

# Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

July 2025



## From the President

### Saying Goodbye to a Beloved Friend

We, in the cemetery industry, understand it is our business and responsibility to be there for those who trust us with the honor of providing the final resting place for their loved ones. We take this responsibility very seriously and thank you. We have now found ourselves in the unique situation of providing the final resting place for one of our own. On June 15, 2025 Phyllis Gillis, a long-time Lee Mission Cemetery Board member, passed away at the beautiful age of 99—just 43 days shy of her 100th birthday. Phyllis gave so much to our cemetery community, and the community at large. We and many, many people are going to miss her deeply. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

The Cemetery Board is continuing its work to maintain and improve the cemetery and are working with neighbors to address suggestions they have made. As a member of the neighborhood community, we feel it is our responsibility to address suggestions which improve the overall neighborhood and, at the same time, serve the needs of our cemetery community.

A recent decision the Board made was to remove the restriction on artificial flowers on gravesites. Artificial flowers are now allowed year round. We will be updating the rules and regulations accordingly.

### Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers.

Your time, effort, and passion have been the heart of our success.

We truly appreciate everything you have done to support Lee Mission Cemetery and make a difference.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community!

### Next Scheduled Cemetery Clean-up

Tentatively set for Saturday,

October 18, 2025

9:00 am —12:00 pm

Contact Blake Ritz at 541-968-9197 for sign-up information.

# Lee Mission Cemetery Donations January—June 2025

**Friend: \$1-\$49**

Karen Ro Heuberger  
*In memory of Mr. & Mrs.  
Roe Betterton*

Mary J Brock  
*In memory of Margaret  
Hadley Irvine*

Susan Schneider  
*In memory of Bertha  
Morris*

**Supporter: \$50-\$99**

Darlene J. Meyer  
Benito Sierra  
Peter & Norma Gekakis  
*In memory of George Knox*  
Genevieve Bridges  
*In memory of J.D. Driver &  
family*

**Sponsor: \$100-\$249**

Christine Jacobsen  
*In memory of Charles H.  
Jacobson*

Albert Furtwangler  
*In memory of Virginia  
Furtwangler*

Thomas & Patricia Glass  
Patti Wilbrecht  
*Purchase of cemetery  
flower vases*

David Shaw  
Maria Hernandez  
*In memory of Luis Daniel  
Hernandez*  
Lucinda Jackson

**Preservation: \$250-\$499**

Diana Newport

Kendrick J. Simila  
*In memory of Baby Simila*

**Historian: \$500-\$2,499**

Cora A. Hallauer  
*In memory of Robert  
Hallauer plus tree removal  
and fence repair*

Phyllis Gillis  
*In memory of Richard M.  
Gillis*

Sherrill A. Hochspeier

**Guardian: \$2,500+**

Don Garrett

## DONATIONS

**We are deeply appreciative for the past generous donations for tree removal and fence repairs. For ongoing needs, any amount you can donate is greatly appreciated.**

Lee Mission Cemetery is a 501(c)13 not-for-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible. 100% of donations made to the Cemetery go toward improvement and maintenance. Officers and board members volunteer their time and receive no compensation.

Lee Mission Cemetery, P.O. Box 2011,  
Salem, OR 97308

Lee Mission Cemetery is licensed through the Oregon State Mortuary Board.  
Phone: 971-673-1500.

## Board of Directors

Michael Staten, President  
Sherrill Hochspeier, Secretary-Treasurer  
Tom Bowers, Julie Staten, Page Merrill,  
Lucinda Jackson, Blake Ritz

## Contact Information

Cemetery Phone - 503-851-1803  
Lot Sales Phone (Rick Hilts) - 503-559-2242  
Web Site - [www.leemissioncemetery.com](http://www.leemissioncemetery.com)

*Comments, additions and corrections regarding website or newsletter can be sent to:*  
[michael@leemissioncemetery.com](mailto:michael@leemissioncemetery.com)

## Lee Mission Cemetery Expenses and Income Year to Date— June 30, 2025

### INCOME:

Plot Sales [16 plots - 14 burials]	\$ 24,000.00	
Donations	8,870.24	<b>\$ 32,870.24</b>

### EXPENSES:

Corporation Tax	50.00	
Liability Insurance (Directors)	767.00	
5 Brothers Landscaping (Trees)	580.00	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Feb	647.64	
Outdoor Fence	226.00	
Clean Up Signs	103.03	
R&R Tree Service	3,250.00	
PO Box rental [1 year]	268.00	
Valley Green, Inc.	682.00	
1 Day Signs (3 No Trespassing)	133.50	
2 External Hard Drives	139.98	
Protective Liability	789.00	
Fox Lock and Safe (2 gate padlocks)	62.00	
Donation to Richard M Gillis Scholarship	25.00	<b>\$ 7,723.15</b>

### MONTHLY:

Security [\$716.00]	4,296.00	
Republic Sanitation [\$85.40]	510.05	
City of Salem – (Water May-Oct)	68.83	
Arne Jensen Landscaping [Jan-Aug]	16,000.00	
5 Brothers Landscaping Inc.	12,000.00	<b><u>\$ 16,874.88</u></b>

**\$ 8,272.21**

### Land Acknowledgement

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*We acknowledge that the Cemetery is on Kalapuya Illihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of Kalapuya peoples who were forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations.*

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### Lee Mission Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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English

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-English.html>

Español

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-Spanish.html>



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Yes! I want to help preserve LEE MISSION CEMETERY

\_\_\_ Friend..... \$1-\$49

\_\_\_ Preservation ..... \$250-\$499

\_\_\_ Supporter..... \$50-\$99

\_\_\_ Historian ..... \$500-\$2499

\_\_\_ Sponsor..... \$100-\$249

\_\_\_ Guardian ..... \$2500+

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make my gift \_\_\_ in Memory of \_\_\_ In Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

Please \_\_\_ mail \_\_\_ email me Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter (twice a year)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support. Our organization is a 501 (c) 13 organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed.*

**Please mail checks to:**

**Lee Mission Cemetery**

**PO Box 2011**

**Salem, OR 97308**