WINTER DECORATIONS
Winter decorations such as wreaths, artificial flowers and trees may be placed on graves after November 20th. Removal of these items will take place promptly on March 1, 2010. That is the starting time of cemetery spring grounds operations such as fertilizing, weed control, etc. If you would like to keep the items you placed, please pick them up before March 1st. We thank you for your cooperation.

MICHAEL J. SCHAEFER
Schaefer & Mahrt Cigars

Michael J. Schaefer was the largest manufacturer of cigars in Dayton, Ohio. He went into business in 1875 with his younger brother, Joseph J. Schaefer. This business dissolved and by 1879 Michael went into business with H.C. Mahrt. Schaefer & Mahrt, located at Hickory Street and Brabham Street (now Alberta Street), employed two hundred. The building was about 15,000 square feet and included elevators connecting the floors. The company produced cigars of all kinds and specialized in catering to the customers’ wants. In 1888 Schaefer & Mahrt sold 9,000,000 cigars. They also had a branch in Miamisburg where cheaper grades of cigars were made in a factory that employed sixty. Michael was also the owner of Schaefer Apartments at Fifth St. and Wayne Avenue.

Michael J. Schaefer was born on September 29, 1847 in Mudau, Germany. Mudau lies in the Odenwald mountains southeast of Frankfurt. Schaefer came to the United States in 1871 and located in Dayton, Ohio. He married Euphrosina Burkmeier in 1878. Euphrosina was born in Germany on February 10, 1847 and came to the United States the same year as Michael. Mrs. Schaefer was known for her charity work with St. Joseph Orphanage and other Catholic charities. The couple had one child live to adulthood. That was Aloysius M. Schaefer, born October 28, 1888. One child, Herman, died November 13, 1892 at age five. Michael Schaefer retired in 1904. After retiring the couple summered in Dayton at their residence at 748 S. Brown Street and wintered in Florida.

Mrs. Schaefer died November 2, 1920. Michael died while in Orlando, Florida on December 26, 1924 succumbing to pneumonia. Michael and Euphrosina, along with their son, Aloysius, are buried on a hill in Section 23 at Calvary Cemetery.
PAUL MELIA PRINTS AVAILABLE

Calvary Cemetery’s Board of Trustees commissioned artist Paul Melia to paint for Calvary Cemetery. Calvary Cemetery is proud to have the original painting displayed in our office lobby. Titled “From Every Day to Life Everlasting” the 42” x 52” watercolor is a shining tribute to the images and faith that defines Calvary Cemetery.

Paul Melia is a local artist with nationally and locally known works. One of his most famous paintings is of The Vatican and the original is displayed in Rome. Commercial works include paintings for Proctor & Gamble, General Electric and Wright State University. Paul is also known for his portraits of local families.

Calvary Cemetery has limited edition, 16” x 20”, signed and numbered prints available to the public. This special print is a nice remembrance for people who have loved ones interred at Calvary Cemetery.

Limited edition prints are available for the purchase price of $100.00. We also have available un-numbered prints for $35.00. All proceeds from each purchase will be placed in our Memorial Restoration Fund. This fund provides for repairs and cleaning of older monuments. Prints can be purchased on five special days in 2010—April 23rd, May 19th, June 24th, September 16th and December 15th. Orders may be placed in advance of the purchase dates and can be picked up on these special dates. For out-of-town people, we can mail the prints to your home address.

JOSEPH J. SCHAEFER

Joseph J. Schaefer was the younger brother of Michael Schaefer. Born March 19, 1856 in Mudau, Germany, Joseph came to the United States at the age of 17. Joseph and Michael went into business in 1875. After he and brother dissolved their partnership, Joseph started his own cigar manufacturing business. The company was located at 117 Joe Street and was quite successful. Joseph Schaefer was a large man with a congenial nature. He was six feet six inches tall and weighed over three hundred pounds. Joseph died of a stroke on March 12, 1914. After Joseph’s death, his son, Eugene J., took over management of the cigar business.

Joseph Schaefer was survived by his wife, Mary A. Bueker and five children: Mrs. W. E. Keller, Margaret Schaefer, Eugene J., Charles and Joseph J. Jr. He also had three children die as infants: Ambrozius, Agnes Mary and Mary Agnes.

Eugene was born on March 18, 1887. After graduating from St. Mary College in 1905, he took up partnership with his father. Eugene lived until June 30, 1965.

Joseph, Eugene and family are buried in Section 23 next to Michael Schaefer.