

*The Bryce Hospital Historic Preservation Committee*  
*of the Alabama Department of Mental Health*  
*requests the honor of your presence at the*  
*Bryce Hospital Cemetery Memorial Dedication Ceremony*  
*on Sunday, April eighteenth, two thousand ten*  
*at two o'clock in the afternoon*  
*Bryce Hospital Chapel • Tuscaloosa, Alabama.*

### *Directions*

Take the exit onto I-20 W/I-59 S toward  
Tuscaloosa

Take exit 73 for US-82/McFarland Blvd

Keep right at the fork, follow signs for  
Tuscaloosa/Downtown/Bryce Partlow/  
Univ of AL/Columbus and merge onto  
Greensboro Ave/McFarland Blvd E/US-  
82 W

Continue to follow McFarland Blvd E/  
US-82 W

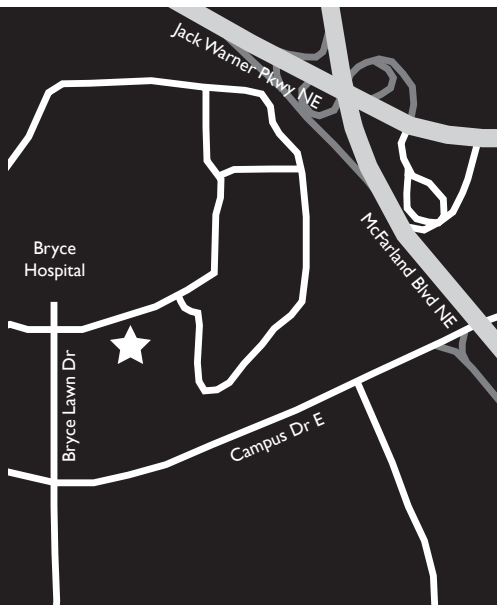
Slight right toward Campus Dr E

Turn left at Campus Dr E

Turn right at Bryce Lawn Dr

Chapel will be on your right

Security will direct traffic to park



A photograph of a cemetery in a wooded area. The ground is covered with a thick layer of brown, fallen leaves. Several small, dark, cross-shaped headstones are scattered throughout the scene, some standing upright and others partially obscured by fallen branches or leaves. The background is filled with the trunks and branches of trees, creating a dense, somewhat somber atmosphere.

# Remember

*“Rows upon rows of numbered, small, rusted markers as far as you can see. No names, just numbers. It must be the most gruesome sight in Georgia. Unknown humans, shunned when living, deprived of their very names in death—and known only to God.”*

*—Joe Ingram\**

Since 1861, thousands of men and women, who died while residents of Bryce Hospital, have been buried on the hospital property. While an untold number of graves are unmarked, many are marked by simple stones inscribed with a number. Like many mental health facility cemeteries across the nation, Bryce Hospital cemeteries have suffered years of shameful neglect and abhorrent vandalism.

Now is the time to depart from the past and venerate those beloved souls buried at Bryce Hospital. Join us as we participate in the nationwide movement to remember and honor those buried at mental health institutions throughout the United States.

The Bryce Hospital Historic Preservation Committee has planned a special ceremony featuring several invited guests who will speak on behalf of the national cemetery memorial movement, Alabama's mental health consumers and families, military veterans, and the Alabama Department of Mental Health. In addition, Alabama's Poet Laureate will read a commemorative poem originally composed for the occasion, a historical marker for each of the four cemeteries will be unveiled, and an artist's rendering of the first proposed Bryce Hospital cemetery memorial monument will be presented for public review. Refreshments will follow.

For more information about the efforts of the Bryce Hospital Historic Preservation Committee or to get involved please visit:

*<http://www.mh.alabama.gov/BryceHospitalProject/default.aspx>*

Event accessibility: Sign Language interpreter provided; parking and seating available, however, chapel bathrooms are not accessible.

***Sponsored by:  
Bryce Hospital Historic Preservation Committee  
of the Alabama Department of Mental Health***

\*Joe Ingram, a 50-year Central State Hospital employee, describing the hospital's cemetery to Georgia Consumer Network members as they toured the grounds in March 1997. After this tour they chose to start cemetery restoration and memorial projects to honor those buried at Central State Hospital.