

Love in Action

Volunteers mow the grounds and remove any dead flowers. The family is responsible for the maintenance of their loved one's gravesite.



Island Lake Cemetery
12851 Old Military Road NE, Poulsbo



In 1913, the Ekstedt family donated five acres of land for what is now Island Lake Cemetery. Originally named *Island Lake Skandinavian Lutheran Congregation Cemetery*, it was associated with the Lutheran Church in Central Valley which was built in 1910. By 1955, Island Lake Cemetery was consolidated with Silverdale Lutheran Church.

Surrounded by beautiful trees, Island Lake has been the final resting place for many of God's faithful people for over 100 years. The earliest recording of a plot sale is March 21, 1916 for \$7.00. In the past year, 14 sites have been sold. The cost of a site is \$300, which goes into the cemetery's perpetual maintenance fund. There is no annual maintenance fee. To purchase a gravesite in Silverdale Lutheran's cemetery, simply contact one of the cemetery committee members. All are welcome. People of various faith traditions and denominations are buried at Island Lake Cemetery.

A special word of thanks to all those who volunteer to oversee and care for the cemetery!

Thank you, Silverdale Lutheran, for providing a resting place for God's saints!



Island Lake Cemetery Committee

- Don Budden - *Chair*
- Bob Arper - *Treasurer*
- Sue Bye - *Secretary/ Historian*
- Ed Bye - *Member*
- Dennis Enebo - *Member*



Each year, Silverdale Lutheran holds two worship services at Island Lake Cemetery: a service of remembrance on Memorial Day and an Easter Sunrise Service.

77 veterans are buried at Island Lake Cemetery.

The volunteers of this ministry understand that families and friends are in a time of grieving, and so they do the interface with the funeral home and the contractor that does the grave openings and closings. The service set-up and clean-up is then transparent to those who are grieving. They sometimes serve as impromptu pall bearers as needed and coordinate the placement of headstones. In the case of families doing inurnments, the volunteers do the openings and closings. They have also helped set headstones in some cases. Ian Biddle and Alex Johnson both did Eagle Scout projects at the cemetery. Along with all the committee members, Julie & Jessica Enebo have also volunteered their time doing maintenance.



If you would like to volunteer in caring for the cemetery, please contact one of the committee members.



God's work. Our hands.

There is no well or electricity at the cemetery. We are thankful to the Central Kitsap Fire Department for providing water to fill the water tank.