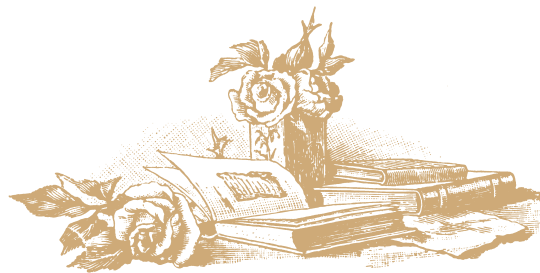


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**Fair View Group Web Site Helpful To Families Across The Country**

In 2007, The Fair View Group announced the launching of a web site dedicated to providing vital information for Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park. The Genealogy Search, which records the names of all those interred since the establishment of both cemeteries, has brought much acclaim from descendants and historians from across the United States:

- "I am forever grateful for all you have done to help me find my roots."
- "You have been very thorough and gone the extra mile in providing answers to my many questions."
- "Thank you for taking the time to locate our four family members."
- "The map you provided is wonderful. This is the first time I've visited a cemetery and felt confident I could find my way around".

We hope readers of this newsletter will continue to share the web site address to others who have an interest. Also, we extend appreciation to the Historical Society of Western Virginia for publishing an article in their newsletter announcing the web site.



The beautiful monument (L) marks the resting place of the first person interred at Fair View, Betty Ann Horton (July 9, 1890), wife of W.H. Horton. The well known Horton family owned considerable land on Melrose Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Thomas G. Massie died in 1890 and this memorial marks the names of many of the fourteen Massie's interred at historic Fair View.

**[www.thefairviewgroup.org](http://www.thefairviewgroup.org)**

## **Family Service Counselor Participates in Advanced Studies**

Mike Bratcher, Family Service Coordinator, participated in an intense week of studies conducted by the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.



The association works with professionals from across the nation in adapting to the ever-changing needs of the cemetery and funeral industry. "The in-depth knowledge of the instructors, along with working association of others in the family service program, was a valuable learning process", said Bratcher. The University offers a graduate program, which will assist management in moving Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Childhood Friends Connect Through Fair View Newsletter**

A faithful reader of this newsletter recognized the name of a childhood friend among the list of contributors. He contacted our office and we in return notified the long-ago friend in Texas. A friendship was rekindled with memories continuing to be shared!

## **Wood Panel Fencing Completed**

In 2006, a business on Melrose Avenue honored our request to build a high wooden fence to provide a buffer from their property. In the closing weeks of this year, we completed the remaining section of paneling to the entrance gate on the north side of the cemetery.

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## Group “Heritage Hunts” Welcomed At Historic Fair View Cemetery

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The Fair View “Family” encourages groups to visit for a Walk Through History Tour of the cemetery. We were proud to host 35 Heritage Hunters from Cave Spring United Methodist Church this summer. Provided with a tour map and a questionnaire, 25 youths and 10 adults spent many hours, including lunch on the grounds, locating the final resting place of thousands of veterans and many citizens who pioneered and built Roanoke. *Should you have a group interested in planning a Heritage Hunt, please call 344-4263.*



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### Musser Family Notable in Methodist Churches

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Generations of the Musser family are interred at FairView Cemetery with two of the most recent being the Reverend Raymond Eugene Musser (D-February 5, 1980) and his wife, Louise McDaniel Musser (D-June 29, 1992).

Rev. Musser and his beloved wife enjoyed long and distinguished service to Methodist churches in West Virginia and Virginia. A native Roanoker, Rev. Musser graduated from Roanoke College and received his Divinity Degree from Emory University in Decatur, Georgia.

In 1942, he volunteered to become a Chaplain in the U.S. Army and served in Europe until the end of the war. Rev. Musser served ten churches in the two-state area and was instrumental in starting two Methodist churches in Roanoke and overseeing the construction of three new buildings for established churches, one in Salem and two in Tidewater.

After his passing in 1980, Louise Musser continued to be active in Methodist Women’s organizations. An avid writer, she spoke to groups throughout Virginia and the southeast. She researched and wrote a paper on how Methodist Women of Virginia helped establish Ferrum Junior College. Louise was named an Honorary member of a graduating class of 1990, served as a Trustee, and was honored by being appointed as Trustee Emeritus.

The Prayer Chapel at Roanoke United Methodist Home where she lived her last years is named in her honor.



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### Fair View Street Signs Replaced

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The street signs within the cemetery are an important part of Fair View’s history, as well as providing directions for visitors wishing to find a family plot or gravesite. In our continuing effort to preserve and enhance the beauty of Fair View, new signs have replaced the older ones that had become faded over time. To view the names and location of the streets, a Walking Tour Map is available at the cemetery office, or can be printed from the web site. [www.thefairviewgroup.org](http://www.thefairviewgroup.org).

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### Replacement of Memorial “Collars”

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Over the years many concrete “collars” surrounding memorial markers deteriorate. A program to replace these collars was started in 1999, and has continued during the spring and summer months. Replacement will continue as needed, in keeping with our maintenance program.

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### U.S. Flags Available at Our Office

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More Veterans are interred at Fair View than any other cemetery in this area of Virginia. In keeping with our tradition of honoring those who served our country, we keep a supply of U.S. Flags available to those who wish to place one at the grave of a loved one.



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*We wish you Peace, Hope  
and Goodwill at this Blessed Season*  
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*The Family Room at Fair View Cemetery now has a new and attractive display for viewing memorial markers.*



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