

News from the Friends of the Presbyterian Cemetery

Fall & Winter 2019

Upcoming Events:

Fall Walking Tour Sunday, November 10

You won't want to miss Judi Harvey's latest Living History Walking Tour of historic Presbyterian Cemetery. Watch and listen as local history comes alive.

The tour begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased through our website www.presbyteriancemeteryva.com, at our office, or at the Lynchburg Visitor Center. Rain date is November 17 at 2 p.m.

All proceeds will go toward cemetery preservation.



“Who do you think I am?” Scavenger Hunt

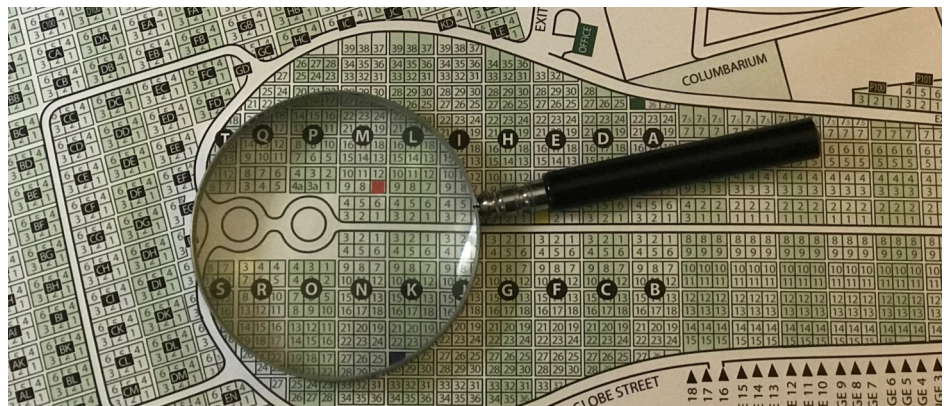
Come explore the grounds and participate in the cemetery's third-annual, family friendly event.

The Friends of the Presbyterian Cemetery are hosting this Thanksgiving weekend fundraiser event. The hunt is suitable for all ages and can be completed individually or as a group. The cost to participate is \$10 per family or group with the proceeds going toward cemetery preservation.

The hunt, which consists of using clues to find cemetery symbols, statuary, and gravestones, can be completed any time between Thanksgiving Day and Sunday, December 1, at 5 p.m. Everyone who answers the riddles correctly and submits their answers by 5 p.m. Sunday will be entered in a drawing to win a prize pack!

Hunts may be purchased in advance at the cemetery office or online through our website (www.presbyteriancemeteryva.com).

Don't delay! A limited number of hunts are available.



Stories in Stone:

Theodore “Specs” Garbee

Among the residents of historic Presbyterian Cemetery are Theodore Baldock “Specs” Garbee and his wife, Janie White Garbee. Theodore apparently required the use of glasses at an early age and acquired the nickname “Specs” which stuck with him his entire life.

Specs was born in 1908 and attended Amherst County High School, where he participated in baseball, basketball, and track. He was captain of the baseball and basketball teams for three years and voted “Most Valuable Player” in 1926 and 1927. After graduating from Amherst County High School, he attended the Citizen’s Military Training Camp at Fort Eustis, Va., where he was presented the “Best Baseball Player” trophy by General Douglas MacArthur, a major-general at Fort Eustis at the time.

Specs broke into professional baseball in 1929 with Greenville of the Eastern Carolina League and saw service with Durham, N.C., and Henderson, N.C., of the Piedmont League in 1930. For the next 12 years, Specs played semi-pro baseball, pitching for some of the strongest teams in the state, including the Craddock-Terry Cutters and Shoemakers of Lynchburg.

He and Janie were married in 1940. Returning to professional baseball in 1942, he joined Lynchburg, then in the Virginia League, where he won 17 games with only three losses.



Specs Garbee, right, presents Mike Curnan with a Bulova watch after the Lynchburg Cardinal catcher finished first in the fans' most popular player contest. The award was made before last night's game.
(Staff Photo)

He started the 1943 season with the Lynchburg Cardinals, then a member of the Piedmont League, and won three games with no losses. On May 22, 1943, he entered the U.S. Army. In the Army, he pitched for Camp Lee, where he won 10 and lost only one during the 1944 season, serving as manager during the last two months. He was with the Third Service Command in 1945, where he managed the baseball team and coached the basketball team. He was discharged from the Army in September 1945 and returned to professional baseball as manager of teams in Tennessee and Pennsylvania for the next three years. Retiring after the 1948 season, he returned to Lynchburg to work as manager of the sporting goods department of Phillips Brothers Jewelers and later, in the same capacity, for Graves-Humphreys Sporting Goods. He was posthumously inducted into the Lynchburg Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Janie was employed as a salesperson at Guggenheimer's and later at Millner's. Janie passed in 1979 and Specs joined her in 1991.

Contributions 05.01.19 - 10.1.19

Corporate Donations Gate Circle (continued)

- Westminster Presbyterian Church, \$250

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\$10,000+

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\$1,000—\$2500

- Edward Booth (in memory of Raymond Booth)

Garden Circle

\$200—\$499

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Gate Circle

\$100—\$199

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Contributions up to \$99

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Mailing List Update

If you had a change of address or are receiving duplicates of this newsletter, we would like to know. Also, because we strive to be good stewards of our resources (financial and physical), we would like to know if you are interested in receiving our newsletter via email. If you would prefer an electronic version, please email us at office@presbyteriancemeteryva.com.

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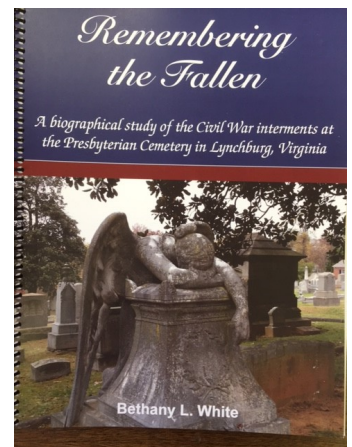
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Christmas and Holiday Notes

For those who still value handwritten notes, (and who doesn't like receiving real mail?), our Lamenting Angel notecards are the perfect choice (\$10). For the book lover and history buff on your list, *Remembering the Fallen: A biographical study of the Civil War internments at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia*, by Bethany White makes an excellent gift (\$20). Both are available for purchase at the cemetery office or online through our website at www.presbyteriancemeteryva.com.



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