

# FEATURING Roselawn Cemetery

A FOCUS ON THE SMALL CEMETERY

Roselawn is conveniently located just 11/2 miles west of I-65 on State Road 10 in Lincoln Township; Newton County, IN. We offer adult burial in five sections encompassing 12 developed acres and have four heavily wooded acres for future use when needed.

Our practice is to pour a foundation for each memorial that covers the entire width of each burial space to keep monuments in their upright position.

Each elected Township Trustee is responsible for the care, sales, marketing and day-to-day operations of the cemetery.

Roselawn is the final resting place for eight Civil War, 13 WWI, numerous WWII, Korean and Vietnam War casualties.

Fred and Mathilda Algrim were influential in developing the cemetery and a Cemetery Avenue has been dedicated in their honor.

Sharyn E. Harvey  
ICA Member



Photos, clockwise from top: The original and oldest section of the cemetery. One of the lovely Roselawn monuments. Roselawn's founders Fred and Mathilda Algrim's monument. The oldest monument in the cemetery.



## A Little Funny


### The Wandering Dog

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home.


He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep on the couch. An hour later, he went to the door and I let him out. The next day he was back,

resumed his position on the couch and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with four children – he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"





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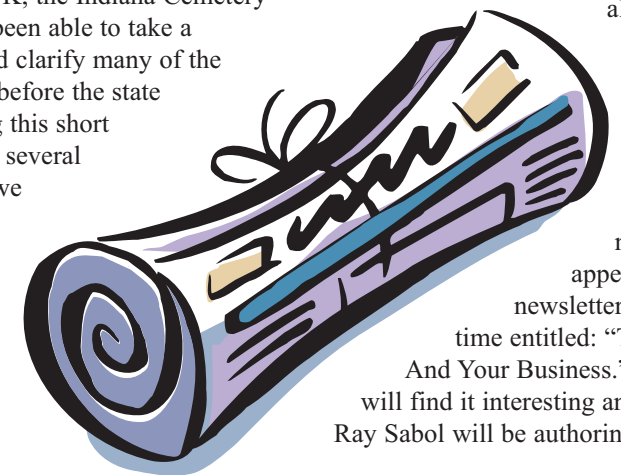
## A Message from the President.

Well, the cemetery business is sure getting a lot of press lately in selected areas throughout our state; in the Attorney General's office and with several of our legislators. With the assistance of KWK, the Indiana Cemetery Association has been able to take a proactive role and clarify many of the issues that came before the state legislature during this short term. There were several incidents where we were approached to insure the issues were properly clarified and addressed.

None of us want meaningless legislation which restricts you and me from operating our businesses, nor do we want to be overburdened with accountability processes that

were unnecessary in the first place. We don't need quasi state examiners coming in pawing through our records and reports reminding us of our responsibility or accountability to the state statutes. Ninety-nine and nine tenths of us do it right the first time. This is the reason Bill Keown is important to our association and his credibility with the legislators is unflappable. We just need to keep doing what we do best.

If you haven't made your commitment to our legislative effort as yet please do so. It is very important for all of us.



Now this last piece of information for you; there will be a new column appearing in the newsletter from time-to-time entitled: "The Indiana Law And Your Business." I believe you will find it interesting and informative. Ray Sabol will be authoring the column.

Have a good spring,  
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President, ICA

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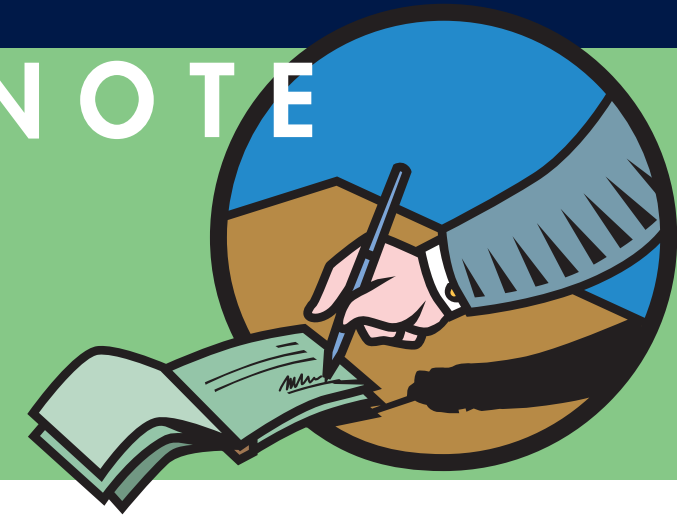
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## Indiana Law and Your Business Editor's Note:

ViewPoint is extremely pleased to feature a contribution written by Ray Sabol of Tippecanoe Memory Gardens regarding the importance of using burial/interment authorizations prior to final disposition on interments,

entombments and inurnments. For specific questions about this article, please contact Ray at 765-463-2383 or any ICA Board Member. Please log onto [www.indianacemeteryassociation.org](#) for a sample interment authorization form that may be adapted

for your particular cemetery. Please consult with legal counsel accordingly as the ICA accepts no liability for use of this form.

# Indiana Law and Your Business

I am pleased to announce that this new section of our newsletter will be an ongoing series. The intent is to educate and raise your level of awareness in matters related to our state laws and your cemetery business. Myself, as well as others that will be writing this article, are not attorneys, thus we are offering information only and not legal advice. All of the statutes referenced can be found in your Resource Directory. If you do not have a Resource Directory please contact your ICA Executive Director,

Casey Miller. His telephone number is 260-402-8555. We invite you to visit our website for additional assistance, which you can access at [www.indianacemeteryassociation.org](http://www.indianacemeteryassociation.org).

The first item in this series will discuss burial authorizations. If you are not requiring a signed burial authorization, prior to burial, you should. Your authority to do so can be found in statute (IC 23-14-55-2). In accordance with this statute, in the priority listed, the surviving spouse should sign the

authorization, obviously if one exists. A surviving child, parent or next of kin; of the decedent fall in line next and then a person who has acquired the right to control the disposition of the deceased human body or cremated remains. This authorization must include the following information, at a minimum, in accordance with (IC 23-14-56-1).

- The date on which the body was received
- The date of interment, entombment,

or inurnment (can be different from the former because of cremation)

- The name and marital status of the person whose remains are interred, entombed or inurned
- The plot and the grave in which the interment or inurnment was made or the location within the building or structure in which the entombment or inurnment was made.

Other items you may want to consider including are dates of birth and death of the deceased, type of casket and vault, day and time of the service, funeral home information, veteran status, and complete name, address and telephone number of the person signing the authorization, as well as their relationship with the deceased. You might show the amount of the interment fee as well as other charges. In addition, have an area on the authorization that allows you to alert your grounds staff to any special requests, etc. The original copy should remain with your files and give the family a copy.

You might be asking yourself, why should I require a signed burial authorization? One answer is you do not want to put yourself in a position of being liable for the burial. Have the spouse or family member select the space to be used, especially if it is the first burial on a plot. In addition, it is a great opportunity to develop that most important relationship with the family. By personally meeting with the family you can explain what their options are and what changes have been made to the cemetery since they pre-purchased their spaces years ago.

I may be contacted for further discussion on this subject at [rsabol@tmgardens.com](mailto:rsabol@tmgardens.com). If you have a particular subject you would like to see addressed just let us know.

Do you have a legal question for ICA attorney Bill Keown? Here is an offer for free legal advice...simply submit your question to the ICA office at [cmillergreenlawn@verizon.net](mailto:cmillergreenlawn@verizon.net) and your question will be answered in the summer issue of ViewPoint. Please submit your question by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

