

2026 Annual Meeting

Aurora Cemetery Association, Inc

Members: mark your calendar for the Annual Cemetery Association Meeting
at the Cemeteries "McGlothlin Pavillion": Sunday May 17, 2026 @ 2pm.

{This occurs each year on the third Sunday of May}

If you cannot attend, have any concerns or questions
please forward them to the association via

PO Box 205 Rhome, Texas 76078 auroracemeteryassoc@gmail.com 817.602.9545

This Newsletter is being sent via email to help save our association finances,
please forward to other members, friend and family that you know....Thanks!

Officers:

~Your Board of Trustees~

Board Members:

President - Larry Naugle
Vice President - Penny Shockey
Secretary - T'Ann Naugle
Treasurer - Jerhea Nail

*Reggie Byrd
Jeff Davis
*Trayce Gallman
*Ronnie Shockey

Christa Davis
*Kim Fry
Kim Oates

VOTING: Board Members who have completed their 2-year terms and are up for re-election are marked with a (*), they are still wanting to continue to serve, these will be voted on at the Annual Meeting

FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WE MISS MAY 2025 - APRIL 2026

Robert Lacy Conner 90	5.7.25	Dixie Lynn (Worthington) Snead 72	1.11.26
Thomas Oscar Peterson 87	5.20.25	Matteo nm Rodriguez Hernandez 8	1.31.26
Ellen Jean (Foster) Bailey 50	6.21.25	James Otto Moran 85	2.11.26
Myrle LaDean (Tippie) Phillips/Carson 79	6.27.25	Ross Eugene Gross 96	2.12.26
Jimmy Wayne Burch 69	6.28.25	Caitlin Brianne Cassel 26	3.12.26
Cathy Lee (Stockard) Blood 68	7.12.25	Bobbie Alene (Norris) Laing 63	3.13.26
Mark Edwin Keeton 66	8.15.25	Travis Lee Shelton, Sr. 85	3.25.26
Marnell nm (Hamm) Fox 83	10.18.25	Clinton Cecil Bardwell 66	3.28.26
Elowyn Grace Neuenfeldt @birth	11.14.25	Michael Ray Crabtree 68	4.2.26
Efrain Fraire, Jr. 45	11.26.25	Donna Kaye (Knight) Currie 73	4.8.26
Gary Don Beaty 73	11.28.25	William Arthur Scarborough 85	4.8.26
Lynda Faye (Knox) Green 87	11.29.25	Bobbie Gay (Gregory) Colvin 67	4.11.26
Patrica Ann (Lane) Ragle 75	12.12.25	Steve Solomon 66	4.19.26
Lou Ella (Murrah) Teeter 91	12.13.25	Thomas Leon Coleman 91	4.25.26
Sandra L. (Bolin) Padgett 79	12.13.25	Jerry Wayne Lee 76	4.29.26
Gary Brent Norman 74	12.31.25	Gary Leon Hammett	4.30.26

"Then shall the dust return to the
earth as it was: and the spirit shall
return unto God who gave it."

Ecc 12:7

The continual care of the Cemetery remains long after the interment of your loved ones.

Anyone wishing to make a donations or
memorial gift may do so by mailing it to the
Aurora Cemetery Association
PO Box 205 Rhome, Texas 76078



~or you can now use our new QR Code

Thank You

Generous Donations made May 2025-April 2026

June Adcock	Elizabeth Allen
James & Candyce Arbour	Aaron Arrington - "1st QR Code" Donation
Glenda Beam	Joseph Best
Reggie & Janet Byrd	Don & Sue Dodgen
Kyle Erwin	Jim & Sharon Estill
W.L. & Carolyn Fuller	Trayce Gallman
Glenn Jennings	Janie Marino
Clayton & Joyce McCrary	K.C. McCurdy
Jerhea Nail	Larry & T'Ann Naugle
Barbara Norman	Bill & Jean Oates
Billy & Kim Oates	Gary Patterson
Rhonda Raper	Cathy Raspberry - "2nd QR Code" Donation
Donna Jackson & Patricia Rhine	Susie Salmon
Mary Schmidt	Alvin & Barbara Slimp
Ronnie & Penny Shockey	David & Cindy Smith
Angela Stanford	Ann Troxell
Brent & Ann Watkins	Stan & Donna (Jackson) Wojcik
Wanda Young	

DID YOU KNOW:

- * Oldest birth - 1802 - John Rhome 1802-1881
 - * Oldest death/burial - 1868 - Thomas Leroy Randall 1866-1868
 - * Oldest person - 101 (& 7mths) yrs old - Howard Thomas Young 1920-2022
 - * 2365 burials per our records from 1868 to today
 - * 117 burials (via findagrave) that we are still trying to verify that we don't show buried at Aurora
 - * I've recently found three who were not in our records or findagrave that passed in 1927 & 1940
 - * 128 yrs since the Alien Visitor landed/buried
- 10.2025 I got to meet Finnis Beauchamp who was visiting the cemetery. His grandfather, Capt Finis Beauchamp 1825-1893, who in 1877 donated the original land for our cemetery. Finnis lives in Mississippi and will be buried here in the future.

NOTARIZED LETTER NEEDED: Did you realize that if your deed is in "your name only" and you pass, we can't let others, like your children, etc... use your burial spaces that you possibly intended for them to use, without a lot of extra legal research. A simple NOTARIZED LETTER of who can use YOUR extra burial spaces AFTER YOUR passing, making your wishes known without the family having to deal with Wills, Probates, Power of Attorneys, etc... sent to us and placed in your file. At those painful times of death, I do not want to have to tell your family they can't use YOUR burial spaces.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE make your wishes know asap!

To assist in the maintenance, safety & care of our cemetery DO NOT use glass/ceramic containers, or excessive decoration. Trees, shrubs, bushes and any other growing plants are prohibited. Holiday decor will be removed soon after the holiday as per our rules & regulations.

Some things your Board has been working on....

Mower: We've worked at reducing cost & signed a new contract with GreenMaster Lawn service

Shaw House: removed & cleaned up after last Annual meeting

Entry Gate: Jan 2026 Bob Lewis met and discussed details to fund two Rock Entry

New metal sign: with a brief discription of our AlienVisitor is posted at the front entrance.

Solar Lights: put on both flag poles

New Flags: that wind has been hard on our flags

Found: 3 bodies found in B3 (Beauchamp 3) & 2 bodies in B5...nothing was in our records!!

Grave Markers: (1st) Sept 22, 2025 "31", (2nd) Nov 17, 20 25 "38", (3rd) April 30, 2026 "40"
6 "x 8" Granite Markers were ordered and placed for "unmarked graves"

Two little sisters: Erma Estelle Evans 1923-1927 & Amanda "Manny" Evans 1917-1922 have been unmarked, nothing for basically 100 years. You know when you put your kids name on their lunch box or their backpack...it becomes personal....this became personal!



Thank You, this has truly been a blessing!



Veterans "Cross Flag holders": BHS Welding class made us 100 (Material cost \$281.66) & Kyle Erwins workers made 154 (donated time & material cost). These little flag holders will be placed at each Veterans graves 1) to show and honor our vets 2) to hold the flags placed yearly. Currently we have about 366+ VETERANS, so we are looking for a company that would make us 200 to complete what we need and for our future veteran burials.

Veterans: Kim Oates has taken on the responsibility of the Veteran events!

10.15.25 **Meals on Wheels** @ Pavillion a fun event of travel, and games.

11.6.25 **Veterans Day Flag** placed by Veterans/ACA Boardmembers/BHS-FCCLA

12.13.25 **Wreath Across America** via DAR asks for donation of \$17 a wreath, ACA (that's us) gave \$1000 for "next year 2026", to get 2 for 1 (=117 wreaths)

AURORA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY 4/30/2026

May 2025-April 2026

INCOME

Burial Plots Sold	\$19,500.00
Donations	\$4,503.61
Donations QR Code	\$250.00
Interment Fees	\$8,350.00
Misc.	<u>\$1.18</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$32,604.79

EXPENSES

Ancestry Research	\$127.48	(Used for researching unidentified graves)
Bank Fees	\$71.46	(Cancelled Checks, Paper Statement Fees)
CPA	\$250.00	(Annual Fee for CPA, Donna Rutter, to compile & file tax return)
Grounds Maint.	\$33,637.97	(Mowing, Grass Burr Mngmn Grave Leveling, etc.)
Grounds Supplies	\$517.98	(Flags, twine, rope, etc.)
Insurance	\$1,146.00	(Liability)
Monument Repair/Supplies	\$59.80	(Cement)
Newspaper Notices	\$85.60	(Quotes for Grounds Mowing, Annual Mtg. Notice)
Office Supplies	\$372.50	(Copy Paper for Mtg., Newsletters, Envelopes, Deeds, etc.)
Office Equip.	\$258.16	(Printer)
Plot Resale/Reimbursement	\$3,500.00	(ACA sells Plot at Owner's Request)
Printing/Signs	\$261.28	(Signage for Cemetery)
Property Tax	\$1,541.66	(Taxes on Shaw Property)
USPS	\$172.98	(PO Box Renewal & Stamps)
Utilities	\$863.89	(Shaw Property will be discontinued beginning 2026-27)
Veteran Flag Holders	\$3,301.66	(Special Project for 2025-2026)
Wreaths Across America	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$47,168.42</u>	



"Thank you" to ALL our Board Members who work hard

volunteering their time and expense to keep our cemetery beautiful and going strong.

Personally I would like to take a moment to say an extra "Thank You" to those who have taken on "Extra" responsibilities from me (for us) going above & beyond: Reggie

Byrd - in charge of our community workers, & quick to deal with situations that come up, Kim Oates - contact for the Veterans, managing the trash containers weekly & keeping facebook updated, Trayce Gallman - helping me with "office work stuff."

T'Ann

Donation Form

I would like my gift to be honor of a special person:

☐

In Memory/Honor of _____

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Maintenance Fund

Amount of Donation \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form with your donation. Thank You!

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