

# Jefferson Memorial

## Cemetery and Funeral Home

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## YOUR 2010 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Family and Friends,

As always, we are looking forward to good weather for the Memorial Day weekend, and hope you will be able to join us for the ceremonies to honor the more than 13,000 veterans buried throughout the cemetery. One veteran is from the Civil War, Morgan Cross, buried in 1932. Let us not forget, we are the "Land of the Free **BECAUSE** of the Brave."

Jefferson Memorial Park places flags (in holders) only on the individual veterans' graves that are located in the two Fields of Honor. In each of the other sections, Jefferson places at least one large flag to honor the veterans buried there. Flags will be available at the administration building from Friday before Memorial day until the day after Memorial Day. In order to have a flag holder, (standard), the family of the deceased veteran must apply for a flag holder at the Soldiers and Sailors Hall (412-621-4357). Flag holders are to be removed from the grave by the Veteran's family within seven days of Memorial Day. If the family does not remove the flag holder, Jefferson Memorial Cemetery will remove and store the holder as a public service. All stored flag holders will then be set out a couple of days prior to the following Memorial Day in the cemetery office parking lot for the general public to use on a first come first served basis.

Memorial Day, as well as Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Veteran's Day, is one of the 'Special Holidays' when flag holders and non-conforming decorations, including potted plants will be temporarily permitted for three days before and seven days after the holiday. **Mylar balloons are ALWAYS prohibited.** The mylar coating peels off of the balloon and sticks to the bronze like glue.

While visiting this spring, please take the time to drive around the cemetery. Most of the gardens have an impressive feature for which that particular garden was named. There are many bulbs, trees and shrubs in bloom that make this a place of great natural beauty. Also, you can now tune your radio to 88.7 FM, which is our private radio station. This station plays a 20 minute program with 2-3 minute segments dealing with our history, grief support, reflection and music. The radio station is a brand new concept for us. We'd appreciate if you listen to the program and stop in our office to share your comments about Prayer in the Air. You can also listen to it at: [www.prayerintheair.net](http://www.prayerintheair.net).



## The Beloved Niches: Jefferson Mausoleum

At Jefferson Memorial Cemetery an abundance of historical artwork can be found. In our indoor Jefferson Mausoleum there are stained glass windows around every corridor, including a 20 paneled window of The Signing of the Constitution, a mural of Fort Pitt in 1790 comprised of twelve cast bronze crypt fronts and sculpted figurines by the artist Giuseppe Armani. These figurines are featured



in the Beloved Niches and are representations of love, matrimony and the importance of relationships in our lifetime. These are just a few of the statues created by Armani. The artist, born in Pisa, Italy, has been inspired by the genius of the Renaissance to sculpt modern masterpieces. His renowned ability to put character and soul into his sculptures continue to amaze and intrigue us. He is also very well known for sculpting some of Disney's most renowned characters. Armani, today, has achieved international fame and recognition.



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It wasn't until the 1940's when veterans, who were very realistic about life and death, returned home from WWII that pre-need cemetery arrangements became common purchases. Preplanning is considered a selfless act of love because it eliminates many of the emotional and financial burdens involved with leaving all the decisions and expenses to your spouse and children. It is no different than the many other things you purchase to protect your family but hope to not use for a very long time, such as life insurance, and disability, auto, medical and long-term care insurance. It has become very common for families to make not only cemetery arrangements but also funeral home arrangements.

If you have any questions or concerns about preplanning for the future, please do not hesitate to call or stop in.

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