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WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



In Memory of Rufus Slade

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum is saddened to share the passing of Rufus Slade, a retired member of our Woodland family.

Rufus served Woodland with dedication and pride for more than 35 years. His work helped care for these historic grounds and supported our mission of honoring families with dignity, compassion, and respect.

We are grateful for Rufus's many years of service and for the lasting mark he left on Woodland. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, former coworkers, and all who knew and loved him.

Rest in peace, Rufus. You will always be remembered as part of Woodland's story.



Did You Know?

Funeral Practices of a Bygone Era:

The Victorian style of mourning came into fashion during the 19th century and was catapulted into public consciousness by the long (and public!) way that Queen Victoria mourned the loss of her husband; beginning with Prince Albert's death in 1861, and continuing until she herself died in 1901.

While many modern ideas of funeral and mourning etiquette trace their roots to the Victorian era, other customs or superstitions have been left behind. If we were to travel back in time to a Victorian funeral—likely held at the home of the bereaved—we could expect to see that all the curtains were closed & black ribbons (on a wreath or by themselves) hung on the door.

Inside, mirrors would be covered with black crepe (to prevent the spirit of the deceased from getting trapped in there); photos might be placed face down, and the clocks might even be stopped at the time of the person's death. When it came time to leave for the cemetery, the dead would be carried out feet first so that their spirit couldn't look back and beckon for others to join them.

Above (right): Mourning jewelry by [Thayne Tuason](#)



Hairwork

Using human hair to create jewelry or other works of art might seem strange today, but examples can be found throughout history. Due to its chemical properties, human hair makes for a versatile, durable material largely untouched by the passage of time—even thousands of years.

During the Victorian era, the practice of 'hairwork' flourished. These pieces could be simple and made at home, or an artisan might be hired to create more elaborate scenes. Finely cut hair could be incorporated into enameled images or miniatures, and longer hair was used to braid bracelets and necklaces or weave patterns.

Upcoming Tours & Events:

Tour Tips:

All tours (unless otherwise specified) will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza, just inside the main gates of the cemetery.

Parking is available outside the gates & along the main drive.

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.

All tours require a reservation and there is a suggested \$5 donation.

All donations support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation which focuses on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio.

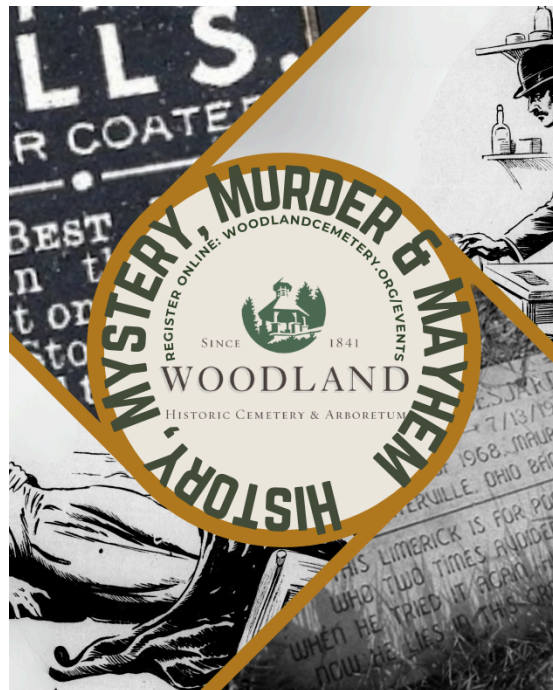
History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem

Whose deathbed confession solved the murder of 18-year-old Christine Kett?

Did Rose Shafor really dress up as a man to help her lover commit a crime? Who killed Julius Kruse? Was the “Cincinnati Ripper” lurking in Dayton?

These stories and more are told in this walk to the grave sites of a victim or perpetrator of a crime. Please note that the tour relates the actual accounts of murders that took place in Dayton. Graphic details are given and may not be appropriate for all audiences.

[Click here for tickets!](#)



Military Tribute Tour

This guided tour through Woodland honors our fallen and military service heroes from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War.

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[Click here to explore our full calendar of events!](#)



Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8a - 5p
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Contact Us!

For questions about pre-planning, funeral services, or memorial design:

[Request an Appointment](#)

(Non-urgent) general questions:

[Contact Us](#)

Support Woodland!

For 184 years, Woodland has been a place of remembrance, reflection, and beauty.

Your donation to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation supports landscape care, tree preservation, historic restoration, and our commitment to keeping Woodland a welcoming sanctuary for all.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift today

Thank you for supporting Woodland's mission.

With gratitude,

Woodland Arboretum Foundation





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