

FORGET-ME-NOT

About 800 people are buried in Readsboro's four cemeteries.

This fact isn't sad solely because people have died. This fact is sad because most of these people have been forgotten. My name is Tom Lumbis and I've lived in Readsboro for twenty-five years. Last year I began recording the names on the grave stones in our cemeteries. I'm far from completing this task but I believe it's important that a written record exist. As daunting as this project is, it is only half of a larger project I've begun. My hope is to compile a book of memories, your memories, of those who have passed on and been laid to rest in Readsboro and who are still remembered and missed. Please help create this memorial by sharing with our town the fond memories you hold of your passed loved ones.

Submission guidelines:

I do not want to limit what memories you share, but I definitely would not like to collect obituaries. Please do not write about how long your loved one stayed at their job or how many people they left behind. That's not personal. Instead, write about the times you laughed or cried together (or the times you laughed so hard you cried). Write about how your loved one affected your life and what made them special to you.

I do not want to put restrictions on the length of your remembrances, but a general guideline would be no more than 1,000 words. If hand writing your submissions please be conscious of legibility as it will later have to be re-entered on the computer.

In addition to your remembrances you should include your name, relationship to the deceased, and full contact information (mailing address, phone number, e-mail address). As a rule, your name (first and last) and relationship with the deceased will be published with your writing. You can compose and submit pieces for as many people as you'd like. Your submission will not be altered except to correct typos, spelling mistakes, or gross grammatical errors.

Anonymous pieces will not be accepted and any negative submissions will be discarded.

If enough submissions aren't received to adequately fill a book, the sum of collected material will be compiled and donated to the Readsboro Public Library and the Readsboro Historical Society.

Post-collection:

Collecting your memories, while the most important part of the project, is the easiest part (for me). Once submissions are received, they'll have to be proof-read, input on the computer, and compiled. Designing and typesetting a book is a huge undertaking. I'm not expecting this to be completed overnight.

Any profit made from the use of the collected writings will be donated to the Readsboro Cemetery Commission for the strict purpose of repairing and preserving damaged gravestones in our town cemeteries.

Pass it on:

If you know somebody outside of town, a family member or friend of one who has passed and been buried in Readsboro, please let them know about this project so they can contribute to this important memorial.

Submissions and Contact Info:

Mailed or emailed submissions can be sent to the addresses at right. Alternately, drop off locations have been arranged at the Readsboro General Store and at Always Emma's. No postage is necessary if dropped off at one of these locations. Your dropped off work should be in a sealed envelope.

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