

## CEMETERY AREAS

The cemetery has two sections. One is for Everyone and the other is only for Veterans and their spouses. Veterans can also be buried in the area for Everyone. Cemetery lots for our community service members (Veterans, Police, Firemen, and First Responders) and their spouses are currently sold at a discount from the regular lot price.

### Area for Everyone:



### Area for Veterans:



## BEAUTIFUL SITE

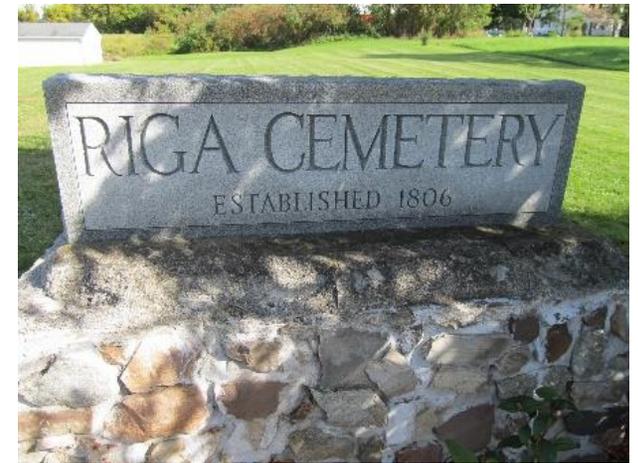
The cemetery grounds and monuments are well maintained and landscaped. Monuments are kept well-trimmed and flowers are planted and maintained.



## PEACE OF MIND

When you purchase a cemetery lot for yourself or your family you will receive a deed showing that you have: 1) the right to burial, 2) the right to memorialize, and 3) the right to vote in annual lot owners' meetings. In addition, your lot and the cemetery grounds are mowed and trimmed regularly.

However, when you or a member of your family need to be buried there are grave opening, closing, and other possible fees. All funeral home expenses are additional to burial costs.



## WELCOME TO THE RIGA CEMETERY

We are located just over 2 miles south of the Village of Churchville at the intersection of Churchville Riga Road (Rt 36) and Chili-Riga Center Road (Rt 33A) in western Monroe County. Take I-490 to exit #3 and go south on Route 36.

Contact John Loser, President, at 585-538-2951 to make an appointment to view the cemetery and available cemetery lots.

The cemetery is a nonprofit organization supported by volunteers from the Riga Cemetery Association. We are supported financially by the sale of cemetery lots, fund raisers, donations, and the Town of Riga.

## RIGA CEMETERY HISTORY

For over two hundred years, a plot of land located in Riga Centre has been the resting place for many of our early pioneers. The Riga Cemetery, located on a gentle slope near the corner of Churchville-Riga Road and Chili-Riga Center Road, is a peaceful, well taken care of cemetery with a rich history. The creation of a Riga cemetery can be traced back to the year 1806 when our first pioneers entered West Pulteney (now called the Town of Riga).

By November of 1806, the Congregational Society of West Pulteney was formed at Riga Centre. It was this religious society that initiated the search and creation of a cemetery. The society purchased one acre of land from Amasa Frost, which was located approximately 220 yards north of the present day intersection of Chili-Riga Center Road and Riga-Mumford Road.

However, by June of 1811, the Society's burial ground, created in 1808, was abandoned because the road leading to the cemetery was discontinued. The society then purchased another acre of land from Amasa Frost for \$20.00. A subscription was taken and forty-five adults donated a total of \$28.90 to cover the cost. The balance went to pay for fencing the property. This site is the present-day location of the Riga Cemetery.

In November of 1813, the Riga Congregational Church members voted to disinter the bodies in the former burial ground and place them into the new cemetery. From the records it appears that about ten individuals were removed from the site including Richard Church, father of Elihu and Samuel Church (founder of the Village of Churchville) and the first person to die in the Town of Riga.

For some seventy-nine years, the members of the Riga Congregational Church were tasked with the care of the cemetery. Then, in 1887, an organization called the Riga Cemetery Association officially assumed the duties of caretaker of the cemetery. Today, this organization still exists and all in the Town of Riga owe a debt of gratitude for the love and devotion they have given to the eternal home of many of our ancestors.

## GROUNDS KEEPING

### RULES

Our grounds are maintained on a regular basis during the growing season for the best appearance of your loved ones' gravesite and cemetery. Items are removed when they become unsightly, withered, if they can or do blow away, or if they fail to comply with size and/or material limitations. The rules are here to protect the interest of all owners.

The following grave decorations are not allowed and will be removed after due notice to lot owners or the end of the season. See our Rules/Regulations:

- Glass containers of any description
- Urns made of concrete, granite, plastic or iron
- In-ground plantings
- Small stones or chips around memorials
- Enclosures around graves
- Vigil lights, balloons or windmills
- Wreaths on tripods during grass cutting season
- Temporary markers
- Plastic/wire signs (i.e. Mom, Dad, Flags, Crosses, etc.)