

# Reflections

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

*"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery  
of fear - not absence of fear."*

*- Mark Twain*

**The West Family**



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

**Donna Meuse**

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**Jeffery Binion**

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**Tom Green**

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**Madison Gotham**

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**Ann Ott**

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**Phillip Haliburton**

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**Pauline Simmons**

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**William Jackmore**

## *Holiday Decorations*

*Dear Families,*

*Please feel free to come and collect any holiday decoration you would like to keep. Ponte Vedra Valley will be removing all holiday decorations from burial spaces on Monday, January 7, 2008. The decorations will be placed at our "Family Items" table and will be kept until Monday, January 14, 2008. At that time, all remaining items will be thrown away.*

*Thank you,  
Ponte Vedra Valley*



## **Famous Epitaphs**

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself into our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday. - John Wayne, Actor

"Sheltered Love" - Liberace, Musician

"...That nothing's so sacred as honor, and nothing so loyal as love!" - Wyatt Earp, Gunfighter



*Ponte Vedra Valley would like to thank all who attended our  
Annual Memory Tree Lighting.*

*We would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy  
New Year!*

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## Theodore Roosevelt

1858 - 1919

Roosevelt's youth differed sharply from that of the log cabin Presidents. He was born in New York City in 1858 into a wealthy family, but he too struggled—against ill health—and in his triumph became an advocate of the strenuous life. In 1884 his first wife, Alice Lee, and his mother died on the same day. Roosevelt spent much of the next two years on his ranch in the Badlands of Dakota Territory. There he mastered his sorrow as he lived in the saddle, driving cattle, hunting big game, and even capturing an outlaw. During the Spanish-American War, Roosevelt was lieutenant colonel of the Rough Rider Regiment, which he led on a charge at the battle of San Juan. Boss Tom Platt, needing a hero to draw attention away from scandals in New York State, accepted Roosevelt as the Republican candidate for Governor in 1898. Roosevelt won and served with distinction. With the assassination of President McKinley, Roosevelt became President. He took the view that the President as a "steward of the people" should take whatever action necessary for the public good unless expressly forbidden by law or the Constitution. As President, Roosevelt held the ideal that the Government should be the great arbiter of the conflicting economic forces in the Nation, especially between capital and labor, he emerged spectacularly as a "trust buster" by forcing the dissolution of a great railroad combination in the Northwest. Roosevelt steered the United States more actively into world politics. Aware of the strategic need for a shortcut between the Atlantic and Pacific, he ensured the construction of the Panama Canal. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Russo-Japanese War, reached a Gentleman's Agreement on immigration with Japan, and sent the Great White Fleet on a goodwill tour of the world. Some of Roosevelt's most effective achievements were in conservation. He added enormously to the national forests in the West, reserved lands for public use, and fostered great irrigation projects. While campaigning in Milwaukee, he was shot by a fanatic. Roosevelt soon recovered, but his words at that time would have been applicable at the time of his death in 1919: "No man has had a happier life than I have led; a happier life in every way."

## 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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