

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

December 21, 2005

The following people were known by homeless service providers to have experienced homelessness in 2005. Some died of chronic illness or acute conditions not treated in time. Some died on the streets or while staying in emergency or transitional shelter. Some spent the last few months of their lives in their own apartments. Some were able to reconnect with family and friends before they died. Most died alone and, but for a few, forgotten. We remember them here.

Antown Arthur
Roevaughn Arthur
Dale Bolesta
Steven Boyd
Paul Brodsky
William Brown
Derrick Bryant
Ronald Bunn
Llewellyn Butler, Jr
Ricardo Calderon
David Cano
German Castillo
Pearl Causion
Ramona Clark-Parker
Mike Clash
Zenither Collins
Gregory Crosby
Shirlena Davis
Rawle 'Trini' Edwards
Thomasine Evans
Albert Felder
Charles Fisher
Michael Fleming
Patricia Fletcher
Pamela Freeman
Mary Gaither
Maureen Gebhart
Frazier Gibson

Clifford Goad
Michael Grimes
Nathaniel Gulliver
Dennis Haught
Linton Hicks
Earl Holloway
Victor Jackson
John Johnson
Peggy Johnson
Eldridge Jones
Richard Kaufman
Boris Lee
Larry Leeson
Waverly Lockett
Thomas Manning
Stacey MacDonald
Corey Mason
Steven Matthews
Judith McDuffy
Steven Minerak
Pasquale Mitchell
Wade Moses
Roosevelt Munson
Charles Newby
Ted Nowak
Ramona Parker
Harry Phillips
Maurice Preston

William Reddy
Frank Richardson
Luther Rucker
Raymond Sakievich
David Scheihing
Willie Sherman
John Shilow
Barry Smith
Joseph Spell
Albert Stevenson
Carl Surland
Samuel Sweetman
Mischelle Thomas
Richard Tillman
Carolyn Toney
Angela Townes
Raymond Van Kiri
Dennis Waller
Frederick Williams
Linda Williams
Bobby Wilson
Joseph Wittenberg
Andre Wright
Michael Wright
"John Doe"
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On December 21, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day - the first day of winter and the longest night of the year -- we remember Mother Jones' words to "pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living." We recognize that the lives of the 80 people listed here mattered and had meaning. We recommit ourselves to providing the services, education and advocacy necessary to make homelessness an increasingly rare and brief experience and to the pursuit of a future in which health care is available, housing is accessible, and incomes are livable for all.