

Shepardville Cemetery Association Inc.

Clerk's Report

Overview of 2025

Bill Trout, owner of Keystone Landscaping in Sharon, Ma., was hired December 18th, 2024, as superintendent of Shepardville Cemetery. Bill and his crew transitioned smoothly to their first burial on January 26, 2025. During the summer the crew cleaned the "vault" of debris accumulated over decades of years. The vault proved to be structurally sound, only in need of a new lock. Framing lumber and other materials for burials are conveniently stored in the vault for easy access.

Over the years the cemetery has partnered with the Plainville American Legion to honor Veterans by placing a small American flag on each grave. This year, Jim Blase and members of the Plainville American Legion met with Steve Stafford and Sue Kettell before Memorial Day to continue this practice. A map of the cemetery graves denoting Veterans is being updated and will be sent to the Plainville American Legion to facilitate flagging for Memorial Day 2026. Many thanks to Grace Simmons, a Plainville resident and Association member, for donating an American flag for the entrance to Shepardville Cemetery.

The Association welcomes volunteers to help maintain the grounds throughout the year. This fall, Micheal Mercier, a student at Attleboro High, completed community service hours to fulfill a requirement for Honor Society membership. Michael raked out the wood chips that were mounded in the rear of the cemetery, blending them into the woodline. Elaine and Dick Young, members of the Association continue to trim grasses around headstones and flat markers, pick up sticks and branches, plant flowers at the entrances, and clean headstones. Many thanks!

Joan Hackett
Clerk