

Remembering Your Loved One

The Garden of Peace is a Massachusetts memorial to victims of homicide, a special place where families, friends, and the greater community can remember and celebrate the lives of those taken by violence. It is a living reminder of the impact of violence and a visual testament to the need for eliminating violence. The Garden is a symbol of hope for peace and renewal in our lives, our community, and the world.

We invite you to add the name of a victim you know to this memorial.

A victim's name will be incorporated into the Garden by written request only and with the family's permission.

There are approximately 700 names engraved on the river stones in the Garden, and sadly there are no more available stones in the riverbed. Future engraving of names are now added to the flat wall surface located inside the Garden.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

* **Connection to Massachusetts:** Because the Garden of Peace is a Massachusetts memorial to homicide victims, it is expected that there is a connection to Massachusetts - either the victim or survivors resided here; or the victim was here at the time of the crime.

* **Confirmation from family:** All requests will be cleared through family members before engraving in an effort to confirm the family's desire to engrave a name on the wall inside the Garden.

* **Completed application:** No victim's name will be added without a completed application form on file. Each engraving contains the same information: victim's name, date of birth and date of death.

* **Current engraving costs are set at \$195.00.**

Deadline for engraving in the current year is August 1st

Requests received later than August 1st will be held over for engraving in the following year.



* **Payment:** Payment may be made by friends, family members, or others. Payment covers the cost of engraving and installation. It is important to us at the Garden of Peace that all engraving requests be honored; therefore, no request will be turned away. We do ask that at least some payment accompany the request. If you are unable to pay in full, please submit the form regardless and someone will contact you about possible financial assistance and payment plans. **Engravings are done once a year in coordination with the annual Honor Program, and the deadline for engraving in the current year is August 15th.**

To add the name of a victim to the Garden of Peace:

Please print and mail completed form along with your payment of \$195 to:

MOVA/Garden of Peace
One Ashburton Place, Suite
1101 Boston, MA 02108

We will contact you to verify inscription information. If you have not heard from us within a week, please call 617-586-1369 or send an email to gardenofpeace@mass.gov to confirm that your application has been received.

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: No victim's name will be added to the Garden of Peace without a completed form on file.

* My Name: _____
* Address: _____
* City: _____
* State: _____
* Zipcode: _____
* Daytime Phone: _____
* Evening Phone: _____
* The victim was my: _____
* E-mail: _____

Inscription

Please list below exactly how you would like your loved one's name to appear.

* Victim's Name: _____
* Date of Birth: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
* Date of Death: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
* Massachusetts Connection for Survivor:
MA Birthplace _____ Family's Residence _____
Hometown _____ Place of Death _____
* Massachusetts Connection for Victim:
MA Birthplace _____ Family's Residence _____
Hometown _____ Place of Death _____

Payment Options

Engraving costs are subject to change depending on annual cost increases.

Please confirm details regarding your payment

- \$195 payment for engraving _____
- Additional tax-deductible contribution of _____
- Need to speak with someone regarding payment plan or financial assistance _____

Payment Method

- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$195.00 _____
- I will make a payment with my credit card online _____



Living Tributes

Telling the story of your loved ones

Behind the names in the Garden are the stories of our loved ones. Once headlines of the homicide fade away, these victims are sometimes forgotten by all but their families.

It is important that we tell their stories to memorialize the lives they lived -- so that we can all remember what has been lost.

By sharing the stories of our loved ones with others, we ask the world to remember their lives. We hope that these living tributes will inspire all of us to work for a world of peace filled with hope.

The Garden of Peace has created A Living Tribute section on our website to help remember the victims of the garden.

If you would like to share a written or taped tribute of your loved one to appear on our website, please call us at 617-586-1369 or send us an email at gardenofpeace@mass.gov.

You can learn more about this initiative and how you can tell your personal story, by visiting the Garden's website. Our volunteers stand ready to help you prepare your tribute.

Please note that only tributes about homicide victims who are memorialized in the Garden of Peace will be included.

Living Tributes

Are you interested in A Living Tribute?

Can someone from the Garden of Peace contact you?

When is a good time to contact you? _____

*** GOP STAFF ONLY ***

Information Confirmed: **Yes** **No**

Application Approved: **Yes** **No**