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Remembering with Dignity: Sharing stories and honoring lives lost during the pandemic

Remembrance is not just about looking back; it is about carrying their light forward.

During the Covid pandemic (from January 2020 through May 2023), countless lives were lost, some cut short by the virus itself and others impacted by the isolation, fear and disruption of pandemic restrictions. **Dignity Alliance Massachusetts** has established a virtual memorial for those who were lost, and we invite you to add your stories of your loved ones to *Remembering with Dignity*.

Submit a story. Share a photo. With no national monument or day of remembrance for the lives lost, your tribute online matters. **Let the world know who was lost, what they loved and enjoyed, and how they mattered.**

The memorial is free, open to all, and designed to create one enduring space so that no one is forgotten. Remembrance is healing – and every life deserves to be remembered with dignity.

Submissions:

- Visit <u>www.dignityalliancema.org</u> and navigate to the "Pandemic Memorial" page under the "Resources" tab, or click on <u>https://tinyurl.com/DignityRemembrance</u>. The QR code below can also be used.
- A remembrance should be no more than 175 words. Rather than a formal obituary, each submission should describe the person's essence, values and their story. Please include the circumstances of their passing (e.g., if they lived or worked in a high-risk setting such as a nursing home, rest home, group home, or hospital, or as a caregiver or essential worker).



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About Dignity Alliance Massachusetts: Dignity Alliance Massachusetts is a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to advancing the rights, dignity, and quality of life for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration, the Alliance works to ensure that all residents of the Commonwealth can live and age with respect, dignity, and independence. www.bignityAllianceMA.org.