

Further memorialization can be done through various options.



The placement of a bench, designed and crafted locally and marked with a bronze plaque, is a lasting way

to remember a loved one while providing a pleasant resting spot for visitors.

The Cemetery loses trees annually through age, wind and ice storms and disease. The giving of a replacement tree, suitably marked, is also a lasting gift.

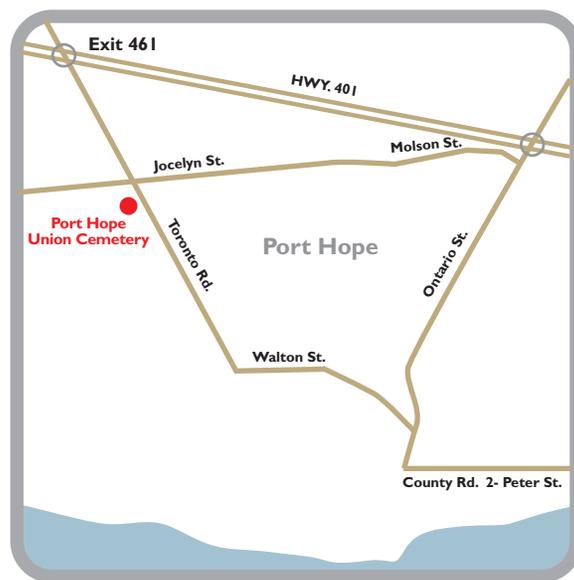


Our knowledgeable staff will be pleased to explain all of the burial, cremation, memorial and services options.

For information regarding monument cleaning, levelling and restoration, please contact the Office.

Genealogical inquiries are welcomed and family researchers are encouraged to make use of our computer database.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At other times, a telephone message can be left at the Office at 905-885-5459.



Port Hope Union Cemetery

Est. 1874



Since 1874, Union Cemetery has been providing continuous service to the families of the Municipality of Port Hope and the surrounding communities.

As you enter these grounds, try to imagine horse-drawn carriages slowly moving along narrow dirt tracks, followed somberly by a grieving family.



Life and death walked hand-in-hand in the days when so many died in childbirth or of sweeping epidemics of influenza, cholera and typhus. Many tragic losses were also caused by drowning, horrific fires and accidents. You will see, too, the long-living elders — male and female — who slept peacefully away.

The ornately-carved stones and symbolic images evoke a vivid memory of these early days.

A walk in the cemetery will tell you about the history of the town beyond the written records. Elaborate monuments or simple stones mark the resting place for so many — a mute testimony to those who have lived before.

The silence speaks forever...

In 1873, the newly-formed Port Hope Union Cemetery Company engaged noted landscaper H.A. Englehart, designer of Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery, to design a new burial ground for the town.



His plan of open, rolling grounds, with mature native deciduous and coniferous trees, enhance the rural environment. Colourful flowerbeds, along with the birds and small animals that are attracted to the grounds, combine to create a beautiful and serene atmosphere.

In 1956, the assets of the Company were purchased by the Corporation of the Town of Port Hope, which also acquired the adjoining St. John's Anglican Cemetery (est. 1863) in 1968, creating the present Union Cemetery.



Union offers a selection of interment options, from the traditional burial to placement in one of the outdoor columbaria. Crafted of Stanstead-grey granite from the Eastern Townships of Quebec, they provide secure niches for one or two urns, the all-inclusive package including openings and inscriptions.

Union has a separate veterans' section, located amongst mature cedars at the northern entrance.

