

NEW GARDEN CONSERVATORY MAUSOLEUM COMPLETED

For the better part of two years, the northwest corner of the cemetery has been a construction site. Through heavy snows and pouring rains, dedicated crews worked to complete the Garden Conservatory Mausoleum. This month, the building of our newest community mausoleum was finished and we are pleased to announce that the extraordinary facility is open for visitation.

Designed by the architectural firm of J. Stuart Todd, the ambitious construction project began in fall of 2002. The first step of the project was to move the gates and fence posts to create room for the new structure. Dormant since the 1950's, the entry gates were moved to the Jerome Avenue entrance where visitors to the cemetery could enjoy them. After the construction site was cleared, the general contractor, Carrier Mausoleum Company, poured the foundation for the building. Gradually, over an eighteen month period, the structure came together creating space for 2400 crypts and 300 niches.

The mausoleum was designed to accommodate the needs of our community and provide a beautiful memorial and a serene setting that encourages year round visitation. One of the challenges of the project was developing a new facility that would complement the historic appearance of The Woodlawn Cemetery. The stone was carefully selected to be compatible with the material used in older monuments. Silver White Granite and San Francisco Verde Green Granite were chosen to complement the spacious design.

