

FIND A GRAVE

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History-Find a Grave is a website [<https://www.findagrave.com>] that allows the public to search and add to an online database of cemetery records. The site was created in 1995 by Salt Lake City resident Jim Tipton to support his hobby of visiting burial sites of celebrities. The site expanded to include graves of non-celebrities, to allow online visitors to pay respect to their deceased relatives and friends. Ancestry.com bought the website in 2013. As of May 2020, there were over 180 million burial records and 80 million photos.

Searching-fill in as many of the following fields as possible, key is including location (city, state)



Adding To Database, enhanced from video by Connie Knox of GenealogyTV.org at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePv8umGpWLA&t=360s>

- #1-Use Location when doing a Search (noted above)
- #2-Be a Contributor (directions below)
- #3-Leave Flowers, this lets you know you've been at this gravesite before
- #4-Be a Volunteer Photographer
- #5-Use the Find a Grave app on your cell phone, great resource when you are on

Directions for Being a Contributor, Leaving Flowers or Volunteering (doing more than **Searching**)

1. Create an account. You will need to enter a user name and a password.
2. In another tab, open either or both Family Search and Ancestry accounts that you use.
3. There will be many hints and some of them are the link for you to follow.
4. A memorial may have already been created by a volunteer. Analyze the information for your person.
5. Create a memorial if one wasn't found.
6. Note the unique number assigned to this person.
7. Use the Suggestion feature for corrections of data that is missing or incorrect.
8. Use the Edit feature to update your memorials.