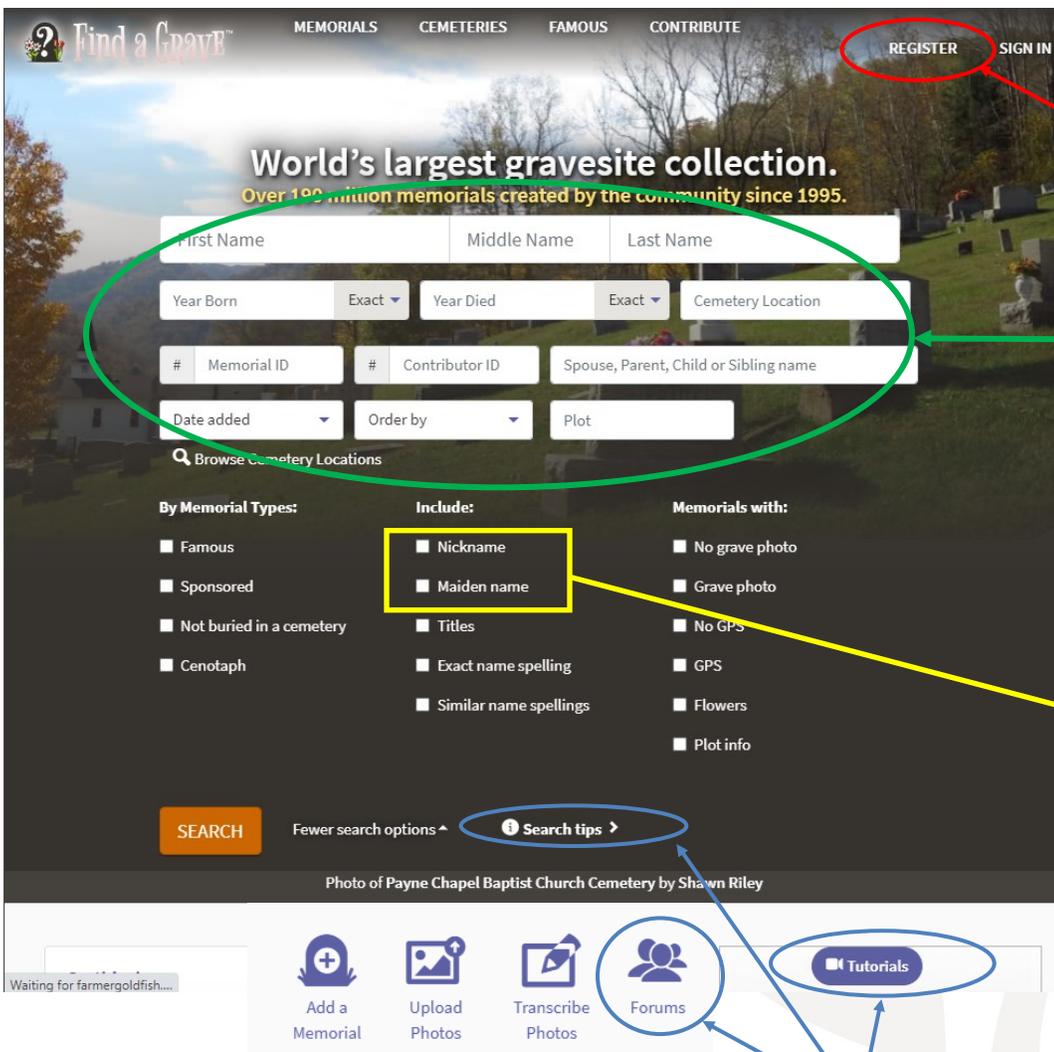


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Session Topic: Find A Grave



By creating an account you gain access to 'contributor tools' including the ability to save your results in a 'virtual cemetery'.

Begin here to search for your ancestors!

As with many search engines, spelling is important. Less is more! In general, just entering a name will be sufficient. If it is a common name, you may want to limit by place, if known. Be cautious using dates to limit as they may not always match the information with the memorial. If you don't get the results you want right away, it can be helpful to use the options 'include maiden name' or 'do partial name search on surname'.

***Interesting facts: Jim Tipton created the Find A Grave website in 1995 to help facilitate his hobby of visiting the graves of famous people. Only one of the six administrators for the site lists genealogy as an interest!**

FAQs are pretty extensive. Go here if you get stuck, especially if you decide to start contributing records.
If you need more help or want to connect with other contributors, check out the community forums!

Depending on how common the name you search and whether you use the 'search partial surname' option, you will likely get a list of results. You can then browse the list to see if any of them are your ancestor!

Here's mine!

Simply click on the name to take you to the memorial page. The little gravestone icon let's you know that there will be a photo of your ancestor's grave marker.

And voila! You've successfully found your ancestor's memorial page! Let's take a look at what genealogical information the page **may** contain...

- ⇒ **Birth/Death dates and locations**— This info may not always match the info you have! As with all record sets, mistakes can be made. Even when it's set in stone!
- ⇒ **Biographical Info**—Created or input by the memorial's creator, it could be simple and succinct or elaborate and detailed (and hopefully accurate)!
- ⇒ **Family Links**—links to Find A Grave memorial pages of people who are related to your ancestor, such as spouses, siblings and children
- ⇒ **Burial info**—This will likely be the name and location of the cemetery where your ancestor is buried. Or there may be other information, as in cases where there was no burial (lost at sea, ashes spread, etc.). This section may also list the GPS coordinates, plot number or other location information for the grave marker.
- ⇒ **Photos!!**- Photos of the grave marker and cemetery or perhaps if you're lucky, photos of your ancestor themselves!

If you create an account, you may **save** your memorial pages to your own '**Virtual Cemetery**' for easy viewing later. You can even create multiple virtual cemeteries.

To **print** a memorial page, click on the **Share** tab and select Print from the drop down menu.

But what if you know of some information that is missing? Or what if you don't find a memorial page for your ancestor but you have some information about when or where they are buried?

It may be time to **Become A Contributor!**

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2 FIND OLD OBITUARIES ONLINE >	4 FIND PERSON DIRECTORY >

Didn't find your ancestor but have some information to contribute? Choose 'Add Memorials'

Contribute to Find a Grave

At Find a Grave, we all work together to create a virtual cemetery where it's easy to learn about the final resting place of millions of people from around the world.

Add Memorials

Upload Photos

Transcribe Photos

Photo Requests

Suggested Edits

Upload Spreadsheet

1 SEARCH BIRTH CERTIFICATE ONLINE >

2 FIND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY >

3 FIND YOUR ANCESTORS >

If a memorial page for your ancestor already exists but is missing information that you have, you may use the **Edit** tab to suggest additions or changes to the person who created/manages the page. You may also add photos either using the 'Add a Photo' button or the link on the edit page.

Felix Luna Trinidad



Photo added by jkhsnappcook

BIRTH 25 May 1907
Philippines

DEATH 25 Feb 1966 (aged 58)
Honolulu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, USA

BURIAL [Sunset Memorial Park](#)
Pearl City, Honolulu County, Hawaii, USA

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- Actions you can take with this memorial:
- Suggest a **correction** or an **addition**:
 - [Birth/death date, birth/death place](#)
 - [Relationship \(parent and spouse links\)](#)
 - [Name](#)
 - [Plot or GPS](#)
 - [Marker transcription](#)
 - [Suggest any other correction or addition](#)
 - [Add a photo](#)
 - [Add flowers and a note](#)
 - [Sponsor this memorial / Remove advertisements](#)
 - [Edit my Virtual Cemetery settings for this memorial](#)
 - [Share this memorial on Facebook](#)

If you create a memorial page for your ancestor but do not have a photo of the grave marker, you can use this button to request that a photo be taken. The request will be sent out to volunteers in the area of the cemetery. You can also become a photo volunteer by setting up that option in your contributor tools.