

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 Wisner, 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

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George Lasko, Jr., age 21

Date of Death: November 7, 2009

Note: This article has been edited to reflect the correct name, age, and date of death for George Lasko, Jr.

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](http://eyeam4anarchy.com) 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.