

# Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens

Gravel Hill, Arkansas



Photo by Gerald Torrence

**This Cemetery is also known as: Hite Cemetery.**

**GPS Location: 592966-3900275**

**Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0711**

**Number of Marked Graves: About 10**

**Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown**

**The last complete survey of this cemetery was: October 24, 2000 By Leroy Blair.**

**There has been Obituaries that were printed in the newspaper posted since the last survey was made.**

**Current status of cemetery Active**

**Point of contact for cemetery. No contact person known.**

**This cemetery is located west of Gravel Hill Road and just north of Mockingbird Road. Take Gravel Hill Road from Highway 36 at Joy and go 4.6 miles to Mockingbird. It was started in the early 1960s, according to Bill Leach of the White County Historical Society, when a storekeeper named Hite at Gravel Hill gave an acre to the for a cemetery.**

**Gerald Torrence of Judsonia, who updated several cemeteries for the Historical Society during 2000, noticed the cemetery while driving in the area in July 2000. He stopped and copied the information from stones that he saw. On October 24, 2000, Leroy Blair of the Historical Society found the cemetery "in bad need of mowing." He noted that "the graves of all of the Hites are about 100 feet south of all the other graves."**

**Hite's Store was on the southwest corner of Gravel Hill Road and Romance Road. Leach, who like his parents was a president of the Historical Society, recalls, "Dad visited with Mr. Hite some (I remember going into his store and getting a Coke whenever we went to Gravel Hill in the late 1950s). He was good-natured and minded. I guess he thought the simply needed a cemetery on the main road. Quattlebaum Cemetery was very difficult to get to ... due to extremely poor road conditions."**

**Leach noted that there are at least three cemeteries in the Gravel Hill - Hite, Gray and Quattlebaum. Gravel Hill is in the Joy Fire Department zone and the north end of the trades at Joy but the south end is more likely to go to Floyd for trade. He remembered that Gravel Hill had two stores, a garage and two churches in the 1960s. Bethel Freewill Baptist was the only church remaining in 2000 but the area was growing - from approximately 40 registered voters in 1970 to some 200 today.**

**If you have corrections or additions to this list or other information on this Cemetery, Contact the White County Historical Society, P.O. Box 537, Searcy, AR 72145. Or phone 501- 278- 5010**

**Following is a list of known burials in this cemetery.**

**Anderson, Glenda - June 23, 1945 - August 22, 2014 - Gravel Hill Memorial, Gravel Hill AR (Obit)**

**Atkins, Katrina D. - Born and died January 4, 1985 - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Ballard, Glen - Died October 12, 1991 - Only date listed - (Unmarked ) - Record at Olmstead Funeral Home - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Farnam, A. Louise - August 27, 1938 - October 11, 1996 - DS with Archie H. Farnam - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Farnam, Archie H. - October 3, 1933 - Only date listed - DS with A. Louise Farnam - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Farnam, Michael Wayne - August 8, 1961 - December 30, 1994 - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Hite, Bertha E. - July 26, 1906 - January 19, 1988 - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR - (Obit) January 21, 1988 paper**

**Hite, David C. - December 25, 1896 - August 19, 1967 - Hosp. 18 - WWI - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR - (Obit August 21, 1967 paper)**

**Hite, Robert Roy – July 28, 1931 – October 3, 1995 – U.S. Army - Korea - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Langley, Kimberly Ann – December 20, 1984 – November 20, 2012 – Gravel Hill Memorial, Gravel Hill AR – (Obit)**

**Martin, April Ann Faulk – April 7, 1984 – May 14, 2002 – DS with Mathew R. Martin - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Martin, Mathew Ryan – No dates listed (infant) – DS with April Ann Faulk Martin - Gravel Hill Memorial Gardens, Gravel Hill, AR**

**Sparks, Clarence – March 7, 1929 – October 29, 2014 – Gravel Hill Memorial, Gravel Hill, AR (Obit)**

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**Most of the cemetery information listed was collected by Leroy “Lee” Blair Former member of the White County Historical Society Board of Directors. Now working at the White County Historical Society office**

**If you have any additions or corrections to the burial listing please contact the Historical Society. Phone 501-278-5010 or Email me at [lblblair74@gmail.com](mailto:lblblair74@gmail.com) or [wchs1962@gmail.com](mailto:wchs1962@gmail.com)**

**I will be posting more burials later. The Searcy Daily Citizen donated all their Micro Film and Ledgers dating back to 1953. After reviewing them, if I find a death of a person that we do not have I will to add to the cemetery listings.**

**There are some graves listed as unmarked that may have had a tombstone set since the listing was made.**

**I may have missed some graves when I prepared the listing. Some cemeteries are very hard to get an accurate listing due to how some graves are scattered**

**The following Abbreviations are used in the listings.**

**FM-Funeral home marker DS-Double tombstone TS-Triple tombstone**

**(Obit)-means that the Historical Society has, or has access to the Obituary for this person.**