

April 14, 2020

Dear Hall Family,

During this COVID-19 crisis I have time to take things a little slower and I find myself being grateful for things that in the past were taken for granted. I am dropping off a check for Maplewood Cemetery which represents my installment for my husband's and my burial plot located in the mausoleum only a few spaces away from my dad, Bernard McDermott. We appreciate you for allowing the burial plot to be purchased for the most part on an installment plan. I know that we will be buried close by my dad, otherwise we would have had to settle for whatever is available when the time comes, so thank you.

On a weekly basis I travel North<sup>E</sup> on Route 9 and always glance over to Maplewood Cemetery as I pass by and say hi to my dad, "Benny", since his plot faces Route 9. As I glance over I can't help but notice how beautiful the mausoleum building looks with the

array of flower arrangements attached to the mausoleum wall. The flowers are attractive in colors, tastefully arranged by Rebecca with just enough style and uniformity to show that our loved ones haven't been forgotten.

My mother, <sup>my</sup> stepfather, and my grandmother are also buried at Maplewood Cemetery behind the mausoleum building. I often notice how well maintained the grounds look.

It is obvious that you are operating your cemetery business with pride for high standards, and respect for the families with a compassionate heart.

I need to give credit to your competent staff, from the ground keepers, the flower arranger (Rebecca, I can't remember the company's name) from Brielle and the office manager Trish who I am grateful for. Trish returns calls timely and is so understanding. She is very professional and competent to assure families that everything will be handled with respect

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and compassion. When we originally purchased my dad's plot in the mausoleum in 2009, a very nice man assisted us in finding the best burial space for him. It ended up being the most perfect location since our plot is only a few spaces from my dad. When my dad passed on January 29, 2010 Clayton Funeral Home worked directly with Maplewood Cemetery. But it was Trish who worked with me personally to help me to select the picture and writing on the mausoleum wall. Trish also worked on my mother's grave service.

What can I say? All of you collectively make a first class team.

I am sure that I am representative of many families who buried their loved ones at Maplewood Cemetery but they just don't bother to let you know. But I'm sure some families do tell you.

Gratefully yours,

Barbara and Ken

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