

# Mount Pleasant Cemetery

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## You have the right to choose the cemetery & crematory of your choice!

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, located on the north side of Montauk Highway, just west of Kalers Pond (Mill Pond) in Center Moriches, New York, has been serving the community for 140 years. This cemetery offers a full range of services, including graveside military services and options including cremations, burial plots, an onsite chapel and viewing room, a varied selection of niches in one of the columbarium. Mount Pleasant Cemetery has received the world wide honorable mention ACE Award for its beauty and ability to look into the future, make significant positive changes and have an active role in the community.

The cemetery was created in 1879 when a small group of community members held a meeting at the Ketcham Hotel. The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association was established, with Mr. John Scudder Haven elected as the first president of the board of trustees. In the weeks that followed a parcel of land (8 acres) owned by Mr. J.S. Kaler was purchased. Then two years later, in 1881 Mount Pleasant Cemetery acquired the adjacent Presbyterian Cemetery. Through the years, Mount Pleasant was able to acquire other neighboring properties that makeup the beautiful, 37 acre park like setting of today.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery has grown in size and has undergone a thorough restoration and modernization. The landscape is in continual upkeep to create the seasons of beauty. The record keeping and office procedures have all been computerized. A beautiful chapel, a new workshop and large storage area have been added. Recently, several beautiful granite columbarium have been erected that contain glass niches inside and granite niches outside to hold your love one's urn. New equipment and tools have been purchased for the maintenance and security of the grounds and upkeep of the crematory. The crematory has a unique, patented, cremation tool called, 'Clean Sweep' that uses air for sweeping in the cremation process.

This tool enables the staff to take extra care in collecting the cremated remains of your loved one. This tool and the process was invented by the staff at Mount Pleasant Cemetery and it is now being used across the country by other crematoriums.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery has an outreach relationship with the community. The staff and equipment has been used to help other neighboring cemeteries. The Wading River Cemetery needed help up righting over 40 headstones and over 50 headstones in the Brookfield Cemetery in Manorville. During the community project on Arbor Day the cemetery staff helped to plant over 100 trees along Montauk Highway. In a more recent event, cemetery staff helped in the recovery effort of TWA flight 800. The cemetery's geographic location lent itself to the installation of a beautiful memorial for TWA Flight 800, two of the passengers from the flight are buried at the cemetery. The other memorials located in this cemetery are dedicated to The VFW Victory Post 414 and the Center Moriches Fire Department. Whether through financial donations or hands on support the cemetery staff is also involved with the Chamber of Commerce, The Ketchum Inn, The Moriches Historical Society, the Rotary, and Independent Group Home Living. The cemetery also supports other organizations like New Beginnings Community Care in Medford where patients who have suffered traumatic brain injuries are cared for and helped.

The Boy Scout Troop 414 and the VFW Victory Post 414 pay tribute to the Veterans every year by the placing of American flags on graves for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. At Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the involvement with the Boy Scouts, paved the way for a young man to make Eagle Scout by installing a brick patio and bench at the Veterans Memorial. Every year the Center Moriches Memorial Day parade travels down Main Street and the parade ends in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery for a ceremony sponsored by the VFW Victory Post 414. An old cemetery, like Mt. Pleasant, is the final resting place for those who settled our area fought for our freedom and those who continued the work that has made the wonderful

community we know today. The cemetery provides opportunities to discover local history. Cemeteries document a person's existence with birth and death dates. With the digitalization of documents becoming available today, a more detailed history of a person's life can be found. A perfect example is the "Find A Grave" website which identifies some of the graves at Mount Pleasant with the names, dates and gravestone pictures.

One of the stories that have been discovered using information, including the digitalization of his military pension, is about Henry Ross (Rouse) (1758-1847) who enlisted as a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War. Drummers were used to communicate signals to the army. Henry served in the Massachusetts Militia stationed in Vermont and was shot in the leg during the Battle of Bennington. He was released from duty in 1783, at the end of the war. Henry has about six generations of his family buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Henry Ross' military file shows that many relatives have applied to be a Son or Daughter of the Revolution through him. The story about the young drummer boy is only one of the hundreds of stories about the people who have been laid to rest at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. This community cemetery has been the choice for a final resting place for its beauty, the services that are available and most of all because the cemetery staff are so helpful and compassionate.

The concept of pre-planning and making the process unique to the individual has families creating new modern customs. There are many details and options in planning a funeral service. You have the right to choose the Cemetery or Crematory of your choice. Mount Pleasant Cemetery understands the balance of traditions and customization and they continue to keep up with these changing traditions in order to meet the needs of the community and allow you to stay within the community for the entire funeral and cremation. Please continue to choose Mount Pleasant Cemetery for your cremation and burial needs.

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