

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a time to remember our loved ones. The burial of a loved one and the follow-up visits to the grave site is an age old tradition that saddens the soul. Charles Baber Cemetery's garden environment of trees, shrubs, grass, a meditation area, pond, and walking paths provides an "all natural green" setting that soothes the saddened heart. Grief and loss are softened by the beauty, serenity and tranquility of nature. At Charles Baber Cemetery, Memorial Day is remembered with a special act of thoughtfulness and kindness. The Friday before Memorial Day, several bus loads of children from Clark Elementary School are met at the gatehouse entrance by veterans from the Pottsville Joint Veterans' Association. The children are given small new American flags. They are then asked to find gravesites with last year's worn flags and to replace them with the new flags. The worn flags are collected by the veterans for proper disposal. The flag replacement is followed by prayers from Trinity Church's rector, the playing of taps and then a 21 gun salute from the veterans in attendance. While the service opens with the excitement and exuberance of the children finding and replacing the flags, it closes with prayer and respect of paying tribute to our fallen veterans and to our loved ones.

