

This celebration of Biloxi's cultural heritage would not have been possible without the assistance of several organizations and individuals. Special thanks goes to the Beau Rivage (Sara Miller and Ron Hall, in particular), Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes, the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, Cheryl Bell, Edmond Boudreaux, Jamie Bounds Ellis and Jane Shambra. Thanks also to Biloxi Elks Lodge 606 for allowing use of their parking lot.

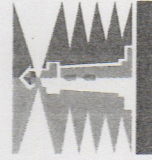
The Bay Chamber of Commerce, Culture and Heritage Committee members are: Errol Bradley, James Coley, Vincent Creel, Oscar Johansen, Elizabeth Munro, Deanne Nuwer, Murella Powell, Bill Raymond, Dreux Seghers, Julie Suarez, Pam Swazey, Wayne Hengen and Grace Aaron Johansen, Chair.

PHOTO CREDIT

The Biloxi cemetery photograph featured on the front of the funeral fans was shot in 1896 by Thomas Gleason, a Biloxi photographer. The photo is part of the Murella H. Powell Local History & Genealogy Collection and is shared courtesy of the Biloxi Library System.

Proceeds from funeral fan sales will help fund a memorial plaque for the vault housing remains displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Financial support for this memorial also is being provided by Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes and the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area.

If you're interested in working with the *Friends of the Biloxi Cemetery*, a loosely organized group of volunteers who actively support the cemetery's ongoing preservation and help coordinate the cemetery tour program, call the Bay Chamber at 435-6149 or email your contact information to Grace Aaron Johansen at the email address below.

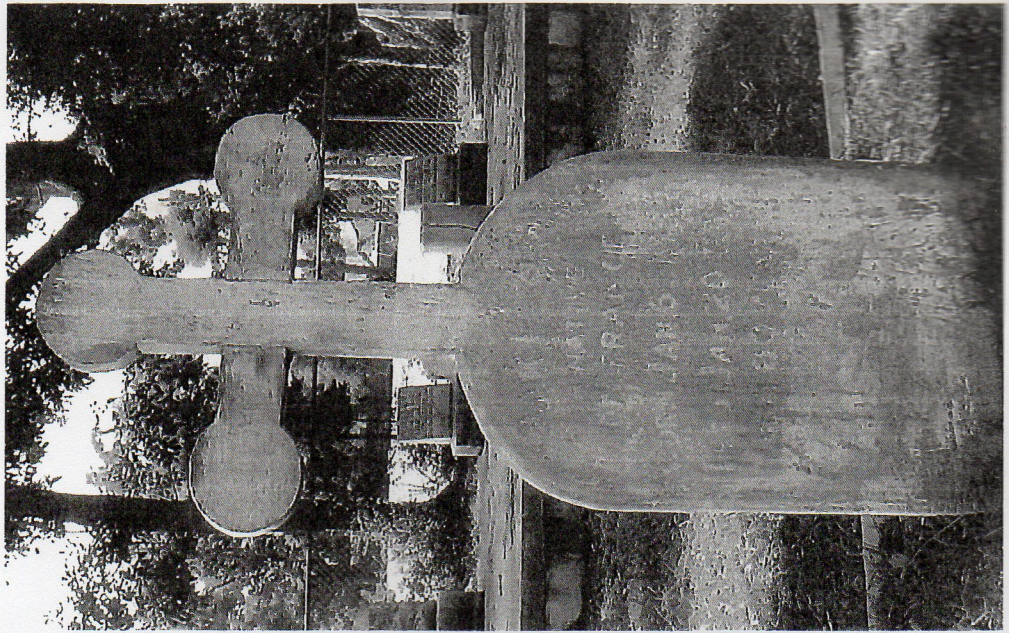


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Volunteer to serve on the
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Culture & Heritage Committee!
Call 435-6149 or
email graceinbiloxi@aol.com

Old Biloxi Cemetery Rededication

October 4, 2007

Sponsored by the
City of Biloxi
and the
Biloxi Bay Chamber of
Commerce



Old Biloxi Cemetery Rededication Ceremony

Thursday, October 4, 2007



Welcome and Introductions

Darnell Iachino, President
Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce

Comments

A.J. Holloway, Mayor
City of Biloxi

Blessings

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese

The Reverend David Skinner
First Presbyterian Church of Biloxi

Closing Comments

Darnell Iachino



A reception sponsored by the
Beau Rivage immediately
follows this program.

Guided tours featuring historic graveside re-enactments will be offered concurrent with the reception.

Note: the cemetery grounds are uneven...please watch your step!

Re-enactors, in Tour Order

1) Amelia, a typical young Biloxi seafood factory worker at the turn of the 19th Century
~ portrayed by Allie Underwood

2) Raymond Caillavet, an early community leader and former Biloxi mayor
~ portrayed by his descendent, Ray Bellande

3) Constance Lewis, the Lopez family caretaker and nurse
~ portrayed by Jasmine Roberts

4) Lazaro Lopez, a Biloxi business leader and seafood factory owner
~ portrayed by Roman Bartholomew

5) Marie Ladner Coueves, lived on Deer and Cat Islands with her husband and 12 children
~ portrayed by her descendent, Mary Louis Atkinson

6) Harriet "Grandma" Aken, lived on Deer Island while raising her own children and numerous orphans

~ portrayed by her great-great-granddaughter Cynthia Baker Powell
7) Brig. General Joseph Robert Davis, veteran of the War Between the States
~ portrayed by Walter Freeman

Many thanks to our talented re-enactors, all of whom volunteered their time to participate in this celebration of Biloxi's rich cultural heritage.

Those who assisted with cemetery repair, restoration & related work:

Jonathan Kiser - Neel-Shaffer Engineering (Jonathan volunteered his time to coordinate cemetery repairs, which included working with FEMA, writing contract specifications and providing contract oversight services)

Don Reynolds - Reynolds Monument

Taylor Thatch - Kenneth R. Thompson, Jr. Builder

Can't Be Beat Fence Company

City of Biloxi employees Bill Raymond, Paul Seymour and Damon Torricelli

Gary Hargrove, Harrison County Coroner