

MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY TO BE HELD 29 NOV., 2008

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BOMA — Local residents are preparing for Smellage Cemetery's annual candlelight ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29.

At 4:30 p.m., family and friends will come by the Tabernacle and receive a candle. At 5 p.m., memorial tributes will be passed out by a representative of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home to each family who has lost a family member in 2008.

(Pictured: Showing some of the candlelights that will be used during the ceremony are, from left, Carolyn Huddleston, Barbara Leahy, Paula

Those being memorialized will be Mildred Spears, Frankie Nell Casey, David Carr, Nettie Allison, Jerry Wayne Sutton, Henry Tucker and Athena and Jacey Winebrenner.

The first burial in Smellage Cemetery, a small child named Margaret Hendley, took place in 1864. An acre of land was donated by the Smellage family in 1865 to be used as a community cemetery. The man who gave the land, Jephthah Smellage, was buried there in 1865. In 1980, the cemetery was expanded.

Currently there are 1,100 graves in Smellage Cemetery, some of them unmarked.

The tradition of lighting candles in the cemetery harkens back to 2003, giving families an opportunity to honor their loved ones during the holiday season.

Smellage Cemetery, also known as the Memory Gardens Cemetery, is located on Hopewell Road near Boma.

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