



## Elmwood Cemetery

165 Dufferin Road  
Perth, Ontario

### Self Guided Walking Tour



**The Gates of Elmwood**

The gates of Elmwood Cemetery are left open, to give an inviting feeling to all who wish to use the cemetery's park like setting. The cemetery has regular walkers and visitors going through most days of the week.

Since March 27, 1872

The Perth Cemetery Company owns and operates Elmwood Cemetery as a **public, not for profit cemetery**. It was created under the Cemeteries Act of Upper Canada and registered **March 27, 1872**. The Perth Cemetery Company is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees made up of Interment Rights Holders. The property covers approximately 46 acres with around **20 acres developed**. All persons interred in the cemetery, **approximately 10,000**, are considered important and are given the care, respect and dignity they deserve.

The monuments, structures and trees represent our **historical link to the past** and the area's inhabitants who have gone before us. We have created an atmosphere with a park like setting to **attract and comfort the living while providing a secure and respectful place for the deceased**. As you walk through the cemetery, keep an eye open for some of the markers shown in our brochure. There are **unusual markers (shape, size or material) and unique symbols** which can be located primarily in the older sections of the cemetery.

**How many of these different markers and symbols can you locate?**

**The stone burial vault behind the office may be open! Take a look inside. Enjoy your stroll.**

**Materials used for markers include:**



Zinc



Wood



Steel



Granite



Marble



Stone



Pink Granite



Limestone

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Some marker symbols at Elmwood



Alpha Omega= beginning and end of life  
Round globe= everlasting life



IHS= in his service  
Rose= love and beauty



Draped urn= life to death/ a shroud for the soul  
Fallen dove on tree stump= short life interrupted



Clasped hands= farewell and hope to meet you again



Scallop= life everlasting and rebirth



Oak leaves= faith virtue endurance



Open book= divine word and life accomplishments



Basket of flowers= immortality and heavenly joy



Lamb= innocence



Finger up= deceased found heavenly reward  
Sheaves of wheat= old age and fruitful life



. Weeping willow= grief and sorrow



Celtic cross= faith and eternity



Draped column= from life to death  
Dove on cross= eternal life and innocence



Hand down to broken chain= sudden death and loss in family



Swag= victory in death