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1841

# WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



## Spring Song

By Paul Laurence Dunbar

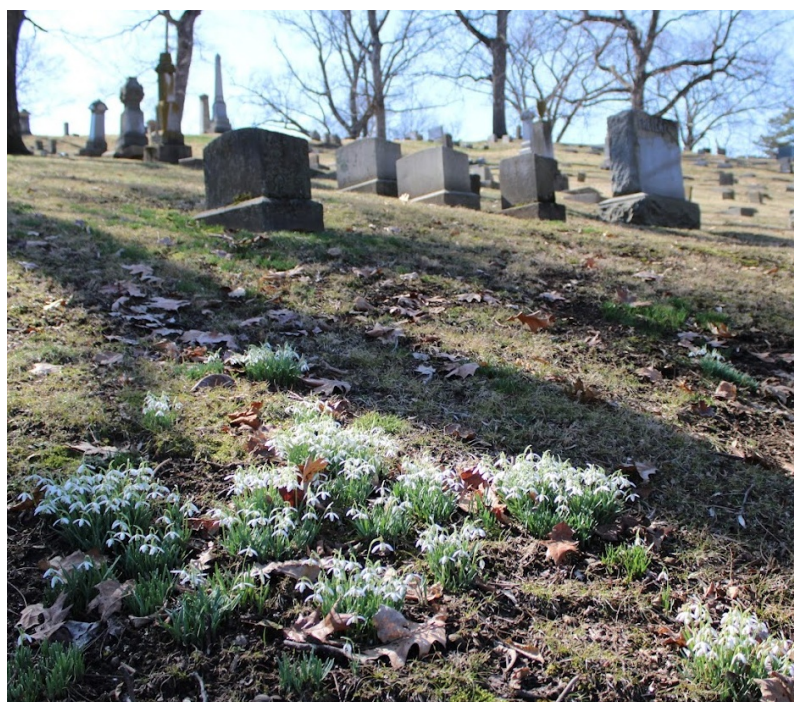
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A blue-bell springs upon the ledge,  
 A lark sits singing in the hedge;  
 Sweet perfumes scent the balmy air,  
 And life is brimming everywhere.  
 What lark and breeze and bluebird sing,  
 Is Spring, Spring, Spring!

No more the air is sharp and cold;  
 The planter wends across the wold,  
 And, glad, beneath the shining sky  
 We wander forth, my love and I.  
 And ever in our hearts doth ring  
 This song of Spring, Spring!





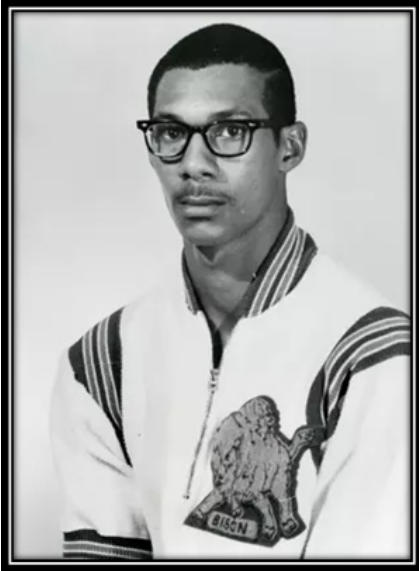


For life is life and love is love,  
'Twixt maid and man or dove and dove.  
Life may be short, life may be long,  
But love will come, and to its song  
Shall this refrain for ever cling  
Of Spring, Spring, Spring!





# Happy Birthday!



## Al Tucker Jr.

Born 2/24/1943

Albert "Al" A. Tucker Jr. was born in Dayton, Ohio, February 24th, 1943. Albert Tucker Sr., his father, was a player for the Harlem Globetrotters in 1940.

Impressed by their skills on the basketball court, Al & his brother Gerald Tucker were recruited by Oklahoma Baptist University. Al Tucker Jr. played basketball for three seasons, setting a number of records, some of which are still unbroken more than 50 years later.

After college, Al Tucker Jr. played four seasons in the NBA and one season in the American Basketball Association. Notably, Al Tucker Jr. was the Seattle SuperSonics' first ever NBA draft pick, selected 6th in the 1967 NBA draft.

Playing for the Seattle SuperSonics, Cincinnati Royals, Chicago Bulls, Baltimore Bullets, and The Floridians, Al Tucker Jr. averaged 10.1 points per game and earned NBA All-Rookie Honors at the end of his first NBA season.

Albert Tucker Jr. died May 7th, 2001 at the age of 58. He and his parents are buried in section 111, lot 3797 at Woodland Cemetery; just behind our restored historic chapel.

**Photo:** Al Tucker Jr., courtesy Oklahoma Baptist University Athletics [Hall of Fame](#).



# Woodland Centenarian Club:

## Clara Dickens (1798 - 1/23/1908)

The photo (right) and following article were originally published by The Dayton Herald, 1/25/1908 pg. 12:

### **“Family Records Show That This [/] Lady Was 110 Years Old –**

The funeral of Mrs. Clara Dickens, one of the most respected [/] women in the city, was held Saturday afternoon from the Zion Baptist Church, and the services were attended by a large number of friends and others.

Rev. W.O. Harper, the pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was made at Woodland Cemetery. Mrs. Dickens had reached the advanced age of 110, and had reared a family [sic] twelve children, nine of whom have died. Her husband has been dead 43 years.



Mrs. Dickens lived at 1019 Stillwater avenue. The family records show that this respected [/] lady reached the unusual age of 110 years.

She was born in Charleston, S.C., and came to Dayton in 1884. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dickens, nine of whom are dead and three survive—Caleb and Charles Dickens and Mrs. Cornelius McKnight. About three years ago her faculties became impaired, and at times she was quite feeble and childish in demeanor.

Until that time, however, the aged lady interestingly told of her early life and of events associated with the community in which she was born.

She was well known in local [/] circles, and by all who knew her held her in the highest esteem [sic.]”

Clara Dickens rests in section 115, lot 3333 at Woodland Cemetery.



# Upcoming Events!



## End of Winter Bird Walk:

This is a great time to see year-round residents, winter visitors, and possibly some early spring migrants like the Eastern Phoebe and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is slow-paced, and mostly stays on the road surface, but sometimes does venture “off-trail” into the grass.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear a good pair of walking shoes! The tour will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery.

Your nature guide will be Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

### Upcoming Tours:

3/15 @ 9 am

Click [here](#) to register!



## Woof Walk:

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum and SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center invite you to one of our most unique events: Woof Walk!

Dogs, you can take your human on a guided tour through Woodland Cemetery!

Tours will depart at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bring your sociable dog to the cemetery for a historic tour through the beautiful grounds of Woodland.

SICSA will be on site with information about their organization, how you can get involved and make a difference in a pet's life!

Make a donation to SICSA (cash only) and receive a raffle ticket for a fabulous pet prize!

### Annual Event:

4/26 @ 8:30 am

Click [here](#) to find out more & register for this event!

# 2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

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Don't get caught by surprise! Check this space for Woodland's adornment removal calendar each month to stay on schedule.

## Key:

**Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off**

**Orange = Do Not Clean Off**

**Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion**

## Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

**DONATE ONLINE!**



# Come Visit Us!



## Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

## Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

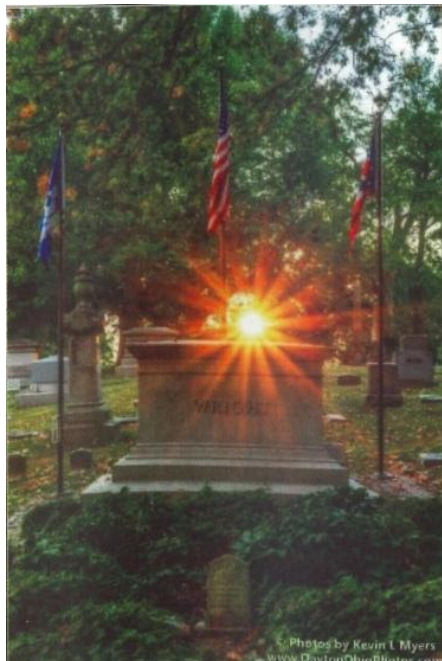
\*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

## Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries! Or check out our [virtual tours](#)! (if you really don't want to go outside)





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