

BURIAL PLACES OF HALL OF FAMERS

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The final resting places of BASEBALL Hall of Famers are well documented. In the process of visiting them, I've come across football stars. I wondered, who has a complete list for football Hall of Famers? No one did. Research was needed.

Most of the digging was done by Bob Bailey, who wrote a book of burial sites of everybody who played major league baseball (with football on the back burner), and Norm Fisher, a high school classmate who was on a committee to locate classmates for a major reunion. I should also thank Renee Steinig, a professional geneologist/classmate who showed us techniques; Stew Thornley who's been to every baseball Hall of Famer's site (including rural Cuba) and maintains a website in his name; and Ginny Michaels, who knows a lot about cemeteries.

The graves range from simple stones to elaborate monuments glorifying their careers. Some cemetery offices are proud of their Famers; others were not aware of them. In some cases, more information (photos, locations within cemeteries, GPS locations) are available on the FindAGrave website.

Pro football is younger than baseball, so a greater percentage of Hall of Famers are still alive. This could be why a higher percent were cremated. Notice there are a few cemeteries with two Hall of Famers; note clusters around Chicago and in West Virginia.

One smaller city has the most burials, 4 -- it's Green Bay, Wi., Tittletown USA.

If you have compiled any data on other pro football burials, please contact pbailey@bellatlantic.net.

GRAVESITES of HALL OF FAMERS

Allen, George A. - Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verde, Ca. Badgro, Morris (Red) - Hillcrest Cem., Kent, Wa. Battles, Cliff - Parklawn Cem., Rockville, Md. Bell, DeBenneville (Bert) - Calvary Cem., West Conshohocken, Pa.

Bidwell, Charles - Calvary Cem., Evanston, Il.

Brown, Paul - Rose Hill Monument Park, Massillon, Oh.

Brown, Roosevelt - Lincoln Cem., Charlottesville, Va.

Buchanan, Junious (Buck) - Mount Moriah Cem., Kansas City, Mo.

Canadeo, Tony - Allouez Cem., Green Bay, Wi.

Carr, Joe - St. Joseph's Cem., Lockbourne, Oh.

Clark, Earl (Dutch) - Lakeside Cem., Canon City, Co.

Connor, George - All Saints Cem., Des Plaines, Il.

Conzelman, Jimmy - Calvary Cem., St. Louis, Mo.

Driscoll, John (Paddy) - All Saints Cem., Des Plaines, Il.

Ewbank, Wilbur (Weeb) - Oxford Cem., Oxford, Oh.

Fears, Tom - Ascension Cem., Lake Forest, Ca.

Finks, Jim - Lake Lawn Park Cem., Metairie, La.

Flaherty, Ray - St. Thomas Catholic Cem., Coeur d'Alene, Id.

Ford, Len - Lincoln Memorial Cem., Suitland, Md.

George, Bill - Evergreen Cem., Barrington, Il.

Gillman, Sid - Hillside Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Ca.

Graham, Otto - Palms Memorial Park, Sarasota, Fl.

Groza, Lou - Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmstead, Oh.

Guyon, Joe - Resthaven Memorial Park, Louisville, Ky.

Halas, George - St. Adalbert Cem., Niles, Il.

Healey, Ed - Calvary Cem., Niles, Mi.

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Henry, Wilbur (Pete) - Mansfield Memorial Park, Mansfield, Oh.
Herber, Arnie - Fort Howard Cem., Green Bay, Wi.
Hewitt, Bill - Holy Sepulchre Cem., Cheltenham, Pa.
Hinkle, William (Clarke) - Toronto Union Cem., Toronto, Oh.
Hubbard, Cal - Oakwood Cem., Milan, Mo.
Jordan, Henry - La Belle Cem., Okonomowac, Wi.
Kiesling, Walt - North Side Catholic Cem., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Kinard, Frank (Bruiser) - Lakewood Memorial Park, Jackson, Ms.
Lambeau, Earl (Curly) - Allouez Cem., Green Bay, Wi.
Landry, Tom - Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas, Tx.
Lane, Richard (Night Train) - Evergreen Cem., Austin, Tx.
Layne, Bobby - Lubbock City Cem., Lubbock, Tx.
Leemans, Alphonse (Tuffy) - Gate of Heaven Cem., Silver Spring, Md.
Lombardi, Vince - Mount Olivet Cem., Middletown, NJ
Luckman, Sid - Memorial Park Cem., Skokie, Il.
Lyman, William (Link) - Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Ca.
Mara, Tim - Gate of Heaven Cem., Hawthorne, NY
Mara, Wellington - Gate of Heaven Cem., Hawthorne, NY
Marshall, George P. - Indian Mound Cem., Romney, WV.
McNally, John (Blood) - Desert Memorial Park, Cathedral City, Ca.
Michalske, August (Mike) - Woodlawn Cem., Green Bay, Wi.
Millner, Wayne - National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Va.
Motley, Marion - Evergreen Memorial Park, Bedford, Oh.
Musso, George - Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville, Il.
Nagurski, Bronislaw (Bronko) - St. Thomas Cem., International Falls, Mn.
A, Neale, Earle (Greasy) - Parkersburg Memorial Gardens, Parkersburg, WV.
Nevers, Ernie - Mt. Tamalpais Cem., San Rafael, Ca.
Owen, Steve - Cleo Springs Cem., Cleo Springs, Ok.
Ray, Hugh (Shorty) - Woodlawn Cem., Forest Park, Il.
Reeves, Dan (Rams owner) - Gate of Heaven Cem., Hawthorne, NY
Rooney, Art - Northside Catholic Cem., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rozelle, Alvin (Pete) - El Camino Memorial Park, La Jolla, Ca.
Schramm, Texas - Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Tx.
Stydahar, Joe - Shinniston Masonic Cem., Shinniston, WV.
Thorpe, Jim - Jim Thorpe Memorial, Jim Thorpe, Pa.
Trafton, George - Holy Cross Cem., Culver City, Ca.
Tunnell, Emlen - Gulph United Church of Christ Cem., Conshohocken, Pa.
Turner, Clyde (Bulldog) - Greenbrier Cem., Gatesville, Tx.
Wojciechowicz, Alex - St. Mary's Cem., East Brunswick, NJ
