

Dedication of Graves and Monument
for
Sally Ann and Franklin Chamberlain
by
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Southeast corner of Oak Lawn Village Hall, Oak Lawn, Illinois
Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Eternal Heavenly Father,

We pray unto thee humbly at this time for the purpose of dedicating this memorial to the lives of Franklin Chamberlain & his wife Rebecca Leavitt Chamberlain. We ask thee to bless them for the part that they played in the early settlement of this area in this beautiful section of thy vineyard. We appreciate that Franklin understood that he had a part to play in our plans and that while the family that went west and played an important part in thy church, that he was not isolated from thee, and that we might well assume that the spirits of Franklin and Rebecca could be standing here with us to enjoy this occasion.

We love and appreciate them and we welcome them into our hearts and embrace them. We thank thee for the efforts that have gone into placing this memorial and we ask thee to bless those who had a part in it and bless their lives and their families and that they will have the blessings needed so that if we live worthily and meet with thee in thy presence in the world to come then we will find them there with us.

We ask thee to bless this memorial site that those who come here, especially the descendants of Franklin and Rebecca, will enjoy the promptings of thy spirit and understand their connection to the family and the love that we have all for each other. Bless us that we will reflect upon those who have gone before, and understand our purpose in their heritage. We dedicate this memorial by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood which I hold and bless this site that it will be permanently a place of a hallowed nature for those who pass by will feel that influence.

We ask thy blessings upon this effort in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.