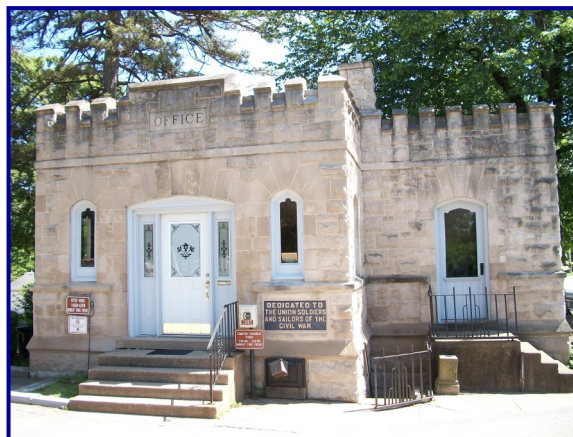


Past donations have made possible such projects as the Infant Reflecting Garden in Calvary Cemetery and the installation of water service in Ottumwa Jewish Cemetery. Many donated funds have been used to plant trees in the cemeteries and to maintain the beauty and peacefulness for our visitors.



New Office & Shop Building

We are currently raising funds to build a new office and shop building on the southeast corner of the Ottumwa Cemetery. Our current facilities are too small for our needs, require extensive repair work, and are not accessible to all visitors. The proposed building would join the office and shop under one roof with adequate space to allow staff to serve our community more efficiently and effectively. The current office, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be maintained for other uses.



Donation Form

If you would like to contribute, please detach this part of the brochure and send it with your donation to:

**Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees
1302 N. Court Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501.**

Please make checks payable to Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees.

I would like to donate to the following fund or project:

New Office & Shop Building \$_____

Tree Fund \$_____ (\$250 per tree)

General Fund \$_____

Other \$_____ For _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

