



SINCE 1841

WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Miss Louise M. Troy

The following quotes were taken from the article "A Perfect Teacher" written by Wendy Jenkins & published by *the Journal Herald* on February 17th, 1984 pg. 13

"Louise Troy was born April 1, 1860, in Xenia, where her father was a shoemaker. Both her parents, Samuel Troy and Maria Blackburn Troy, were born into slavery in Virginia, but moved to Xenia 10 years before Louise was born. Her father was active in community affairs and, after he returned from his service in the Civil War, was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University."

"She was, by all accounts, a mere slip of a woman, barely tipping the scales at 100 pounds and standing no more than 5 feet tall..."



Above Photo: The Garfield School was built in 1877. The old frame school was erected in 1871. The Wright Brothers & Paul Laurence Dunbar received their elementary schooling in the old frame school building, which was removed in 1930. Photo courtesy of the [Lutzenberger collection](#).

"She began her teaching career at age 16 in Bloomingsburg (Ohio) in 1876 and the next school year in Harveysburg, but also continued her education during the summers by attending Xenia City Teachers' Summer Normal School, Dayton's Cooper Academy and Wilberforce University Summer School.

She began teaching in the Dayton public schools in 1878 and remained with the system until her retirement in 1920.

"[...] But she is best remembered for the many years she spent teaching at Garfield grade school on West Fifth Street."

"[...] Undoubtedly her most famous student was Paul Laurence Dunbar. Rosalie Dugger recounted a story 'Mother Dunbar' (Matilda Dunbar, Paul's mother) told about 'Lou' Troy:

'Lou Troy taught the school on Ziegler Street that year (about 1877) my Paul went to her first grade. One day I thought I would go and visit Paul's class. I wanted to see my little boy in school...As I stepped inside the door Lou Troy looked up and saw me...Paul looked up and saw me. He began to wiggle in his toes. He was barefoot and was so glad to see his Ma. Lou looked up at me and she looked back at Paul and she said, 'Now don't you get beside yourself.'"

"She was a typical, old-fashioned spinster schoolteacher," says Mrs. Lowry. "She was what I wanted to be—a perfect teacher."

"She was petite with little hands and feet; prim to the point of being prissy; olive complexion with a wealth of straight black hair. Her English was impeccable. I never knew her to have a man escort or company."

"As a teacher Louise Troy was respected by both the black and white community. She is described by those who knew her as proud, soft-spoken, friendly though reserved, highly cultured and always stylishly attired."

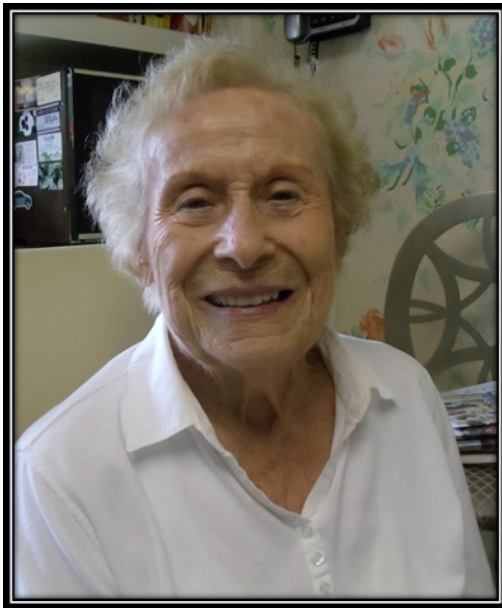




Louise Troy died March 9th, 1941 at the age of 81. She is buried in section 116, lot 19 at Woodland Cemetery.

Photo (left): Dayton Daily News, 6/19/1932 pg. 11

Woodland Centenarian Club:



Pauline Silver

(7/22/1918 - 11/24/2021)

Pauline Silver passed away November 29th, 2021 at the age of 103. A long time Master Gardener, she was known in the city of Centerville for growing award-winning flowers. In her earlier years, she was very fond of traveling—whether for fishing trips at Rocky Fork Lake, mushroom hunting adventures in Michigan, or simply cruising around with her husband, Bud, in their homemade motor home.

A true professional homemaker, Pauline kept in touch with loved ones by being sure to send cards to her friends and relatives for every occasion—never missing a birthday. Each holiday, Pauline was certain to make her famous peanut brittle; “You got to pull it when it’s hot!” she’d say.

A great conversationalist, she connected with numerous friends and family members through their daily phone calls. To all who knew and loved her, these conversations will be truly missed.

Pauline and her beloved husband, Francis ‘Bud’ Silver rest peacefully together in Woodland’s community mausoleum.

Symbols of the Season:



Iris

'Iris' comes from the Greek word for "rainbow" — which, sensibly, is the name for the ancient Greek goddess of the rainbow. In myths, Iris acted as a messenger for the Olympian gods; when travelling between mortal and godly realms, she was visible as a rainbow.

Traditionally, purple irises are planted over the graves of women & girls to summon the goddess to guide them to the underworld.

Above Photo: Sometimes, it's not about abstract symbolism — Horace and Susan Wright (nephew of Orville & Wilbur) were dedicated gardeners who had a particular fondness for the iris. They are credited with creating the Wright iris & Starchy Sue hybrid; some of which bloom here at Woodland each spring. The above grave marker is located in section 122, lot 305.



The iris's three upright petals are said to symbolize faith, valor and wisdom.

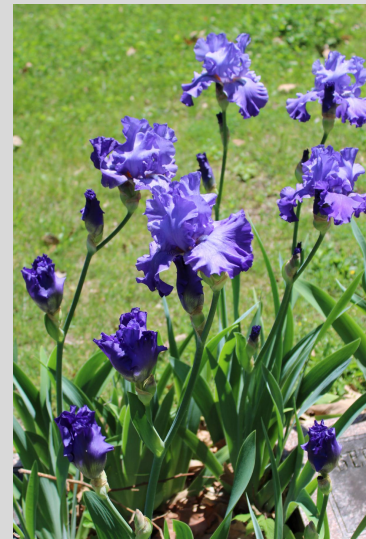
The ancient Egyptians associated the iris with the Horus; deity of light & heaven.

During the Middle Ages, irises became linked with the French monarchy — their national symbol, the fleur-de-lis, is a highly stylized iris.

Some authors believe that the iris flower is so named because of the 'rainbow' of flower colors possible within the species.

Some types of iris are used to color and flavor gin.

The iris is the state flower of Tennessee.



Upcoming Events!

All Tours

Meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery. Parking is available both inside and outside the gates. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle if needed. Tours will launch rain or shine, except in the event of thunder or lightning.





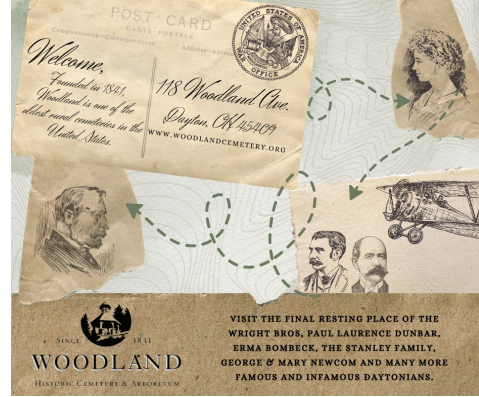
Sports Legends Tour:

Everyone loves a good sports story and we have plenty with these legends resting peacefully at Woodland:
 Sprint Car racer,
 Johnny Shackelford;
 Inventor of the metal baseball bat,
 William Shroyer;
 Founder of McGregor Golf Club Co.,
 Ziba Crawford;
 Cyclist and race car driver,
 Earl Kiser;
 UD Basketball Coach,
 Tom Blackburn;
 Harlem Globetrotter,
 Albert Tucker, Sr.;
 Lady Rodeo Champion,
 Marguerite Doane
 Plus many more!

Upcoming Tours:

4/1 @ 6 pm

Click [here](#) to register!



Historic Woodland Tour:

Founded in 1841, Woodland is one of the oldest rural cemeteries in the United States.

Explore the grounds and visit the final resting place of the Wright Brothers, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Erma Bombeck, James Ritty, the Stanley Family, the Mead Family, George Newcom and many other famous and infamous Daytonians.

Upcoming Tours:

4/5 @ 10 am
 4/7 @ 5:30 pm
 4/8 @ 10 am
 4/10 @ 6 pm
 4/16 @ 6 pm

Click [here](#) to register!

2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

Don't get caught by surprise! Check this space for Woodland's adornment removal calendar each month to stay on schedule.

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Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
 Orange = Do Not Clean Off
 Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

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Come Visit Us!



Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Office Hours:

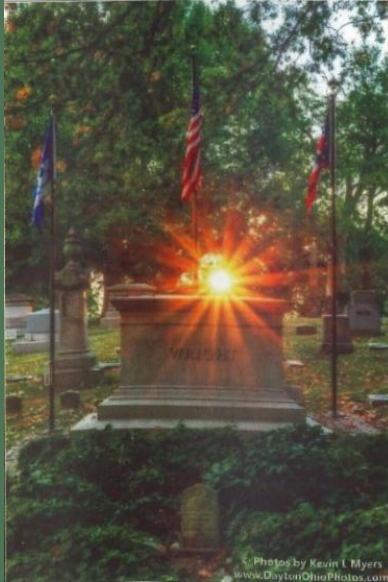
Monday-Friday
 8am-5pm

Tours & More:


We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries! Or check out our **virtual tours!** (if you really don't want to go outside)



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