

Tree of Love

& Candle Luminary Celebration



Saturday, December 12, 2020



CaringMatters

Facing Illness & Grief. Finding Compassion & Support.

Special Thanks

2020 has been a year full of unprecedented challenges. In some ways, our world got smaller as we stayed home, physically distant from friends and family. But in other ways, our world expanded as the global pandemic demanded cooperation and compassion from us all.

For the CaringMatters community, we worked together to move through the fog of uncertainty. We found clarity in the truth exemplified by our name, CaringMatters. Caring is the foundation of this organization: it's who we are; it's what we do; and it's what this world needs more of every day.

While the heart of our work lies within the dedication of our volunteers, equally important are the donations of time, talent, and resources of our community. Thank you for supporting CaringMatters this year and allowing us the flexibility to innovate with compassion and determination at precisely the time when our community needed us the most.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers and staff who participated in the preparation and presentation of this evening's online program. Our volunteers work hard throughout the year facilitating bereavement groups, providing social and emotional support to individuals and families facing illness, loss and grief, and helping with administrative tasks to support the organization. We are also thankful for our current and past support group members who are examples of strength and grace every day. Lastly, thank you to everyone here tonight whose presence is such a special tribute to those whom we remember and honor.





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Prelude: "I'll Be Seeing You"

Welcome

Jim Rossi

Song: "The Dance"

Reading: "Do Not Stand at my Grave"

Johanna Boyer

Candle Lighting

Dave Marks

Reading of Names

Diane Marks

Song: "One Small Star"

Poem: "Ascension Poem"

Cecilia Rajnic

Reading of Names

Cathy Bamji

Personal Memories

Carolyn Schick

Reading of Names

Maria Alvarez

Reading: "Remember Me"

Marcia Sherman-Ehrman

Song: "In My Life"

Poem: "You Can Shed Tears That She
is Gone..."

Jade Davis

Closing

Jim Rossi

Song: "To Where You Are"





I'll Be Seeing You

Sammy Fain and Irving Kahal

I'll be seeing you
In all the old familiar places
That this heart of mine embraces
All day and through
In that small cafe
The park across the way
The children's carousel
The chestnut trees, the wishing well

I'll be seeing you
In every lovely summer's day
In everything that's light and gay
I'll always think of you that way

I'll find you in the morning sun
And when the night is new
I'll be looking at the moon
But I'll be seeing you
I'll be seeing you
In every lovely summer's day
In everything that's light and gay
I'll always think of you that way



I'll find you in the morning sun
And when the night is new
I'll be looking at the moon
But I'll be seeing you

The Dance

Tony Arata

Looking back on the memory of
The dance we shared 'neath the stars above
For a moment all the world was right
How could I have known that you'd ever say goodbye

And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd have had to miss the dance



Holding you I held everything
For a moment wasn't I a king
But if I'd only known how the king would fall
Hey who's to say you know I might have changed it all

And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd have had to miss the dance

Yes my life
Is better left to chance
I could have missed the pain but I'd have had to miss the dance

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

By Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.

I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the starshine of the night.

I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I do not die.



One Small Star



Songwriter: Eric Bogle



When I need to feel you near me
I stand in this quiet place
Where the silver light of countless stars
Falling on my face
Though they all shine so brightly
Somehow it comforts me to know
That some that burn the brightest
Died an eternity ago.

But your light still shines
It's one small star to guide me
And it helps me to hold back the dark
Your light's still shining in my heart

I'm learning how to live without you
And I never thought I could
And even how to smile again
I never thought I would
And I cherish your heart's memories
'Cause they bring you back to life
Some caress me gently
And some cut me like a knife

But your light still shines
It's one small star to guide me
And it helps me to hold back the dark
Your light's still shining in my heart

Can your soul be out there somewhere
Beyond the infinity of time
I guess you've found some answers now
I'll have to wait for mine
When my light joins with yours one day
We'll shine through time and space
And one day fall on a distant age
Upon some stranger's face



But your light still shines
It's one small star to guide me
And it helps me to hold back the dark
Your light's still shining in my heart
Your light's still shining in my heart

Ascension

Colleen Hitchcock

And if I go,
while you're still here...
Know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure
behind a thin veil you cannot see through.

You will not see me,
so you must have faith.
I wait for the time when we can soar together again,
both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to its fullest.



And when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart,
...I will be there.

Remember Me

By Lyn Bryant

Remember me in quiet days
When raindrops whisper on your pane,
But in your memories have not grief
Let just the joy remain.

Remember me when evening stars
Look down on you with steadfast eyes;
Remember me if once you wake
To catch a glimpse of a red sunrise.



And when your thoughts do turn to me,
Know that I would not have you cry;
But love for me and laugh for me,
When you are happy, so am I.

Remember an old joke we shared;
Remember me when spring walks by,
Think of me when you are glad,
And while you live, I shall not die.

In My Life

Songwriters: John Lennon / Paul McCartney

There are places I'll remember
All my life, though some have changed
Some forever, not for better
Some have gone, and some remain
All these places had their moments
With lovers and friends, I still can recall
Some are dead, and some are living
In my life, I've loved them all

But of all these friends and lovers
There is no one compares with you
And these memories lose their meaning
When I think of love as something new

Though I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before
I know I'll often stop and think about them
In my life, I'll love you more

Though I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before
I know I'll often stop and think about them
In my life I'll love you more

In my life I'll love you more



You Can Shed Tears

David Harkins

You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her only that she is gone,
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what she'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

To Where You Are

Richard Marx and Linda Thompson

Who can say for certain
Maybe you're still here
I feel you all around me
Your memory's so clear

Deep in the stillness I can hear you speak
You're still an inspiration
Can it be
That you are my
Forever love
And you are watching over me from up above

Fly me up to where you are
Beyond the distant star
I wish upon tonight to see you smile
If only for awhile to know you're there
A breath away's not far to where you are

Are you gently sleeping
Here inside my dream
And isn't faith believing
All power can't be seen

As my heart holds you
Just one beat away
I cherish all you gave me everyday
'Cause you are my
Forever love
Watching me from up above

And I believe that angels breathe
And that love will live on and never leave

Fly me up
To where you are
Beyond the distant star
I wish upon tonight
To see you smile
If only for awhile
To know you're there
A breath away's not far to where you are

I know you're there
A breath away's not far to where you are



In loving memory of...



Byron Acuff
Kathleen Kelly Adams
Douglas Algy
Katherine Ames
Sandford Ames
David Anders
Moses "Moe" Arkoian
Jim Auerbach
Paul Auerbach
Cathleen Azzinaro
Brett Richard Badin
Henry Bain
Grace Baker
Jijie Bao
Sharyn Rose Bass
Eugene Battle, Sr.
Jeffrey Bayes
Muriel H. Beall
Benjamin Beall Sr.
James Dennie Becker
Edward Berman
Gertrude Berman
Caroline Besiryan
Mike Bischoff
John Bishoff
Dr. Steven Blane
Arthur H. Blitz
Joshua Evan Bluestein



Miriam Janis Bluestein

Glenn Burkevich
Phil Calderwood
Maj. Randall Arthur Carlson
John H. Carman, III
Donna Cook
Doree Cooper
Stuart Cooper
Mrs. Vivian Crawford
Roy Crawford
Lt. Cdr. Daryl A. Crutchfield
Maureen F. Curlee
Angela Maria De Paz
Joseph Dean Jr.
Nitsa Barbara Devin
Beverly Dewey
Keith Dickey
Masako Doi
Ricard Dudley
William G. Duvall
Byron Escobedo
Doris Fader
Lisa Farrar
Robert L. Faust
Richard Fazio
Susan Fenster
Mason C. Fink
Jennifer Margolius Fisher



Madeline Fliegel
George Floyd
Carol Freeland
Mrs. Julia (Judy) French
Front Line Workers
Len Gimbel
Allen Ginsberg
Hulda Goergen
Richard A. Goldberg
Leslie Goodman
Dr. Sharyn Gould Marian
Jean Gould Paul Gould
Helen Griffin
Stanley Gurda
Marlene Halperin
Pamela Rebecca Hard
Robin Hartsock
William Helkie
Allison Henderson
Willie Frank Hicks, Sr.
Jeffery Mark Hill
Claudia Jo Hizer
James F. Hockenberry, Sr.
Earle L. Holland
Robert Martin Holthaus
Mary Hamilton Imlah
Robert Hamilton Imlah
Dr. Robert Ingram
Dorothy Elaine Jablonski
Elizabeth Jan Jablonski



Frank Edward Jablonski

Pamela Janecek

Peter Jensen



Raymond H. Johnson, Jr.

James S. Johnston

Margaret B. Johnston

Walter Jones

Mike Kaminsky

Harold Kaufmann

Shirley Kaufmann

Richard Kay

Robert Kay



Thomas P. Kelly

Phil Kessler

Mildred D. Kinna

Mary & Andrew Kondash

George Kosovich

Adell Kramer

Jack Kramer

Miriam Kramer



Anna Kruger

Saul Kruger

Lynn Rae Lahs

Allen Laudwig

Bertha & Benjamin Lehrer

Roberta Lehrer

Henry Leibowitz

Ellie Leikin

Alison Sara Levine

Bud Lippman

Madeleine Lipson

William Freemont Long

Brienna Lux

Leo Manasse

Reta Manasse

Lucille Mannely



Rose Manning

William "Bud" Manning

Randy Marcus

Beverly Marks

Marta Marks

Bill Mason

Richard Mattis

Sandra B. May

Elizabeth McArthur

Merle McArthur

Lola Ann McFadin Huyler

James Randy McGinnis

Michael Metrione

Harvey Metro

Ensio Mikkola

Howard Miller

Jane M. Miller

Carlotta Molitor

Nick Monaco

Raul Nicolas Torres

Morgado

Fred Muehlberger



<i>Victoria Muehlberger</i>		<i>Vernon Rood</i>	
<i>Dr. Tony Murgo</i>		<i>Maggi Root</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Murray</i>	*	<i>Barbara Rossi</i>	
<i>Mariko Murray</i>		<i>Bette Rothstein</i>	
<i>Bruce Myles</i>		<i>Ralph Rothstein</i>	
<i>Zachary Abraham Myles</i>		<i>Gloria and Gerald Rotter</i>	*
<i>Jim Napier</i>		<i>Hannah Sandler</i>	
<i>Lawrence Offutt</i>		<i>Irv Sandler</i>	
<i>John Walter Ortiz</i>		<i>Irvin Schick</i>	
<i>John Parella</i>		<i>Marjorie Schick</i>	
<i>Marjory Peterson</i>		<i>Anita Jewell Schlegel</i>	
<i>Robert J. Peterson Jr.</i>	*	<i>Carol L. Scott</i>	
<i>Robert L. Player</i>		<i>Edna Mae Serchak</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Ploshnick</i>		<i>Gail Mesmer Sheinin</i>	
<i>Shirley Pollin</i>		<i>Robert L. Simpson Jr.</i>	
<i>Javon Malik Prather</i>		<i>John Marion Skora</i>	
<i>Harvey Price</i>		<i>Theodore Smith</i>	
<i>Al Price Jr.</i>		<i>Vivian E. Snedden</i>	
<i>James Ray Purdum</i>		<i>Stanley Snyder</i>	
<i>Anne K. Ratcliffe</i>	*	<i>Eugene Sobel</i>	
<i>Sidney M. Ratcliffe</i>		<i>David Solovey</i>	
<i>Miguel Angel Reyes-Cruz</i>		<i>Bob Spino</i>	
<i>"Guppy" Reynaud</i>		<i>Pat Spino</i>	
<i>Bobby Reynaud</i>		<i>Margaret St. John</i>	
<i>Lewis S. Rhodes, Jr.</i>		<i>Kimberly Stea Angell</i>	
<i>Michael Scott Roberts</i>		<i>Margaret Stefanka</i>	
<i>Lois Rockwell</i>		<i>William J. Stefanka</i>	
<i>Laura Rodgers</i>		<i>Bruce Steinberg</i>	
<i>Joyce Rood</i>		<i>Irene Ginsberg Steinberg</i>	*

Matthew Steinberg
William Steinberg
Zachary Steinberg
Carolyn Ann Stevens
James Edward Stevens, Sr.
Blanche Szymczyk
Fay Targove
James J. Thompson, Jr.
Michael Trainer
Catherine Trevor
Lawrence Turner
Lilian Vander Male
Eduardo O. Vigil
Wyatt Walcuff
Charles Walker
Doris Walker
Matthew Walker Gribbon
Mary Walker-Harman
Anne Abernathy Wade
Loretta S. Webb Wilson
Philip Whisner
Willia Wise
Nettie Wright
Paul Zarrett
Cecile "Cissy" Zeigfinger
Barbara Zolkiewicz



In Honor of...

Anne Baker

Rosanna Coffey

Kevin Manuel Cornejo

Jud French, Sr.

Valerie Johnson

Linda & Ian Kramer

Diana Margolin

Joan Miller

Jamie Phannavong

Audrey Rothstein

Allison Stearns

Tim Stranges

*All names submitted to date will be read aloud tonight.
Those received on or before December 9 9,
are also included in this program.*





Go Light Your World



Songwriter: Christopher M. Rice

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

'Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to the light, in the name of peace
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world



We make the world a bit brighter
this holiday season as we honor
and remember those who have
touched our lives in ways for
which we will be forever grateful.



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