

History of the Memorial

Key West, with a population of about 25,000 residents, has been especially hard-hit by the AIDS plague. Well over a thousand have died.

The Key West AIDS Memorial is a tribute to the people who have died of AIDS, and have shown a love of the Florida Keys by living, working or visiting here. The names are inscribed in Zimbabwe granite, embedded in the walkway approaching White Street Pier.

The AIDS Memorial is owned and maintained by the City of Key West as a City park. It was dedicated on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1997. It was built with private funds, and then donated to the City of Key West. Initially, 730 names were inscribed in random order. In 1998, 112 names were added, in 1999 some 96, in 2000, 30 were dedicated, in 2001, 25, in 2002, 21 additions, in 2003 some 61, and in 2004, 22 for a total of 1,097 names dedicated. The Memorial has exceeded its original designed capacity; we now engrave in the margins.

The Friends of the AIDS Memorial, Inc. is a non-profit, all-volunteer group of private citizens, whose mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the Key West AIDS Memorial to ensure dignity and respect for those whose names are engraved there. To become a Friend, support the Memorial financially, or nominate a new name, contact any Board member listed below.

You are encouraged to visit the Memorial. It is designed as a quiet, peaceful resting area overlooking the splendor of the Atlantic Ocean.

New Landscaping for 2004

It is important that the appearance of the AIDS Memorial truly reflects the love, care and respect we hold for the hundreds of men and women whose names are etched on its surface. This year, the Friends of the AIDS Memorial acknowledges with gratitude those whose donations have made possible the new irrigation system, new landscaping, and ongoing Memorial maintenance.

John Evans & Guy Ross - Mike Dively
Matt Helmerich - Island House - Rudy Marn
Terrence McNally - Jeff Overby

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World AIDS Day December 1, 2004

Candlelight March

Meeting 5pm at Glynn Archer School

Reading of the Names

Led by Michael Epting

Joined by Members of the Key West Community

"Not a Day Goes By"

Kelly Hedges-Peerman and Frank Wood

Invocation

Rabbi Yisrael Finman

Welcome and Announcements

Brooks White

Friends of the Key West AIDS Memorial

"Women, Girls HIV and AIDS"

International World AIDS Day Theme

Joan Higgs, Alma Newman and Patrice Sanders

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

Scott Zimmerman

Reading of the New Names

Meditation Period

Silence, broken by call-out of Names
Please speak loudly, we have no microphones

"Swing Low"

Laurie Breakwell, Heather Carruthers,
Fran Edge and Maj Johnson

"The Rose"

Please join in singing - lyrics inside program

Benediction

Reverend Geoff Leonard-Robinson

FOLLOWING THIS CEREMONY: TREE OF HOPE LIGHTING
an AIDS Help, Inc. tradition, at LaTeDa Hotel

THE ROSE



Some say love, it is a river,
that drowns the tender reed.
Some say love, it is a razor,
that leaves your soul to bleed.
Some say love, it is a hunger,
an endless aching need.
I say love, it is a flower,
and you its only seed.

It's the heart afraid of breaking,
that never learns to dance.
It's the dream afraid of waking
that never takes a chance.
It's the one that won't be taken,
who cannot seem to give,
and the soul afraid of dying
that never learns to live.

When the night has been too lonely,
and the road has been too long,
and you think that love is only
for the lucky and the strong:
just remember in the winter,
far beneath the bitter snow,
lies the seed that with the sun's love,
in the spring becomes the rose.

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NAMES DEDICATED IN 2004

Robert L. Anderson
Sidney L. Arnold
Randall W. Avila
Thomas Beranek
Don Bosserman

David Cacciamani
Loren Lee Capek
Carlos Collazo-Diaz
Daniel Delli Colli

Kevin Conrow
Frank E. Cummings
Stephen Doherty
Jackie Fox, Jr.

James Earl Horn
Gregory Steven King
Jesse Lee

Sergio Londono
Jeanette Maduro
Leslie Mayberry
Scott A. Rickard

Roy Sanders
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