**BURIAL SITE INFORMATION**

Name: Forest Oak Cemetery  
Inventory ID: 083

Alternate name: Forest Oak Chapel ME Church; Gaithersburg Cemetery

Address: 302 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Website: 

GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.145172  
Longitude: -77.204480

FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/503568

**BURIAL SITE TYPE**

Category: Religious  
Community  
Family  
African American  
Other:

**BURIAL SITE EVALUATION**

Setting/location description: Rural  
Urban  
Suburban  
Wooded  
Other:

General condition (See conditions sheet): Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor  
None

Is there a formal entrance? Yes  
No

Accessibility: Inaccessible  
By foot  
By car

Is cemetery active (recent burials)? Yes  
No

Is there a cemetery sign? Yes  
No

Is cemetery being maintained? Yes  
Minimal  
No (If yes, note caretaker’s name below)

Are there visible markers? Yes  
No

Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

• Mix of modern and historic burials.

• Minor landscaping. Perimeter chain-link fence in good condition.

• Some toppled grave markers.

• Horseshoe-shaped asphalt driveway in good condition.

**BURIAL SITE CONTACT**

Name: Forest Oak Cemetery Association

Relationship to burial site: Custodian  
Advocacy contact: Ralph W. Offutt, Jr.

Address: 16705 Bethayres Road

Phone:

City: Derwood  
State: MD  
ZIP Code: 20855

**BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR**

Name: Katherine Rogers, John Kelly, Earl Dunn  
Survey Date: 4/27/2018  
Time spent: 25 min

Email: rogers_1986@verizon.net  
Photographer: Jackie Rogers

**COMMENTS**

Suggestions for follow-up:

• Flooding of low lying area in northwest area. Possible regrading to drain water away from graves.

• Construction of new entrance gate and front wall under way.

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

• Cemetery is open/unlocked but no visible trash

• Some sections of chain-link fence and posts are bent or broken

Anything of significance about this cemetery?

• Many families of historic significance buried here.

• A few military markers observed.

**SOURCES**

Cite sources used and resources available:
Forest Oak Cemetery
391-482-6946016378, 77-20458436779154
N. Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg
Montgomery County
Maryland  20877

Forest Oak is an unmarked cemetery on N. Frederick Ave. (N0335) in Gaithersburg, Maryland. It used to be marked with a wrought-iron sign over the gate, which read "Forest Oak Cemetery." During the 1960s, the entrance to the cemetery was enlarged and the arched sign could not fit over it anymore. Forest Oak has remained unmarked since that time, with mostly local residents knowing its name.

Over 100 graves were "omitted" when N. Frederick Ave. was widened in 1980. The location of those interments is not known as of this writing.

Forest Oak was originally affiliated with Forest Oak Methodist Church, which was on the site of the existing cemetery. The church no longer exists. Forest Oak was also affiliated with Grace Methodist Church, but that affiliation was severed during or shortly after the Civil War. Today, it is operated by the Independent Forest Oak Cemetery Association.

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1. View toward cemetery from Frederick Rd (Rt. 355), facing south
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