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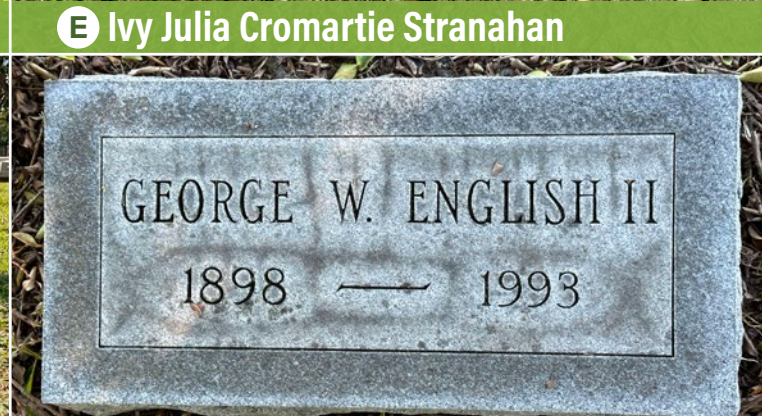
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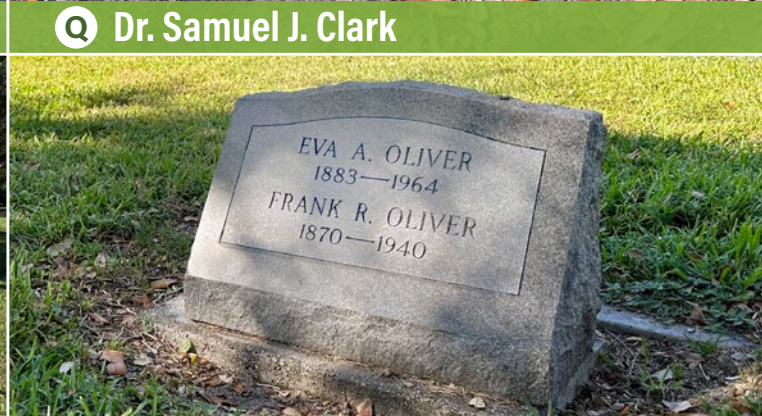
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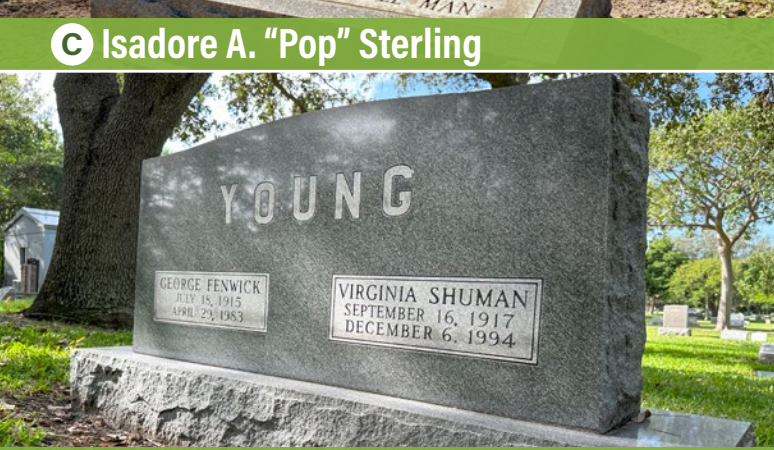
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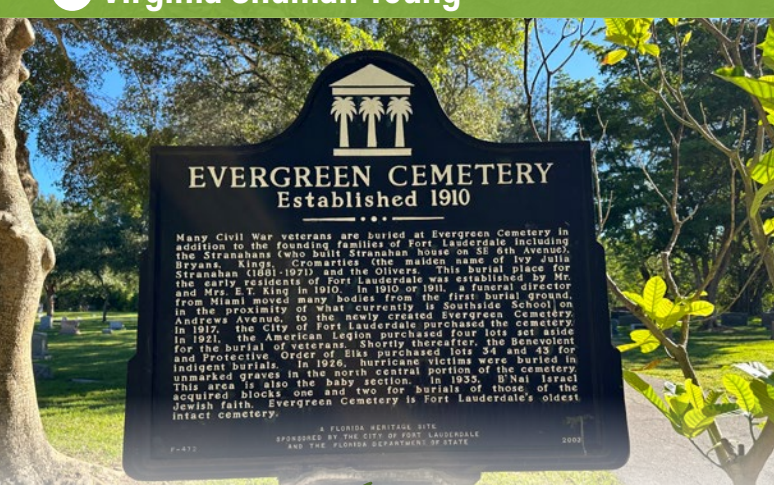
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# History

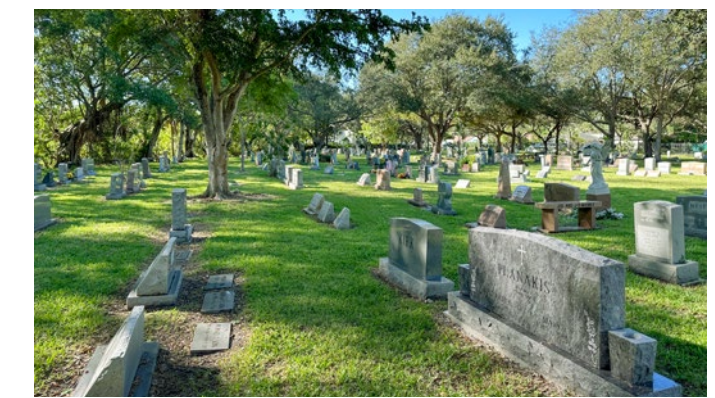
Ed T. and Susan Clifford King owned 90 acres of land in the Rio Vista neighborhood. In 1896, the family built their home on this land and lived on it until 1907.

During this time, Fort Lauderdale did not have an official cemetery. What was considered a cemetery was located at the southwest corner of South Andrews Avenue and Southwest 7th Street. The family decided that a portion of their land could be used for a cemetery. In November 1910, civil engineer Chas Pratt filed a plat of Evergreen Cemetery with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Dade County, Florida (plat book 1, page 45, a 72-acre tract). Evergreen Cemetery opened in 1911 and burials began.

On June 19, 1917, the City of Fort Lauderdale purchased the cemetery from the family for \$2,000. The city made a \$1,000 one-time installment and \$200 payments were made each year thereafter without interest. Evergreen Cemetery became the City's first official cemetery. Over the next 21 years, the City purchased additional tracts of land. Evergreen Cemetery is approximately 11 acres and sits along Cliff Lake to the east and along Southeast 10th Avenue to the west between Southeast 12th Street and Southeast 14th Court.

Evergreen Cemetery is the final resting place for many of the City of Fort Lauderdale's original pioneers. The cemetery has burial plots available for descendants of those original families as well as other families in the Fort Lauderdale area.

# Interesting Facts



Evergreen Cemetery is platted using a grid system. The grid is comprised of blocks (1-79), which consist of lots ranging from 6 to 20. Within each lot, there are typically six burial plots. All graves face east, so upon entering the cemetery the monuments appear reversed. Graves are either 10 or 15 feet long and 40 inches wide.



Originally, individuals had to purchase a minimum of six burial plots. Once the purchase was made, a curb was placed around their lot of graves to provide the owner confidence with the location. It was also the owner's responsibility to care for their officially deeded property.

There is no minimum purchase of plots required today and deeds only provide for the right of interment, not property ownership. All deeds that conveyed land rights have been revoked, and today Evergreen Cemetery is covered by a Perpetual Care Trust Fund established for all City of Fort Lauderdale cemeteries.

Early records of Evergreen Cemetery were lost in the 1926 hurricane and in a fire which occurred in the maintenance building around 1936.

Some monuments have death dates that precede the 1911 opening of Evergreen Cemetery. These are believed to have been those that were removed from the first burial area of the current South Side Cultural Arts Center (formerly South Side School) on South Andrews Avenue.

The B'nai Israel Section is a treasure of Broward's Jewish heritage. It is the final resting place for members of the earliest Jewish community that helped build Broward County. Descendants still have hallowed ground to visit and a place to remember and honor their ancestors and loved ones.

All veterans with honorable discharges are provided with a Veteran Memorial. Veteran memorials are provided once the individual is deceased. Memorials may be obtained in three different styles. The upright marble, as seen in Arlington National Cemetery, is a flat granite or a bronze memorial. Throughout the cemetery, you will find examples of all of the memorials dating from the Civil War to current conflicts.




**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

The City of Fort Lauderdale owns and operates the Municipal Cemetery System. A percentage of proceeds from all plot sales, sales on monuments, markers, and benches are paid into the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

A Cemetery Advisory Board of ten trustees appointed by the City Commission is responsible for fiduciary duties of the Perpetual Care Trust Fund. In addition, the Cemetery Advisory Board promulgates rules and regulations for management of the City's cemeteries and makes general recommendations to the City Commission concerning their condition and development.

**For more information, please contact:**

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315  
(954) 828-7050
- Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
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- Woodlawn Cemetery**  
1936 NW 9th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
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# Historic EVERGREEN CEMETERY



A Self-Guided Tour



# Locations to Famous Grave Markers

## A Robert L. Agee

March 8, 1896 - September 26, 1918

Agee, a member of the United States Coast Guard, lost his life in service aboard the U.S.S. Tampa, USG in the Bristol Channel (England) when the ship was torpedoed by a German Naval Submarine. All 131 members on the ship perished.  
Block 18 - Lot 10 - Plot 1



Robert L. Agee

## B Moe Katz

June 27, 1900 - June 26, 1982

There were only seven Jewish families in town when Katz arrived in 1923. By 1931, the Fort Lauderdale Hebrew Congregation was organized. Katz agreed to lead a project to build a temple. He was instrumental in the creation of the cemetery's designated Hebrew Section in 1935 by reserving and purchasing blocks 1-3.  
Block 1 - Lot 16 - Plot 3

## C Isadore A. "Pop" Sterling

October 24, 1887 - July 12, 1979

Sterling opened one of the first clothing stores on Las Olas Boulevard.  
Block 2 - Lot 12 - Plot 2

## D Virginia Shuman Young

September 16, 1917

- December 6, 1994

Young served as the first female Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale from 1973 to 1975



Virginia Shuman Young

and again from 1981 to 1982. Young served on the Broward County School Board, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, and the Downtown Development Authority. A Broward County elementary school is named in her honor. Her husband, M. R. Young (July 18, 1915-April 29, 1983), served as Mayor from May 1963 to May 1965.

Block 71 - Lot 1 - Plot 1 and 2

## E Frank Stranahan

August 21, 1864 - June 23, 1929

The current Stranahan House was built in 1901 by Frank Stranahan, Fort Lauderdale's first Postmaster. The house served as a trading post, post office, town hall, and home to the Stranahan family. The house is considered the oldest surviving structure in Broward County and is currently a museum. Frank was instrumental in the early development of the New River area, was one of the first to trade with the Seminoles, and served as councilman for the City.



Frank Stranahan and Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan

## F Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan

February 24, 1881 - August 30, 1971

Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan came to the area in 1899 to become the first schoolteacher. By 1900, Ivy left her teaching career when she met Frank. Ivy became the ideal community activist, devoting her time to many social issues such as the Seminole Indians, preservation of the Everglades, women's suffrage, and health care for the Black community.  
Block 16 - Lot 9 - Plot 1 and 6

## G George W. English, II

February 18, 1898 - June 28, 1993

English arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1925 and served as the City Attorney starting in 1938. English was involved in many development projects on behalf of the community including the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge and the acquisition of the Coast Guard Base Number 6 property, which is now Bahia Mar. He acquired the site of George English Park for the city as payment for back taxes in the late 1920s.  
Block 41 - Lot 12 - Plot 1



George W. English, II

## H Tom Bryan

June 28, 1878 - September 7, 1969

Bryan came to Fort Lauderdale with his father in 1896. He helped build the railroad and later became a local business and political leader. He owned the City's first ice plant, electric company, and telephone exchange. He also developed many early downtown commercial buildings, including the family-operated New River Inn.  
Block 27 - Lot 1 - Plot 3



Tom Bryan

## K Judge Frederick Bleecker Shippey

September 5, 1877 -

September 15, 1934

Shippey was the second judge to serve Broward County. He was appointed after Judge J.F. Bunn died in office. Shippey was working as his assistant at the time.  
Block 22 - Lot 14 - Plot 4



Frederick Bleecker Shippey

## L Boyd H. Anderson, Sr.

April 13, 1902 - November 18, 1969

The third county judge of Broward County who served from 1933-1968. There is a Broward County high school named in his honor.  
Block 38 - Lot 7 - Plot 3



## G D.C. (David Clifford) Alexander

1883-1951

Alexander was a young Stanford University graduate when he came to visit his parents in Fort Lauderdale. In 1913, he purchased 33 acres of beachfront property for development. A park is named for him across the street from the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center. He donated this land to the City of Fort Lauderdale.  
Block 25 - Lot 10 - Plot 3



Photo of Las Olas Boulevard taken by D.C. Alexander in 1913.

## I Edgar Bras

October 6, 1841 - June 24, 1923

Bras was awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor on July 6, 1865 after serving as a soldier with the 8th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the American Civil War. During the Battle of Spanish Fort, one of the efforts by Union forces to capture the forts protecting the city of Mobile, Alabama, Bras charged through the Confederate camp, capturing a flag from a color-bearer.  
Block 20 - Lot 9 - Plot 1

## J Susan Clifford King

1870 - 1939

Susan was the wife of Ed T. King, a carpenter and local builder. She created the original Evergreen Cemetery plat on property that she owned with her husband. Her husband was the builder of many early buildings and served as the first President of the Council of the City from 1911 to 1913.  
Block 26 - Lot 8 - Plot 1

## M H. Wayne Huizenga

December 29, 1937 - March 22, 2018

Harry Wayne Huizenga Sr. was an American businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He founded AutoNation and Waste Management Inc., and was the owner or co-owner of Blockbuster Video, the Miami Dolphins, the Florida Panthers, and the Florida Marlins (now Miami Marlins).  
Private Estate Garden 73 - Lot 2

## N Philemon Nathaniel Bryan

October 16, 1844 -

April 17, 1925

Bryan served in the 9th Regiment, Florida Infantry of the Confederate Army. His sons, Tom and Reed oversaw the construction of the railway from Cypress Creek to the New River which was about 10 miles. The Bryan family was instrumental in the early development of the city.  
Block 27 - Lot 7 - Plot 6



Philemon Nathaniel Bryan

## O Kossie A. Goodbread

Unknown - July 11, 1957

Goodbread came to Fort Lauderdale in 1908 and was appointed the first Town Marshal in 1911 at a rate of \$40 per month plus \$1 for each arrest.  
Block 41 - Lot 3 - Plot 4

## P Avylen H. Brook

1866 - April 1, 1946

Brook was Fort Lauderdale's greatest booster and publicist. Commodore A.H. Brook celebrated his 75th birthday in 1941. Five years later, he celebrated his 80th birthday by performing a handstand. Unfortunately, the feat led to a cerebral hemorrhage. He died a few days later.  
Block 55 - Lot 1 - Plot 2

## T Willie H. Covington

April 13, 1865 - June 25, 1946

Little is known about this quiet member of the first Fort Lauderdale City Council. He was born in Kentucky and oversaw a plantation in Georgia prior to his arrival in 1903. Covington was one of the organizers of the First Baptist Church.  
Block 25 - Lot 1 - Plot 3

## U Richard Fox Latimer

1889 - May 4, 1942

Latimer was a British Marine sailor that was killed on the Eclipse, a torpedoed British tanker, off the coast of Boynton Beach, Florida. The ship was eventually towed into Port Everglades.  
Block 7 - Lot 13 - Plot 6

## V Andrew Anderson

September 24, 1880 - February 9, 1950

First Lieutenant Air Service, World War I.  
Block 42 - Lot 11 - Plot 1

## W Robert Gregory "Crazy Gregg" Newell

April 12, 1933 -

February 12, 2003

Newell was a pioneer in the Restaurant and Bar Association. He is considered the "Godfather of Spring Break."  
Block 78 - Lot 8 - Plot 1



"Crazy Gregg" Newell

## Gravestone Symbolism

Alpha and Omega - Beginning and ending

Anchor - Hope

Angels - Guardians of the dead

Bird(s) in Flight - Winged soul

Bouquets - Condolence, grief

Bugles - Resurrection, military

Calvary Cross - Faith, hope, and love

Cornucopia - A fruitful life

Evergreens - Immortality

Fern - Sincerity, sorrow

Flame - Eternity

Grapes - Fertility and sacrifice

Lamb - Death of a child

Lion - Guard against evil spirits

Oak Leaves - Strength

Palm - Spiritual victory, success, eternal peace

Rope - Eternity, binding, and connection

Rosary - Constant prayer for a loved one

Rose - Love

Sundial - Passage of time

Wreaths - Eternity