

WORLD WIDE CANDLE LIGHTING



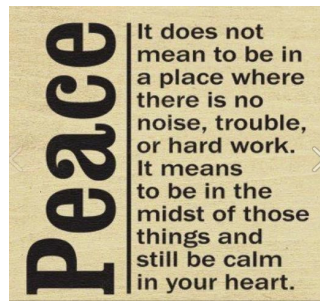
**Light a candle December 13th at 7 P.M.
for all the children who have died that
their light may always shine.**

Flambeau Hospice makes a difference in the comfort of families who experience the effects of serious illness regardless of their ability to pay. We thank you for your important financial support.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ◆ Everyone viewing today's ceremony
- ◆ Everyone who helped make this ceremony possible
- ◆ Glenn Walker Johnson for his healing harp music
- ◆ Lynnette Kring for her beautiful remembrance ornaments
- ◆ To all our special loved ones who will be in our hearts forever

May you each find peace
within
your hearts this holiday
season.



LIGHTS OF LOVE Memorial Service December 2020



LIGHTS OF LOVE PROGRAM

Welcome: Dawn Griesel, Hospice Coordinator

To Honor You: Donna Buttice, Office Coordinator

Healing Music: Glenn Walker Johnson, Harpist

Missing You: Sarah Chrouser, Registered Nurse

Candle Lighting: Dawn Griesel, Hospice Coordinator
and Donna Buttice

Home for the Holidays: Liane Hecimovich,
Nursing Supervisor

The Dash: Michelle Schmidt, Hospice Social Worker



*Some people come into our lives and
quickly go. Others stay a while, make
footprints on our hearts and we
are never, ever the same .*

The Dash by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from beginning.... To the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile....remembering that this special dash might only last a while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



We all want to go home for the holidays. What does home mean to you? For some people it means a Christmas past, for others, it's a place, a particular house or set of traditions, for some it's specific people, or a combination of all the above. What would need to be in place for you to have the best possible holiday season? What would you do if some of the most important people and things were absent from your life? Are you good at improvising? Are you good at seeing what remains of value? Are you going to focus on what is possible, or will you find yourself in a deep well of sadness because the holidays are no longer the same for you? Life can be very challenging when things change and we can't adapt to the changes. This can be the grief we experience when a loved one is no longer present for us, it can be other changes that have taken place as well. Maybe your children have moved away and built lives for themselves. Maybe you are finding yourself with a particular set of obstacles in your life and it's hard to see beyond them to find the beauty, love and joy. Whatever the challenges in your life might be at this time, it's important to find comfort within yourself and with the people in your life that you trust. It's important for all of us to find what we do continue to treasure and value in our present life situation. It's in the gratitude for what we do have that we will find the energy, courage and strength to continue on in life in the most positive ways possible. If you need to grieve a loss, make it part of your day. Find a time and place in your day to honor your loss. Find a way to do something special if it's writing in your journal, lighting a candle, playing a certain song, going for a walk, etc. When you've finished with your time of honoring your loss, whatever that loss may be, decide then to join into life. Find something you can do to bring value and meaning to your day. This is something we all need to do in our lives; it's a way of caring for ourselves. To have a very special, very caring bond with yourself is essential to your well-being. Give yourself positive messages; make choices that are healthy for you. Take your life one day at a time and choose carefully who and what you want to be a part of it; it will make a great difference in how you feel and the course your life will take. Enjoy the parts of the holidays that bring you home. If you aren't able to go "home" for the holidays, decide what you need to do to have the best possible experience at this time of year.

Carla Pritchett

To honor you: Connie E. Kiefer Byrd

To honor you... I get up every day and take a breath. And start another day without you in it.

To honor you... I laugh and love with those who knew your smile. And the way your eyes twinkled with mischief and secret knowledge.

To honor you... I take the time to appreciate everyone I love, I know now there is no guarantee of days or hours spent in their presence.

To honor you... I listen to music you would have liked, And sing at the top of my lungs, with the windows rolled down

To honor you... I take chances, say what I feel, hold nothing back, Risk making a fool of myself, dance every dance.

You were my light, my heart, my gift of love, from the very highest source.

So every day, I vow to make a difference, share a smile, live, laugh and love.

Now I live for us both, so all I do, I do to honor you.

Missing you at Christmas

Every day without you

Since you had to go

Is like a summer without sunshine,

And winter without snow

I wish that I could talk to you

There's so much I would say

Life has changed so very much

Since you went away

I miss the bond between us,

And I miss your kind support

You're in my mind and in my heart

And every Christmas thought

I'll always feel you close to me

And though you're far from sight

I'll search for you among the stars

That shine on Christmas night

CANDLE LIGHTING

As we light these first 4 candles in honor of you, we light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories and one for our love.

The light of this first candle represents our grief. The pain of losing you is intense. It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

The light of this second candle represents our courage to confront our sorrow: to comfort each other; to change our lives.

This third candle is a light to all of our memories of you. To the times we laughed, the times we cried, the times we were angry with each other, the silly things you did, the caring and joy you gave us.

This fourth candle is the light of our love. As we enter this holiday season, day by day, we cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for you. We thank you for the gift your life brought to each of us. We love you always.

This fifth candle is for those we embrace with prayerful concern. May all our prayers bring solace to the hearts of those we love who are so greatly challenged in life. May they find the hope, love, faith and healing they so need.

This sixth candle is to thank and honor those people we think of when gratitude fill our hearts.

This seventh candle is our hope for more understanding, compassion and peace in the world.