

The first three deaths entered in the parish records indicate that the burials took place at cemeteries in Windber; but in 1916 Father Pilz bought lots for a cemetery and the fourth funeral—that of a four-month old infant, Andrew Kudasik, son of John and Catherine Kudasik—took place on 7 December 1916, the burial being here at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Thereafter, most burials took place here.

Some of the men who had taken care of the graves were John Kudasik, both Senior and Junior, John Stine and Frank Navalaney. Around 1951 Stanley Krzanak accepted Father's request to take care of the cemetery; and in 1962, the job was turned over to Frank Kawula who is presently the caretaker.

It was about 1943 that the parish undertook the project of "cleaning up" the cemetery; the cutting away of the brush, levelling and filling, and planting new grass improved tremendously the grounds; and since then, the cemetery has been given the maintenance that a cemetery should be given.



The year 1948 saw the formation of a cemetery association which had bought extra lots and thereby doubled its area. This newly acquired land now forms the "new" part of the cemetery and is contiguous to the "old" cemetery. John Stine, Stanley Navalaney and Frank Kawula have served very capably in the office of President of this Association. One of the outstanding accomplishments of this group was the purchase and installation of a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the center of the new part of the cemetery. Its cost was \$650 and the funds were obtained through collections and money-raising affairs sponsored by the Association.



In regard to the cemetery, special mention must be made of Joseph J. Sobieski who for many years had "run" the cemetery as its Secretary-Treasurer; of the "yeoman's work" of John Stine, under whose guidance the cemetery had been "cleaned up" and expanded; and of Father Pilz himself, who with his own personal labor, at times assisted by a few boys, set up a cross in the center of the old cemetery and which still stands today.