



WHITE ROSE CEMETERY

ESTABLISHED 1899



Cemetery roads are named in honor of Bartlesville pioneers buried at White Rose Cemetery. The newly named roads and accompanying signs were dedicated Memorial Day 2001 by Mayor Ted Lockin.

Improvements, enhancements and restorations at White Rose Cemetery are financed through donations. Contributions are welcomed and may be sent to:

White Rose Beautification Project
401 S. Johnstone Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003

White Rose Cemetery
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MEMORIAL STREET NAMES



William Tecumseh Berentz
1867—1931

Berentz was born in Illinois, but came to Bartlesville from Edna, KS about 1900. He was an early day hardware store owner. His wife, Florence Forrester, was the niece of Frank Overlees, another pioneer of Bartlesville. Berentz owned Berentz Hardware Store and was a partner in Berentz and Kerrick Undertakers, which was located at 8th Street and Dewey Avenue. In 1909 he was elected to the board of education.

Block 1, Lot 74, Space 12



James Chastain Blythe
1824—1906

Blythe is the only known Cherokee Indian buried at White Rose Cemetery to have made the journey over the Trail of Tears with his parents in 1838. He was 8 years old. Blythe came to Bartlesville about 1895. He was the father of Josie, whose husband, George B. Keeler, was one of the founders of Bartlesville. Another daughter, Ellen, was responsible for dedicating the 7th Street bridge as a Memorial Bridge to those who served in World War I. Bronze plaques naming every local man who served in the war were installed on the bridge. Blythe was a City Commissioner in 1897, and a 50 plus year Mason. He is buried with the Keeler family.

Block 1, Lot 29, Space 07



Samuel O. Bopst
1855—1912

Bopst came to Bartlesville in 1884 and was employed at the Johnstone & Keeler store. He went into business with George B. Keeler, another Bartlesville pioneer, until N.C. Keeler bought out George Keeler's interest. The firm became known as Bopst & Keeler. Later, Bopst became the sole owner of the company which was one of the largest and most successful furniture and home furnishings stores in northern Oklahoma. Bopst was also treasurer of the Caney Valley Oil and Gas and a very successful oil producer.

Block 2, Lot 81, Space 09

Hugh Lorenzo Bryant
"Sunny Jim"
1864—1958

Bryant was born in Illinois and as a child moved with his family to Russelville, AR where he received his education. He came to Bartlesville in August 1899. His first business, the Bryant and Bradley General Store, was located on Second Street. Bryant constructed several buildings in the 300 block of Johnstone Avenue which he maintained along with extensive land and other real estate holdings. In 1911 Bryant organized the Peoples Savings and Loan Association, serving as President and Chairman of the Board until his retirement at age 91. Bryant was instrumental in building the Caney River Bridge. He also built the mausoleum at White Rose Cemetery and is buried there.

Bldg. M, FC2, Wall N, Site 4D



Golda M. Hartman
1893

Golda was the infant daughter of Hampton A. and Celia Hartman. Her gravestone is the oldest dated stone in the cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were both disinterred and moved to White Rose Cemetery from Tulsa in 1933 and 1934 respectively. Two other Hartman infants are buried by Golda. It is possible Golda was also moved to White Rose from burial elsewhere since the cemetery did not open for public burials until 1899.

Block 1, Lot 74, Space 12



"Grandma" Patiacow
1817—1924



"Grandma" Patiacow, a Delaware Indian, was the oldest living Native American in the state of Oklahoma at the time of her death—she was 107. She rode her horse from Texas to Kansas with her young son, Joe Wagon, during the Civil War. She rode by night and hid out by day in order to escape the soldiers who she believed to be after her. Her bravery in this feat was remembered and talked about for many years. Patiacow and Joe made the journey from Kansas to Washington County and received an allotment. "Grandma" - as she was known and as she is memorialized on her gravestone—lived alone on her allotment near the Sand Creek bluffs. Her Dawes Roll number is D36. "Grandma" traded beadwork, which she made, for groceries. Friends attributed her long life to her method of living close to nature. She was her own doctor and made medicines from herbs she gathered in the woods near her home.

Block 3, Lot D, Space 06

Melecio Quintana
1901—1956



Quintana came to Bartlesville in 1917 from Mexico. One of the earliest Mexican immigrants to the area, he initially worked for the railroad and later had a concrete, plastering and remodeling business. He worked extensively at Frank Phillips' Woolaroc Ranch and on area Catholic Churches. With only a second grade education, he learned to read and write English, and considered it one of his greatest accomplishments, along with becoming an American citizen and raising eight children—all college graduates.

Block 5, Lot 74A, Space 03