

Stories Behind the Names. The stories of loved ones, woven together, provide a powerful reminder of the lives lost and the devastating impact of violence.

Telling Their Story. This is an opportunity to focus your loved one's life and not on the tragic circumstances of their death. What would you most like others to know about them? Consider using the prompts below to help you tell their story.

- What made them special?
- What/who did they like/love/enjoy?
- What/who made them happy?
- What/who was important to them?
- What is their legacy?
- What is a special memory you or others have of them?
- What do you miss most about them?
- What was/is the impact of your loss?

Submissions should be limited to approximately 150 words—a couple paragraphs or ¼ page. All submissions will be subject to editing. Please consider including a photograph.

Please submit the personal story for your loved one in any of the ways below.

- Complete and submit the story using the online template at: <https://gardenofpeacememorial.org/submit>. You may also upload a photo.
- Email the story to gardenofpeace@mass.gov.
- Mail it to MOVA/Garden of Peace, One Ashburton Pl., Suite 1101, Boston MA 02108. If you mail a photo, please provide your address for its return.
- Tell your story to a MOVA/Garden of Peace staff person, who will write it for you to review. Call 617-586-1369 or email gardenofpeace@mass.gov.

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I give the Garden of Peace permission to post the story and photograph on the Garden's website and to reproduce them for display at public events to help raise awareness about the lives affected by homicide. Please note the Garden of Peace reserves the right to edit the stories for content and format.

Person Being Remembered: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Person's Connection to Mass.: _____

Person Submitting Story: _____ **Date:** _____

If other than the person who made the application for engraving, the applicant may be consulted.

Relation to victim: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____