

the GARDEN of PEACE

A MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE

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.

The focus of the memorial is a dry streambed containing smooth river stones engraved with the names of victims of homicide. The streambed begins at a large granite lens, "Tragic Density," which symbolizes the enormous weight of sadness and grief. The streambed moves through the Garden and culminates at "Ibis Ascending," a skyward sculpture representing hope.

We invite you to add your loved one's name to this memorial.

A victim's name will be added to the Garden only at the request of the family or friends.

Guidelines for Stones

- There will be only one stone per individual.
- 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.

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 Zip: _____

Daytime

Telephone: _____

Evening

Telephone: _____

Relationship
to Victim: _____

Email Address
(optional): _____

Stone Inscription

Please print legibly how you would like your loved one's name engraved on the stone. NOTE: The fewer characters the larger the print will be.

Example: Christopher L. Maki

Dec 19, 1966 Nov 5, 1997

- Each stone contains the same information: victim's name, date of birth and date of death.
- Engravings are done once a year in coordination with an annual Honor Program
- Approximately 1,200 river stones are set in the streambed. Stones in the streambed will be inscribed on a first-come basis until all are used. Thereafter names will be inscribed on other hard surfaces in the Garden.

Donation for River Stone

The donation for a stone is \$200 to cover the cost of the stone, the engraving, and installation. It is important to us at the Garden of Peace that all stone requests be honored. If you are unable to include the entire donation at this time, please contact the Garden about possible financial assistance and payment plans.

To request a memorial stone

1. Fill out the attached form below
2. Mail completed form and donation to address below

We will contact you to verify inscription information.

Please fill out the form below and send it with your (tax-deductible) donation to:

The Garden of Peace
PO Box 8382 Boston, MA 02114

Victim's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

List city / town in Massachusetts

Massachusetts

Connection: _____

Circle those that apply:

Birthplace Hometown Place of Death

Surviving Family's Residence

Please make check payable to: *The Garden of Peace*

Enclosed with this form is:

- Donation for cost of engraving river stone \$ 200.00
(see donation section above)
- Additional Contribution: \$ _____

For more information:

www.gardenofpeacememorial.org

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