



Join us as we remember Mother Jones' husband and children lost in the yellow fever epidemic of 1867 in Memphis, Tennessee, with the placement of a commemorative bench at the Union Miners Cemetery, Mt. Olive, Illinois, burial place of Mother Jones. The bench will be dedicated on May Day, May 1 at the Union Miners Cemetery during the Mt. Olive International Mother Jones Festival, 2022.

The Union Miners Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, the Illinois AFL-CIO, and the UMWA, Local 1613 of Mt. Olive ask unions and organizations committed to the preservation of labor history in America to support this initiative with donations. The names of donor organizations will be incised on the back panel of the bench.

Text on the Bench:

IN MEMORY OF THE FAMILY OF MARY HARRIS MOTHER JONES
 George Jones 1835-1867

Catherine 1862	Elizabeth 1863
Terence 1865	Mary 1867

The husband and children of Mother Jones died during the 1867 yellow fever epidemic. They were buried among strangers in unmarked mass graves in Memphis, Tennessee. Only God knows where they lay.
 We pray they rest in peace together now and forever.

The Bench:



The cost of the bench is \$5400.

The UMC is a 501c3 organization that maintains the Mother Jones Monument and the cemetery grounds. Any funds raised beyond the costs of the bench will be used for maintenance and repairs at the cemetery.

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Historic Plaque placed at the cemetery on Miners Day, 2021.

