

Thank you for your support for the Lighthouse Digest USLHS Keepers' Grave Marker Program

Be sure to order the USLHS Grave Marker at least six weeks in advance from
www.uslifesavingmarker.com

Provided here are just examples to choose from – there is no set way to honor a lighthouse keeper. Ceremonies can be simple and informal with a few friends and family or a formal event with an honor guard and local dignitaries, such as political representatives or members of the Coast Guard.

Please send high resolution photographs of your ceremony and the gravesite, along with pertinent information on the ceremony and cemetery to *Lighthouse Digest* at Editor@LighthouseDigest.com so it can be published and shared with others and saved for future generations. We are also maintaining a master list of USLHS grave markers that have been placed.

Want to help us and others place these historical markers?

Please consider making a donation to the

USLHS Grave Marker Fund at

www.GoFundMe.com/USLHSGraves

or by mail to

Lighthouse Digest Grave Marker Fund

P.O. Box 250, East Machias, ME 04630



Sample order of the Ceremony and/or Event Program for placement of Lighthouse Keeper Grave Markers

Welcome - Master of Ceremonies

Honor Guard – Posting of Colors

Singing or Reading of *Legend of the Lighthouse* - Audience

Opening Remarks – Biography of Keeper Being Honored

Messages from Dignitaries

Music

Other Remarks from Descendants

Unveiling or Placement of the U.S. Lighthouse Service Plaque

(This can be placed and covered before the ceremony or simply placed during the ceremony.)

Remarks

Placement of the flag of the United States of America on the plaque

Honor Guard Departs

Closing – The Light Keeper’s Prayer

Additional Notes:

After the conclusion of the ceremony a small social gathering can be held to share photos and memories of the Lighthouse Keeper. Light refreshments can also be served.

The Ceremony can be as formal or as informal as you would like and items listed are optional.

While you can simply place the markers without any ceremony at all, we strongly encourage at least a brief history of the Lighthouse Keeper being honored to be read or distributed to attendees.

Please send photos of the ceremony, gravesite with the marker, and cemetery info to Lighthouse Digest to Editor@LighthouseDigest.com for our master list of USLHS grave markers that have been placed and for possible publication in Lighthouse Digest.

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Legend of the Lighthouse

Oh, beautiful, this beam of light
We see along the shore.
The lighthouse tower standing proud,
Above the ocean's roar.

Oh beacon bright, your shining light
Once guided those at sea.
The lighthouse tall protected all
Then fell to destiny.

So now, we all must keepers be.
Protect and save each one.
They are a part of history,
And tho' their work is done,

The stories told to young and old,
Will guide us come what may
Through darkest night. To morning light.
The lighthouse shows the way!

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Sung to the tune of "America, the Beautiful"
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The Lighthouse Keepers Prayer

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift
He lighteth me across the dark waters;

He steereth me in the deep channels.

He keepeth my log.

He guideth me by the star of holiness for his namesake.

Yea though I sail mid the thunders and tempests of life,
I shall dread not danger, for thou art near me .

Thy love and care, they shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbor before me in the homeland of
eternity.

Thou anointest the waves with oil, my ship rideth calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the voyage I
take,

And I will rest in the port of my God forever.

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