

# Reflections

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"a family owned Funeral Home,  
Cremation Center and Cemetery"

"You need a place to go - a place to go  
at Christmas and Easter and birthdays  
and to put flowers. If you don't have a  
cemetery to go to, you've got nothing."

-Laura Abernathy

**The West Family**



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

**Ken Byram, Jr.**

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**Juan Carlos Cordoba**

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**Mialani Hart**

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**Ruth Kittleson**

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**Justin Jewett**

*Ponte Vedra Valley would like to  
wish everyone a safe and happy  
holiday season and a  
Happy New Year!*



## *Ponte Vedra Valley's Annual Memory Tree Lighting*

Saturday, December 1, 2007

4:30 p.m. Music and Refreshments

5:00 p.m. Reading of the Names

*Please join us in Holiday music, refreshments  
and fellowship. Chairs will be provided, but are*

*limited. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair.*



### Ponte Vedra Valley's

#### Remembrance Votive Lights

We again have the beautiful *Remembrance Votive Lights* to shine for your loved ones throughout the holiday season. The staff at Ponte Vedra Valley change the candles out to ensure perpetual light. The votives can be reused each year and are stored at the cemetery for your convenience.

*Please contact our office for more information.*



Thank you to all who attended our  
Ninth Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony!  
*Over this holiday season, let us continue to keep in  
our thoughts all those who are currently  
serving our county.*

# Reflections



**Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings** (Aug 8, 1896 - Dec 14, 1953) was an American author who lived in rural Florida and wrote novels with rural themes and settings. Her best known work, *The Yearling*, won her a Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1939. Marjorie

Kinnan was born in Washington, D.C. She was interested in writing as early as age six, and submitted stories to the Children's sections of newspapers until she was 16. In 1928, with a small inheritance from her mother, Rawlings purchased a 72 acre orange grove near Hawthorne, Florida, in a hamlet named Cross Creek for its location between Orange Lake and Lochloosa Lake. She brought the place to international fame through her writing. She was fascinated with the remote wilderness and the lives of Cross Creek residents, her Cracker neighbors, and felt a profound and transforming connection to the region and the land. Wary at first, the local residents soon warmed to her and opened up their lives and experiences to her. Marjorie filled several notebooks with descriptions of the animals, plants, Southern dialect, and recipes and used these descriptions in her writings. Her first novel, *South Moon Under*, was published in 1933. The book captured the richness of Cross Creek and its surroundings in telling the story of a young man who must support himself and his mother by making and selling moonshine. She found immense success in 1938 with *The Yearling*. MGM purchased the rights to the film version, which was released in 1946 and made her famous. In 1942, Rawlings published *Cross Creek*, which was an autobiographical account of her relationships with both her neighbors and her beloved Florida hammocks, it was even released in a special armed forces edition, sent to servicemen during WW II. With money she made from *The Yearling*, Rawlings bought a beach cottage at Crescent Beach, ten miles south of St. Augustine. In 1941 she married hotel owner Norton Baskin, and he remodeled an old mansion into the Castle Warden Hotel (currently the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum). Her hatred of cities was intense: she wrote a sonnet titled, "Having Left Cities Behind Me" (excerpt):

"Now, having left cities behind me, turned  
Away forever from the strange, gregarious  
Huddling of men by stones, I find those various  
Great towns I knew fused into one, burned  
Together in the fire of my despising..."

Rawlings died in 1953 in St. Augustine of a cerebral hemorrhage.

## Cemetery Hours

Gates Open at 8:00 am & Close at Dusk

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

## Funeral Home Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

*We are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please feel free to reach us by phone anytime.*

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## **Did You Know...**

- \*Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, suggested that a woman could enlarge her bust line by singing loudly and often.
- \*On average hiccups last 5 minutes. The best cure? Breathing into a paper bag.
- \*Our eyes are always the same size from birth.
- \*On average, people can hold their breath for one minute. The world record is seven-and-a-half minutes.

## **Holiday Decoration**

*Please feel free to decorate in honor of your loved ones this holiday season. During this time we do allow potted plants, but please refrain from using glass. All holiday decoration will need to be removed by January 3rd, 2008. Any items remaining after January 3rd will be placed at our "Family Items" table and kept for two weeks for you to collect. Any items remaining after the two weeks will be discarded.*

*Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.*