

Ron Buchanan (1941 - 2017)



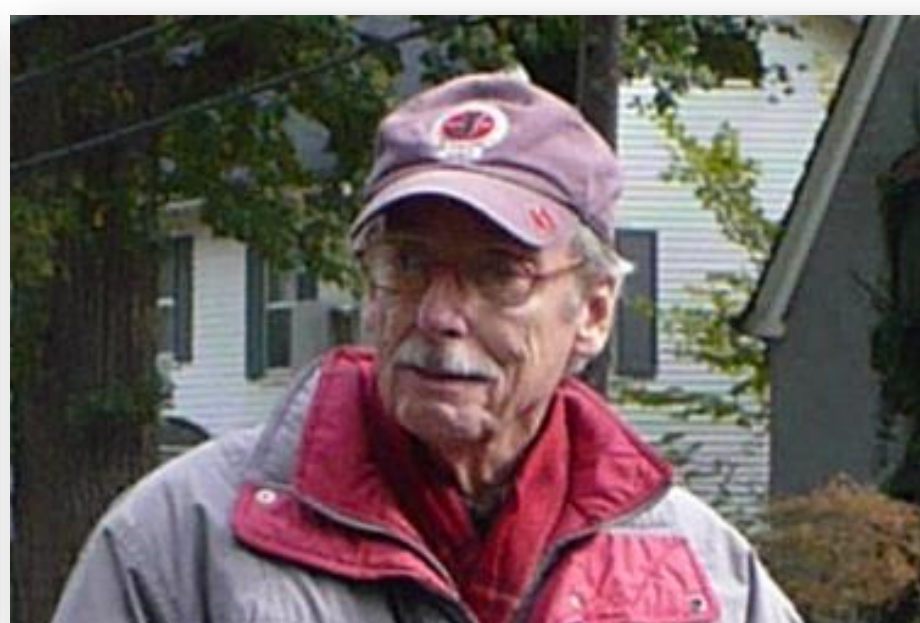
Ron thought of cemeteries as places where you could feel close to history. When he conducted his tours, he felt that the mourners of the past were at once physically present in the same space as present day observers. He also enjoyed bringing forgotten grave marker names back to “life” through sometimes poignant and sometimes amusing stories of their lives. In addition to the Birmingham Museum, Ron’s special talent was utilized by many area organizations including NEXT, Baldwin House, Troy Historic Village, and various school groups.



Ron Buchanan at Troy Historic Village



Ron Buchanan giving tours in Greenwood Cemetery. Tours are offered every spring and fall.



Why I was inspired: Ron’s skillful ability to combine his love of education and local history into a talent for telling the story of Birmingham through walks in Greenwood Cemetery. He honed his presentations by learning from local iconic historian Max Horton and his own research. It was a “labor of love.”

--Submitted by Linda Buchanan