



Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church - Established 1826

Precious in the sight of the  
Lord is the death of His saints.  
Psalms 116:15

This verse in some ways seems uncaring until we take into consideration God's Word, The Bible. It talks about heaven being such a wonderful place that our minds cannot conceive the beauty and peace. Jesus our Savior is there with so many of our family members and friends. We will not have any trouble, heartache, pain or disappointment, all will be glorious. Yes we will leave those loved ones here on earth but once we get there and experience such wonder we will not want to come back.

It is my prayer that you have repented and trusted in Jesus as your Savior and have been born again so you have a home in heaven waiting for you. May God continue to bless each of you. If I can help you please let me know.

PROJECTS

In September of 2017, hurricane Irma blew a large tree down falling toward a neighboring home in the subdivision to the south of our property. Fortunately, it did not hurt anyone and didn't hit the house but did damage to the fence. Because the tree was live and

blew down during a storm, we had no liability. Because of this, we surveyed other trees on the cemetery property that grew large and were leaning toward another home. After surveying the situation and finding the property line corner (which took lots of work because the corner marker was buried in about 5 inches of dirt) we decided which trees might need to be taken down.

Because of God's blessings and your help thru your donations we were able to have several trees that seemed to pose a danger to our neighbor next to our property taken down. Now, hopefully, we have avoided a possible hazard and in the process was able to identify and clearly mark the property line in this oldest section, which is the SW corner of the property.

Thanks to the Lord, the Committee and you we have been able to complete several projects in the cemetery. There is more that have been identified yet to be completed. 1. Attach a number on the plat of the unmarked stones placed as a result of the GPR work that found unmarked graves. 2. Installation of a large monument with names, etc. of people buried in unmarked graves that we have acquired over the past years. 3.

# HAYNES CREEK BULLETIN

November 2018

By Larry Rutledge

*A Newsletter from the Haynes Creek Cemetery  
Committee – Founded 1947*

We have determined grave sites available for sale now. For more info contact Chris Rutledge at 770-861-2528.

UNUSED GRAVE SITES

If you or your family have grave sites that you feel will never be used; we urge you to consider donating them back to the committee. This will help greatly in assuring that the maintenance and improvements can continue.

A correction from our last newsletter; I stated that you could get a tax benefit from donating sites. I have since found this cannot happen. I am sorry for my mistake. Just remember though it will truly help the cemetery.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Founded in 1947-All Voluntary  
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Chris Rutledge- Management of  
Grave Placement and Sales  
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Bobby Basford  
Adam Webb  
Terry Chaffin  
Nan Wilson, Honorary Member

Since our last newsletter, Mr. Harold Landress, Susan Pierson and Stephen Rutledge for various reasons wanted to resign from the committee. We are so thankful for their service and work. It is much appreciated. We are saddened by their departure but God has provided two more young men to serve; Adam Webb who is a GGGGGreat Grandson of Mr. Austin Webb, who donated land for the church many years ago, and Terry Chaffin, who has relatives buried here. Both of these guys live very close to the cemetery, which is a great benefit to the ongoing work. I am so thankful for them and how they are going to be a real benefit to the cemetery work.

#### WEB SITE

Please remember to use [www.haynescreekcemetery.com](http://www.haynescreekcemetery.com) to get on the website. You can't simply google and get the correct one. I want to thank Scott Thomas again for making this website possible by writing, updating and paying to keep it on line. Thank you so much Scott.

#### COPING

As I referred to earlier and have several times in the past, please put coping around your site. This is, because of limited records, our only way of knowing if it belongs to someone. This is now most important as we work to

determine gravesites available for possible sale.

#### MAILING LIST

Please ask your family to have their names and addresses placed on our mailing list. This is the life blood of our cemetery fund. We absolutely don't share this with anyone else. It is simply used to keep family members informed.

#### BEFORE YOU DIG

You must notify Chris Rutledge, 770-861-2528 before you have a grave dug. This way we can better manage the cemetery and know who is buried where. Also, when you have a grave dug, notify the funeral home not to dump excess dirt on church/cemetery property. We have no place to put it. If it does happen a \$1000.00 charge will be charged to the funeral home. They must take it with them.

#### WORK DAYS

We have 2 each year, the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Saturday in April and we invite you to come and help. I would like to thank publicly those that worked the last 2 workdays, Susan Pierson, Don Webb, Adam Webb, Jim Coker, Chris Rutledge, Rickey Brooks, Larry & Janice Rutledge. Even though we have a company that maintains the cemetery, we mainly tidy up and do away with old bad looking flowers. We start work at 10 a.m. and usually finish by 1 p.m.

#### CLEANING POLICY

We as a committee normally do not work inside a family plot but we will do away with old looking flowers, etc. We ask you to

please keep your flowers changed out before we have to do it.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The last service was our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Service held on April 29, 2018. It was very meaningful as we honored our Veterans buried here. Thanks so much to Jim Coker, Chloe Rutledge and Rickey Brooks as they planned and led the whole service. I can say it was the most moving service I have experienced as the Honor Guard performed their ceremony in honor of our brave men and women. When they completed their ceremony I could hardly talk as I thought of the sacrifice that so many have made to preserve the freedom that we so greatly enjoy. It was great. The Honor Guard came to do this from as far away as Douglasville and would not accept any money. They did a wonderful job.

We will let you know when our next service is to be.

#### BURIALS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Jeffery D. Barnes, Sec. 3-113, Died 10-05-2017.  
Ronald Gregory Pair, Sec. 2-55, Died 12-23-2017.  
Willie Hugh Watson, Sec. 3-1242, Died 12-24-2017.  
Bobby D. Chaffin, Sec. 4-425, Died 01-22-2018.  
Letha Mae Griffeth, Sec. 3-1235, Died 04-06-2018.  
Margaret F. Stanley, Sec. 2-633, Died 07-05-2018.  
David C. McCart, Sec. 4-228, Died 07-12-2018.  
Jana Rogers Howard, Sec. 3-1181, Died 08-15-2018.

Betty Griffeth McCart, Sec. 4-229, Died 09-06-2018.

Terry Lee Smith, Sec. 4-203, Died 09-08-2018.

We offer condolences and prayers for the families of these loved one.

### KEEPING THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

Please send us info on your loved ones buried here. Stories of these are very interesting as we remember their lives. You can honor them so much by giving us the info that we can keep on file and maybe use in the future in newsletters, memorial services and who knows we might someday have tours of the cemetery and tell stories of individuals buried here. Send to [larry\\_rutledge@bellsouth.net](mailto:larry_rutledge@bellsouth.net) or mail to 3404 Skyland Drive, Loganville, GA 30052.

### PEOPLE OF THE PAST

Major Robert C.(Bob)  
Billingsley  
1935 – 1987

By wife Norma Billingsley  
He was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Martha and Ernest Billingsley and had a brother William who was also a pilot. He was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He attended Georgia Tech and from his childhood he always wanted to be a pilot. He would, according to his mom, turn rockers over on the porch and pretend he was flying an airplane.

He joined the Air Force before he finished Tech and became a fighter pilot, serving in The Air Defense Command stationed in Everett, Washington. Thule, Greenland and Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. He flew the F102, the F104 which was called the Star Fighter. After 12 years (1954 – 1966) in the Air Force he worked for Eastern Air Lines for 21 years.

He was married to Norma Jo Bailey and had 4 children,(lost one at birth). He lived only long enough to see one of his 5 grandchildren.

He absolutely loved to fly. The poem read at the memorial service for our astronauts was also his favorite.

High Flight by John Gillespie  
Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly  
bonds of earth and danced the  
skies on laughter – silvered  
wings. Sunward I've climbed,  
and joined the tumbling mirth of  
sun-split clouds – and done a  
hundred things you have not  
dreamed of – wheeled and soared  
and swung high in the sunlit  
silence. Hov'ring there, I've  
chased the shouting wind along  
and flung my eager craft through  
footless halls of air, up, up the  
long, delirious, burning blue.  
I've topped the windswept  
heights with easy grace where  
never lark, or even eagle flew.

mind I've trod the high un-  
trespassed sanctity of space, put  
out my hand, and touched the  
face of God.

### THANK YOU

We do thank you so much for your tax free donations to the Cemetery Fund. Rest assured the money is used for the beautification and maintenance of the cemetery only. Without you, very little could be accomplished. Send your donations to Haynes Creek Cemetery Committee, P O Box 1582, Loganville, GA 30052.

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**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP AND HELP AS WE CONTINUE TO HONOR AND UPHOLD THE MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**



