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Gold Star Families Memorial Monument breaking ground this month

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (WAND) - Oak Ridge Cemetery will break ground next week on a new monument that will honor the families of service members killed in the line of duty.

Officials say a groundbreaking ceremony for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery on October 30. The construction of this memorial is being led by Hershel "Woody" Williams' Medal of Honor Foundation.

The "Gold Star Family" distinction is given to families of service members who died in the line of duty. Originally, the distinction was only awarded to mothers, but was expanded to include other family members.

Project consultant PJ Staab says, "Gold Star Families are connected to every Veteran from every war. It's fitting their Memorial will overlook their loved ones and perhaps aid in the healing process."

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