

Arlington East Hill Cemetery Association Memorial Service for USAC Officials

Forty years ago. On April 23rd there was a tragic event that took place a few miles north of Arlington, Indiana. A 10-seat Piper Navajo Chieftain carrying 7 United States Auto Club (USAC) officials, a medical staff member and the pilot crashed in a field located north of Arlington killing all 9 individuals aboard. The plane was returning to Indianapolis from Trenton, NJ, with a stop at Johnstown, PA. The victims were:

Frank DelRoy, chairman of the USAC technical committee,
Ray Marquette, USAC vice president in charge of public affairs,
Shim Malone, head of USAC's midget car division and chief starter at many races throughout the country,
Stan Worley, USAC registrar,
Don Peabody, head of the USAC sprint car division,
Judy Phillips, artist and typist who helped direct the publication of USAC's newsletter,
Russ Teegarden, assistant USAC technical chairman,
Dr. Bruce White, a member of USAC's medical staff,
Don Mullendore, pilot of the plane.

The Board of Trustees of the Arlington East Hill Cemetery Association, officials of the United States Auto Club (USAC) and officials of the Indiana Racing Memorial Association (IRMA) held a memorial on behalf of the victims at 3:00 PM on April 23, 2018. At that time, we unveiled a plaque in their memory. Larry Mull and Bob Gates were the Emcees of the event. Tim Spillman gave the invocation. Brian Hasler and Mark Eutsler gave the welcoming remarks. Donald Davidson, Dick Jordan, and Tony Stewart were the featured speakers. Back Home Again In Indiana was performed by Ginny Spillman and The Gordon Pipers played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. There were several members of the families of the victims present. After the service, a procession traveled to the cemetery and a wreath was laid next to the headstone, a picture of which is on the page named Memory Lane Photo Gallery. Their remains are buried in section 5, row 1, location 68 and 69. You can find the location of the grave site in our cemetery by clicking on the pdf file for Section 5 Rows 1 thru 4 in our website. Also, you can click on the pdf file named Diagram of Cemetery. The location is colored purple.

If you have any questions or comments about this memorial, please contact Larry Mull at our email address larry@arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com. We look forward to hearing from you.