

## **Rest Haven Cemetery – Wilson County, North Carolina**

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF Charlie Pope (29 Sep 1921 - 21 May 2003)

For over 45 years Charlie used his own two hands to care for Rest Haven and Maplewood cemeteries, manual labor, without the aid of equipment readily available to modern day custodians. He took great pride and pleasure in the work he did caring for the cemeteries, doing an outstanding job.

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REST HAVEN CEMETERY - Located at 1717 Lane Street, Wilson, North Carolina

Explanations:

The initial purpose of this listing was to record information contained on stones or markers in Rest Haven Cemetery. However, it was later decided that it would be invaluable to also include names of people buried without a grave marker. This required sourcing the Cemetery office records, which did not include birth dates. Instead of death dates, the interment date is shown in the death date, such as "i.04 Apr 1976". In the notes area, "D-Sallie Jones" indicates that the stone is a double stone, shared with Sallie Jones.

The Map and Abbreviations

Looking at the map, you can see that Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 have streets which are lettered, with short signs along the Lane Street side. Sections 5 and the Sections A through G, do not have streets. All sections are marked with taller signs.

Location of burial plots in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 are shown as 1-EF, which would mean Section 1 between E and F streets, or 4-MN, which would mean Section 4 between M and N streets. Locations of burial plots in Sections without streets correspond with the Section names on the map.

Rest Haven Cemetery was originally named Barnes Cemetery. There is still a small circular area within Rest Haven which is designated as Barnes Cemetery.