

WOODLAWN MEMORIAL PARK

660 Thompson Lane, Nashville TN 37204

~ Celebrity Walking Tour Guide ~

Self-Guided Visitor Handout • Estimated Tour Time: 2–3 Hours

Woodlawn Memorial Park is one of Nashville's most historic and beloved cemeteries, and the final resting place of many of country music's greatest legends. Spanning 133 acres, Woodlawn is divided by Thompson Lane into a North Side and a South Side. This walking tour begins on the North Side near the Woodlawn-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home and guides you through both indoor entombments and outdoor graves.

Before You Begin - Visitor Tips:

- ✚ Grounds open daily during daylight hours (Saturday approx. 8 AM – 6 PM).
- ✚ Park in the main lot beside Woodlawn-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home (north side).
- ✚ Restrooms available inside the funeral home lobby and on the ground floor of the Great Cross Mausoleum.
- ✚ Outdoor markers are flat bronze and can be easy to miss — walk slowly.
- ✚ Bring water, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes.
- ✚ Keep voices low — this is an active cemetery with families visiting loved ones.

Tour Overview The North Side contains the funeral home, main parking lot, and the Great Cross Mausoleum. The South Side contains additional outdoor sections and mausoleum spaces. This walking tour begins on the North Side and follows the natural flow of the grounds.

STOP 1 - The Great Cross Mausoleum (Indoor Entombments) Adjacent to the main parking lot, the five-story cross-shaped mausoleum houses approximately 20,000 crypts. When you enter the building, you will find that reaching the third floor requires no elevator, just a short set of steps leading directly up to the 3rd Floor landing. Restrooms are available on this floor.

Celebrities Entombed Here

- ✚ **Tammy Wynette** (1942–1998) — “First Lady of Country Music,” known for Stand By Your Man. Jerry Reed (1937–2008) — “The Snowman,” singer, actor, and Country Music Hall of Fame member.
- ✚ **Little Jimmy Dickens** (1920–2015) — Grand Ole Opry legend, beloved for his rhinestone suits and novelty hits.
- ✚ **Dottie Rambo** (1934–2008) — Gospel Music Hall of Fame songwriter with over 2,500 compositions.
- ✚ **K.T. Oslin** (1942–2020) — Grammy-winning trailblazer known for 80s Ladies.
- ✚ **Ernie Ashworth** (1928–2009) — Grand Ole Opry member known for Talk Back Trembling Lips.
- ✚ **Liz Anderson** (1927–2011) — Country songwriter and mother of Lynn Anderson.
- ✚ **Dolly Parton** (1946–2026) — Country music’s most beloved ambassador, resting beside her husband Carl Dean.

STOP 2 - Chapel Garden Section (Outdoor Graves) A short walk east of the mausoleum. This section contains several major country legends.

Celebrities Buried Here

- ✚ **George Jones** (1931–2013) — Often called the greatest country singer of all time.
- ✚ **Johnny Paycheck** (1938–2003) — Outlaw country star behind Take This Job and Shove It.
- ✚ **Eddy Arnold** (1918–2008) — “Tennessee Plowboy,” one of the best-selling country artists in history.

STOP 3 - Garden of Gethsemane (Outdoor Graves) Walk or drive north past the historic pond, then uphill to the crest. This section contains two towering legends of classic country.

Celebrities Buried Here

- ✚ **Marty Robbins** (1925–1982) — Country Music Hall of Famer known for El Paso.
- ✚ **Webb Pierce** (1921–1991) — 1950s superstar with more number-one hits than any other artist of the decade.

STOP 4 - Garden of Prayer / Everlasting Life (Outdoor Graves) Located near the southern edge of the north side, along the road paralleling Thompson Lane.

Celebrities Buried Here

- ✚ **Porter Wagoner** (1927–2007) — Rhinestone-suited showman, mentor to Dolly Parton, and Grand Ole Opry legend.
- ✚ **Dobie Gray** (1940–2011) — Singer of Drift Away.

STOP 5 - Good Shepherd Section (South Side) Cross Thompson Lane directly opposite the mausoleum. Look for the large white statue in the center.

Celebrity Buried Here

✚ **Red Sovine** (1917–1980) — Beloved for truck-driving ballads including Teddy Bear and Phantom 309.

STOP 6 - Garden G (Outdoor Graves) A quieter section on the north side. Ask the office for directions to Garden G, Lot 19.

Celebrity Buried Here

✚ **Owen Bradley** (1915–1998) — Architect of the “Nashville Sound,” producer of Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, and Loretta Lynn.

STOP 7 - Lynn Anderson Rose Garden A dedicated memorial garden featuring over 200 Lynn Anderson Hybrid Tea Roses planted in her honor.

Celebrity Honored Here

✚ **Lynn Anderson** (1947–2015) — Known worldwide for (I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden. Her grave is located nearby.