

WHAT IS FIND A GRAVE?

Initially limited to celebrity burial locations, *Find A Grave* is now an ever-increasing database of cemetery records from all over the world. It is an invaluable resource that can be accessed and used for free.

Joining Find A Grave

In order to get the most out of your experience on Find A Grave, *setting up a personal account should be your first step*. An account is free and allows you to contact other members and contribute your own information to the database. Joining is as simple clicking on *Sign In* located in the top right corner and then clicking on *Create One* (seen below).

Sign in

Email

Password

[Forgot password?](#)

☒ Keep me signed in

Don't have an account? [Create one](#)

Contributing to Find A Grave

Any Find A Grave member can submit edits to pre-existing records, create memorial pages when one does not already exist, and leave messages and digital flowers or gifts on memorial pages of ancestors & relatives.



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FIND A GRAVE



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GETTING STARTED



Navigation Bar

This bar is located at the top of every page to provide quick access to the database's major features.

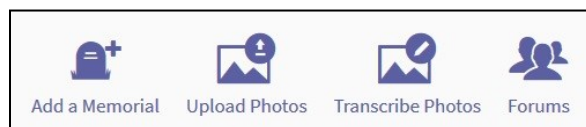
NAVIGATING FIND A GRAVE

From Find A Grave's home page, you can get anywhere you need to go. Use the navigation bar to access the search forms for memorials, cemeteries, famous memorials, and volunteer contribution opportunities.

Find A Grave's memorial records have been integrated into Ancestry's database. This means that when searching on Ancestry or Ancestry Library Edition, these cemetery records will show up in the search results and connect you to the memorial page on Find A Grave.

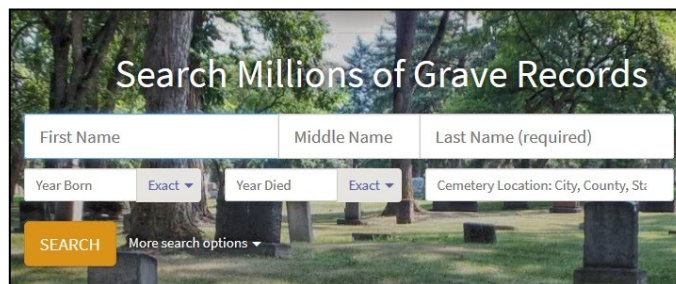
Contribution Tools

These are located on the home page and provide access to *contribution* tools:



If you decide to contribute to *Find A Grave* as a volunteer, you can do so when signed into your account. Contributors can submit information and photos for unrecorded burials, fulfill other members' photo requests, transcribe photos, and interact with others in the forums.

BASIC SEARCHING

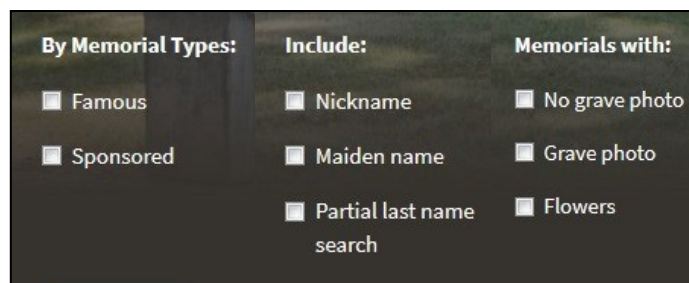


Basic Search Tips

- Start with a **general search**: you do not have to fill every blank, try a name and general location first.
- The location box will automatically provide suggestions in a drop list below as you type the place name.
- If you don't know the exact year of death, dates can also be filtered by selecting *Before* or *After* with the button to the right of the year.
- *Remember these records are based on user contribution*: try using spelling variations and enter different combinations of information.

Advanced Search Options

Clicking on the *More search options* link next to the search button will open up more search filters:

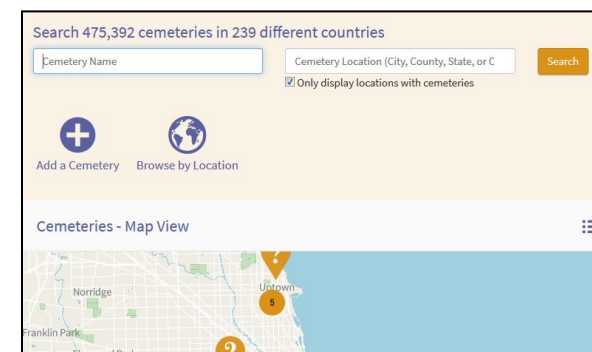


ADVANCED SEARCHING

There are multiple ways to search Find A Grave's records beyond the basic search form, including cemetery searches and cemetery-specific memorial searches.

Cemetery Search

This can be accessed by clicking on *Cemeteries* in the navigation bar. You can search for a cemetery by typing its name or searching more generally by selecting a country, state, and county. The interactive map can be used to manually browse for cemeteries by location. *Clicking on the name of a cemetery in the search results or on the map will take you to the main page for that cemetery.*



Cemetery-Specific Memorial Search

This search function allows you to search or browse for memorials within a specific cemetery. This is especially helpful if you are looking for multiple family members buried in the same cemetery. *From a cemetery's main page* you can search for individuals by first and/or last name. *The results will include only those buried in that cemetery.*