IMAGINE that your spouse, of whom you have written "For thirty years, ten months and two days, ... was the light of my life, my whole ambition... the beat of my heart..." dies, is cremated and placed in an urn.

You are in such a state that you neglect to make final arrangements for both of you. Upon your death some years later, you are buried but your spouse's cremains sit on a shelf in a storeroom, with other unclaimed urns, for 56 years.

Sounds like fiction, but that is exactly what happened to Pearl (Cissy) and Raymond Chandler.

Raymond Chandler was one of the creators of hard-boiled detective fiction in the 1930s, the creator of the private eye Phillip Marlowe, and the co-writer, with Billy Wilder, of "Double Indemnity."

To this day, Raymond Chandler is still considered by many to be the one writer who has best described Los Angeles – ever!

Raymond is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego. Pearl Chandler's urn sits on a shelf in permanent storage at Cypress View Mausoleum, less than a mile away from Ray's grave. Theirs was a great love story. Alive, they were inseparable. In death they have been separated for over 56 years.

Now is the time to reunite Cissy and Ray.

On September 8, 2010 in San Diego Superior Court John Wayne's daughter Aissa, a family law attorney, will plead our case and attempt to convince a judge to issue an order to remove Cissy's urn from Cypress View and place it under Ray's grave marker in Mt. Hope.

The Party

If successful, the actual placing of the urn will occur on Valentines Day 2011.

In modern English these are the last two lines on William Shakespeare's grave stone: "Blessed be the man that spares these stones,

And cursed be he that moves my bones."

Judges subscribe to the above and do not like to move remains!

So, we have an uphill battle and need your help!

Please go to the following link and sign the e-Petition.

http://homepage.mac.com/llatker/reunite.html#e-Petition

For a more detailed explanation, pictures and supporting documentation go to the top of that same web page.

Thank you.

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