



Dedication of the  
British Home Children  
Park Lawn Cemetery  
Monument

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>  
2017

A collaboration between  
British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association  
and Orphan Boy Films of Ottawa

Ernest Allan  
Frederick W Ambrose  
Randolph H Butcher  
Walter Beardmore  
Mary Bird  
John Bolton  
Charles Bradbury  
Sarah Avery  
Elsie Sayer  
George Cavill  
George Clapham  
Charles Cooper  
Wallace Cooter  
Mabel P Creasy  
Ethel Day  
Hannah J Easter  
Eric Carter Hall  
Charles Jenkins  
Minnie Jepson  
Mabel Jimpson  
Walter Killick  
Walter H Knight  
William S Lane  
Joseph Latimer  
Lily Maile  
Lily Muller  
George Read  
Albert Robinson  
William Rowland  
Edith Ryan  
Benjamin Butterworth  
James Conrad Carton  
James Shipley  
Herbert J Smith  
Ethel Stewart

William Stewart  
Charles W Stoyles

## A prayer for our lost children

Life is a fleeting shadow that does not endure,  
the years pass quickly.  
For some, days are few and full of trouble.  
God of all mystery,  
whose ways are beyond understanding,  
lead us, who grieve at these 75 untimely deaths  
and the loss of hundreds of British Home Children,  
who may never be found,  
to deeper understanding and faith.  
May they all rest peacefully  
In the joy and peace of your Kingdom.  
We make our prayer in Jesus' name.  
Amen

Sidney Tope  
Florence G Walker  
Arthur Walker  
Sarah Waters  
Francis Woodward

Emily White  
Mary Whittaker  
Christopher Wilson  
Richard A Wilson  
John P Wilson  
Stanley Allebone  
Leopold Bassett  
Florence Carswell  
Henry W Denyer  
William A Duffell  
James Glennie  
William Harrison  
Edward J Haynes  
George Hurst  
Muriel J Howard  
Hilda Jackson  
Harold Mayson  
Martha McGibbon  
Lily Maud Miller  
Alfred G Mills  
Emma Newell  
Nellie L Newman  
George Oakley  
George Owens  
Kenneth E Parris  
Margaret Pike  
Arthur Rabbitts  
Baby Ray  
James Smith  
Bertie R. Stubbs  
Evelyn Wright  
Charlotte Yard  
Christopher Hobbs



# Order of Service

British Home Children Park Lawn Cemetery Monument Dedication

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 12:30 pm

Welcome - Lori Oschefski

Daughter of Child Migrant Muriel Oschefski (birth name Olive June Cheesman)  
& Granddaughter of BHC William Cheesman

Opening Prayer - Pastor Karen Stanton  
Granddaughter of BHC William Hammond

Hymn - Eternal Father Strong to Save  
Pastor Karen Stanton, Marion Parsons and Yonge Guns Quartet to lead

Account of the British Home Children  
by BHC Historian Marjorie Kohli

Song - Poor Wayfaring Stranger - Marion Parsons

Spoken Word Poet - Ian Keteku

An address by R. J. Huggins  
Son of BHC James Huggins

Song - There's Place for Us - Yonge Guns Quartet  
Unveiling of the monument

by R.J. Huggins and Lori Oschefski

Wreath to be laid in memory of all our lost children  
by Bob Wilson, nephew of BHC Nellie Newman buried here

Dedication of the Monument - Pastor Karen Stanton

Laying of Roses

Names to be read by John Jefkins, son of BHC Albert Jefkins  
Guests are encouraged to come forward to lay the roses as each name is read

Hymn - Amazing Grace - Yonge Guns Quartet

Final Blessing - Pastor Karen Stanton

Closing song

Sleep in Peace Children

Lyrics by Marion Parsons (on back cover)

Melody Scottish Traditional

Arranged and performed by Yonge Guns Quartet

Refreshments

# Sleep in Peace Children

Written by Marion Parsons for the Park Lawn Children

Where the slow rolling Humber flows down to the bay  
As snow turns to springtime, as night turns to day  
Amid the old graves of the loved and the blessed  
Barnardo's lost children are gathered to rest.  
No footsteps are trodden, no cross and no stone  
A deep-rooted cedar keeps watch all alone  
So sleep weary daughter and sleep orphan boy  
Sleep in peace children, and wake up in joy.

You fifty-eight children, so ragged and thin  
So far from your homeland, so far from your kin  
The grey skies of England in memories fade  
The green fields around you, a promise betrayed.  
By sickness or danger, by violence, despair,  
To lay down so early the burden you bear  
So sleep lonely daughter and sleep wandering boy  
Sleep in peace children, and wake up in joy.

You seventeen babes born to sorrow and shame  
No grandmother's wisdom, no father's good name  
No gentle voice easing the heartache and pain  
The perils of labour, the prayers said in vain.  
A few days or hours, a month or a year  
With nought left behind but a name and a tear  
So sleep infant daughter and sleep baby boy  
Sleep in peace children, and wake up in joy.

You small pilgrims came to this cold promised land  
With no one to turn to, with nothing in hand  
In search of a family, a future, a home  
But found only hardship and hearts made of stone.  
And here where you lie in the potter's plain field  
You shall be remembered in granite and steel  
So sleep precious daughter and sleep darling boy  
Sleep in peace children, and wake up in joy.

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*Cohosted by Lori Oschefski, Marion Parsons and John Jefkins*  
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