

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN 2009

*Locally, since 1996, Straight from the Streets, Linda Lera-Randle El has sponsored this Memorial in Las Vegas to honor those who have died and to recommit to the task of ending homelessness. The entire community comes together to honor the memory of those who died on the streets of our cities in Clark County. Sadly, 41 homeless died in 2004, 75 in 2005, 78 in 2006, 51 in 2007, 50 in 2008, and 46 in 2009 of which 3 were veterans. Your presence makes a difference. Thank you for your support and commitment.*

**Larry Stallcup**, age 41  
Date of Death: January 3, 2009

**Bradley Wayne Cuny**, age 46  
Date of Death: May 13, 2009

**Bruce Lee Marler**, age 40  
Date of Death: July 18, 2009

**Patrick Floyd Deegan**, age 52  
Date of Death: November 17, 2009

**David Allan Fuhler**, age 46  
Date of Death: January 5, 2009

**Charles O. Morgan**, age 46  
Date of Death: May 31, 2009

**Robert John Wakefield**, age 53  
Date of Death: July 18, 2009

**Peter Senzel**, age 55  
Date of Death: November 19, 2009

**Kenneth Albert Saltsman**, age 58  
Veteran  
Date of Death: January 19, 2009

**Chauncey Depue**, age 53  
Date of Death: June 3, 2009

**Darold Wayne Mims**, age 48  
Date of Death: July 28, 2009

**Kerry Anthony Covelli**, age 49  
Date of Death: November 20, 2009

**Gerald William Goodyear**, age 59  
Date of Death: January 20, 2009

**Jerry Gibbens**, age 62  
Date of Death: June 4, 2009

**Mike J. Panisiak**, age 55  
Date of Death: July 29, 2009

**Thomas Rowland Farmer**, age 55  
Date of Death: November 20, 2009

**Dorothy Lee Barrett**, age 60  
Date of Death: February 12, 2009

**Mark Benjamin Hofmann**, age 54  
Date of Death: June 8, 2009

**Jack Paul Young**, age 33  
Date of Death: July 30, 2009

**Scott A. Bard**, age 42  
Date of Death: November 30, 2009

**Michael Ward**, age 55  
Date of Death: March 5, 2009

**Patrick John Kelly**, age 46  
Veteran  
Date of Death: June 23, 2009

**Thomas Paul Southwick**, age 59  
Veteran  
Date of Death: August 1, 2009

**Martin Wiser**, age 64  
Date of Death: December 6, 2009

**Emilio Salazar**, age 41  
Date of Death: March 21, 2009

**Johnny Edward Sakay**, age 55  
Date of Death: June 30, 2009

**James Anthony Mendola**, age 41  
Date of Death: August 14, 2009

**Ronald Williams**, age 67  
Date of Death: December 12, 2009

**Angela Reyna**, age 24  
Date of Death: April 11, 2009

**Anthony M. Brigandi**, age 43  
Date of Death: July 2, 2009

**Robert Persinger**, age 47  
Date of Death: September 5, 2009

**James Psenicka**, age 70  
Date of Death: December 16, 2009

**Francisco Morales**, age 23  
Date of Death: April 12, 2009

**Cornelius James Antee**, age 46  
Date of Death: July 3, 2009

**John "Frenchman Mt." Doe**, age unknown  
Date of Death: October 6, 2009

**Willie Danielson**, age unknown  
Date of Death: unknown

**Bill Henry Hadley**, age 48  
Date of Death: April 28, 2009

**Gary J. Kershner**, age 34  
Date of Death: July 10, 2009

**David Jan Bird**, age 49  
Date of Death: October 10, 2009

**Linda Tripp**, age unknown  
Date of Death: unknown

**Kevin Anthony Ross**, age 58  
Date of Death: April 30, 2009

**John Owen Eissler**, age 51  
Date of Death: July 18, 2009

**Michael Alan Entress**, age 46  
Date of Death: October 18, 2009

**George Lasko**, age unknown  
Date of Death: unknown

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Date of Death: May 1, 2009

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Date of Death: July 18, 2009

## ***Traditional Gaelic Blessing;***

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

*Someone once said: "No one is truly dead until they are forgotten."  
All of us at Forgotten Voice want to make sure that the men, women  
and children of the streets are not Forgotten, even in death.*

*Please take a moment to honor the people  
of the streets whose journey has ended.  
And remember, their memory and their struggles live on.  
We must all keep up the good fight.*

# *FOOD NOT BOMBS PAYS TRIBUTE TO THOSE LOST IN 2009*



Food Not Bombs Las Vegas Pays Tribute to Those Lost in 2009

Article and Photo originally posted by eyeam4anarchy at <http://foodnotbombslasvegas.org>, Food Not Bombs Las Vegas.

Members of the homeless community gathered on December 17 to pay tribute to the homeless individuals who died in 2009 during an annual candlelight vigil.

The memorial, which is primarily attended by people who are currently or formerly have been homeless and their families as well as advocates for the homeless throughout Las Vegas, was held at HELP of Southern Nevada, <http://www.helpsonv.org>, a homeless outreach center located at 1640 E. Flamingo Road. It's intended to bring attention to and pay tribute to those who die on the streets and illustrate that all lives have value, even those in the homeless community, who often

have few people or even no one to mourn for and remember them once they reach the end of their lives.

During the memorial, a list of the names of the 42 homeless individuals <http://www.lvrj.com/news/list-of-homeless-who-didnt-survive-the-streets-totals-42-79392997.html> who died the past year was read. In addition, members of the crowd were invited to speak. Among the speakers, several people who had formerly been homeless spoke about their experiences on the street and how they eventually overcame those obstacles that led to homelessness.

Food Not Bombs Las Vegas members in attendance included Kelly W. Patterson, Gail Sacco,

and Gail's husband Joe Sacco.

During the speakers' portion of the vigil, Gail addressed the crowd and memorialized Bret Brennan, who died of cancer in November of this year. Commonly known as "Cowboy," Bret was at one time homeless and, prior to becoming too sick, was a frequent attendee at the Food Not Bombs Las Vegas picnics in Baker Park. She told of how Cowboy proudly proclaimed to her recently that he was no longer homeless and that others should take encouragement from his story to believe in themselves and their ability to rise above their own personal issues.



## *Homeless Vigil 2009*



Homeless Vigil 2009 photos by Joe Sacco, Sr.





*Volunteers with Straight From the Streets, and, Christ the King Catholic Community stuff hundreds of bags for the homeless. Donations of clothing, food, and sleeping bags are distributed after the Homeless Vigil.*



**Gift Bagging 2009 photos by Joe Sacco, Sr.**