



KITSAP COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

June 12, 2020

For Immediate Release:

Due to overwhelming community response and outreach, we are very happy to pass along that only 4 unclaimed persons from the original 10 remain unclaimed in our office. Please note the date of the public ceremony has been changed to July 11, which is a Saturday, in hopes that it will be easier for all to attend.

On Saturday July 11, 2020 at 10am, the Kitsap County Coroner's Office will be holding a public burial ceremony for 4 residents of our county who were considered indigent at the time of their passing. Through no fault of their own these citizens left the world without family or funds for a final resting place. We at the Kitsap County Coroner's Office feel very strongly that these individuals deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. By way of a generous donation from Sue Brown several years ago, our county was gifted two large cemetery plots at the Old Silverdale Cemetery. These plots provide a beautiful setting for these individuals to be interred.

Chaplain Don Melendez, with Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, will officiate a short ceremony. We encourage anyone who would like to attend to join us. This is an opportunity to show our respect to those who have departed and let them know that they were not alone and will not be forgotten.

The names of those being interred:

James Zeph English
Donnie L. LeBlanc
William Mahon
Billy Ray Cook Jr.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Wallis".

Jeff Wallis
Coroner