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## Homeless Persons Memorial Day 2020 The Names

### Aaron

**Adam Demers** – Died on May 30 at the age of 30. Adam was a very loving, kind-hearted young man. Some of his passions in life were playing bass guitar in his teen years, building computers, backpacking, gaming, camping, fishing, music, the beach, caring for his reptiles and his family and friends. He enjoyed doing flooring for 14 years. He worked very hard and was very proud of his work. Now, Adam and Jessica, his only sister whom he loved dearly, are reunited together in Heaven for eternal life.

**Adam Porter** – He died unexpectedly in Manchester in June 2019; he was 36 years old. Adam worked for many years in construction for various companies. He had a passion for music, enjoyed going for walks and telling stories to make people laugh.

**Alex Balkam** – Died on July 7 in Rochester; he was 20 years old. Alex enjoyed fishing, swimming, camping, and working on cars. He was "a fire bug." He had a great sense of humor and was kind-hearted. From an outreach worker: *"Alex was our favorite pain in the tush, survivor, and a gift. He would count your buttons and proceed to push ALL of them, simultaneously. Alex was also one of the kindest souls we had the pleasure of working with. His outwardly nihilistic and indifferent nature hid a caring and empathetic man. He would often go out of his way to help another person, regardless of how well he knew them. There was an instinct in him to help those who struggle, as he struggled alongside without judgement."*

**Amy Perry** – Daughter and mother. Amy loved the beach, and music and was a very talented singer. She loved spending time with her sister, going to get their nails done. She was 38 years old.

**Angelo Cavese** – He was 62 years old.

### Bill

### Brian

**Brian Duguay** – Son and father. Free spirited and funny, he had a big heart.

**Brian Wilson** – He passed away on May 4, 2020; he was 34 years old.

### Cameron

**Christopher Emerle** - Chris was a man of many hats when it came to working, over the years he did data entry, food services as well as office work for a concrete company. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed being creative and friendly, he was known for his bright and caring attitude with a great sense of humor. He had a love for making videos and listening to music; his talents including playing the guitar and the piano. In his younger years he participated in a few bands while living in Audubon NJ. His creative mind never stopped, going so far as writing his own originals, drawings and videos to go with them. He died on July 10 at the age of 42.

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**Dale Hardin** – He died on May 24 at the age of 63. In spite of his trials, his constant smile and gentleness lit up the room! His love for people radiated from him. A beautiful light has gone out from this world...

**Daniel Carey** - He was a beloved father of two. He leaves behind two sons. Daniel cared a lot about family. He was very passionate about the environment. He had an appreciation for heritage and history and enjoyed sharing his knowledge on the subjects. Daniel enjoyed outside activities, like picking berries and going for walks. He enjoyed being in nature whenever possible. He will be missed by many. He was a veteran and we are indebted to him for his service.

**Danielle Nancy** – She passed away peacefully on July 1. She had secured housing in February and died at home after a long battle with health issues.

**Davein Jenkins** - Davein was a beloved father. He enjoyed sharing stories about his travels across the United States. He was a very generous person who was always there to help others in need. He created a video in the hopes of helping others who were homeless. Davein enjoyed creating art and collecting rocks. He had a high appreciation of music. He was always a pleasure to be around and had a remarkable sense of humor. He will truly be missed by all.

**Ellen Smith** – Ellen passed away peacefully on May 27 at the age of 81. She had been a nurse.

**Gary Silver** - On December 9, he died in a fire at a Manchester homeless camp near Willow Street; he was 64 years old.

## **Hector**

**Jade Miller** – Died on August 22 in Manchester; she was 33 years old. Jade grew up in Plymouth, NH, and was a graduate of Plymouth Regional High School. She enjoyed working as a waitress and hostess and she tried her hand as a carpenters' helper, learning to lay bricks and paint homes. In addition, she had a green thumb, enjoying plants and gardening. She loved God, children, and animals, especially her two cats Niko and Starlet. She enjoyed crafts such as embroidery and sewing. Everyone looked forward to her homemade chocolates at Christmas time. Jade was a member of St Mark's Episcopal Church of Ashland.

**James Zelonis** – He was a down-to-earth spirit and a hard worker.

## **Janice Smith**

**Jayson A. Edgerly** – He died unexpectedly on March 19 at the age of 38. Growing up Jayson had many hobbies; he could be found at any time on the river during the warmer months enjoying the outdoors and fishing. His greatest accomplishment in life was his children. There was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time with them. Jayson will always be remembered for his infectious giggle, his ability to make anyone smile, and his funny antics.

## **John**

**Jon Knowles** – A son, brother, father, uncle, and friend.

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**Joseph Z** – In 2015, Joe came up from Florida, where he had retired, to be closer to family and grandchildren in the area. After having a disagreement with a family member, Joe found himself on the street corner with his suitcase, in a snowstorm, before he had secured his own housing. The police discovered him and brought him to Hundred Nights Shelter. While he was at Hundred Nights the staff discovered his larger than life personality. He always had a joke and a smile - if he thought another guest needed comforting he provided it. Joe liked helping as much as he could. After several months, Joe was able to obtain housing in Keene and continued to offer his assistance to the shelter and its guests. He would stop by now and then and share stories about how happy he was to be reconnected with his family, including his grandchildren – the apples of his eye. Joe died peacefully in August.

**Juan Batista** – He passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the age of 26. Juan enjoyed listening to music and playing basketball. He was free-spirited and funny.

**Justin Dexter** - Found dead in Manchester on November 30, under a bridge. He was 40 years old. Justin was a 1998 graduate of High Mowing School in Wilton, NH. He loved to cook and he worked as a chef for many years, most notably as a sous chef at Victory in Portsmouth and as a private chef for the Kennedy family over several holidays. In his spare time, Justin enjoyed playing the drums and sports, especially golf. He was a loving son, brother and uncle who cherished time spent with his nephews. "He was one of our friends. We hung out with him. We knew him for about two years, what a nice guy. It's too bad he couldn't get help," (his friend Lexi).

**Kamel Hassan** – From Portsmouth, NH, he died on April 26 at the age of 62. A friend describes him as intelligent, very funny and a gentle soul.

**Karen**

**Kim**

**Kimberly Blanchard** – She had gone missing on June 6 and her remains were found in Rochester on August 30. She was 38 years old. Kimmy is remembered for her kind, sweet, and caring nature and beautiful, vibrant smile. She was a loving mother full of pride for her three wonderful children and was the best kind of friend anyone could have. Kimmy would do anything she could to help anyone in need and just brightened the lives of all who knew her. She is loved by many and will be forever missed.

**Leo**

**Lisa**

**Mark Roberge** – He passed away in early Spring. "He was a very nice gentleman and was in and out of the hospital several times due to respiratory issues. The last time he went into the hospital he never came back to the shelter."

**Mary Rittacco** - Died outside in Concord in November at the age of 70. She had expressed concern about making it through another winter; her body was found in Bicentennial Square. Those who knew her remember her bright blue eyes, her intelligence, her stubbornness, her charm and her dedication to prayer.

**Matthew Curran** – He died on June 3 at the age of 57.

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**Matt V.** – Matt died at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon in July at the age of 62. After his graduation from Monadnock Regional High School in 1976 he served in the US Air Force. Matt was an avid sci-fi reader, he loved jazz and his personal freedom. He struggled with life's many temptations, especially after his first wife died, but he remained a gentle soul who was quick to laugh. He especially liked to laugh at the folly of politicians. A bit of a rolling stone, he lived for a bit of time in both Arizona and Hawaii, always returning to Keene. He was commonly seen around Keene riding his bike. He loved exploring the woods with his dog and visiting Mt Monadnock. He never passed up an opportunity to enjoy a hot dog or some watermelon.

**Michael**

**Mike**

**Misty Foote, 49**

**Real Marcoux** - Died May 20 at the age of 61. Born in Sherbet, Canada on August 13, 1958, he was the son of Gerard M. and Irene (Cliche) Marcoux. He was raised in Sainte-Edwidge-de-Clifton, Quebec before moving to Manchester in 1965. Real was a talented carpenter. He will be missed. Family members include two sons, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, nine brothers and three sisters.

**Richard Balerviez** – 61 years old. An incredibly kind and good-natured man. He was a veteran who served in Germany. He always had a smile on his face.

**Richard Sargent, Sr.** – He passed away unexpectedly on Thursday March 5, 2020 at the age of 57. Richard spent a great deal of his life wandering, never rooting himself in any one place for too long. He was a kind man who always wanted to extend a hand to those he saw in need. As he wandered, he always carried those he loved with him in his 'heart home.' By his own definition, he was a truly free man.

**Robert**

**Robert Gebo** – From Tilton, NH, he died on April 5 at the age of 46. Rob loved the Patriots and he and his mother would both yell at the TV when they scored. He loved camping, being outside, cooking, fishing and having coffee with his grandmother. Rob would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He had a great sense of humor and a good personality. Rob worked for AT&T and for a cable company in New Jersey. He was one of the workers who replaced lines when the towers went down on 9-11 in NYC. He will certainly be missed.

**Robert Grant** – He died on September 14 at the age of 64. He was a son, a down-to-earth spirit. He loved to fish and he had a big heart.

**Ronald Buzzell**

**Ronald MacDonald** – Died on April 2 in Manchester; he was 36 years old.

**Sara**

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**Shawn S.** – He died in November at the age of 57. He was born and raised in Keene, before moving on to be a property manager and then a steel worker and painter in New York City. Shawn was a veteran. He loved to fly remote control planes and gyrocopters, and was president of the NH Gyrocopter Club for a while. He loved hunting and fishing and working with his hands. Shawn struggled with alcoholism for several years and ended up spending time homeless, on the streets and in the woods. His last years were spent with his companion, Pam, and after some time Veterans Services helped them get into an apartment, before he became ill and then passed while surrounded by his mother and other family.

### **Stephanie**

**Tiffany Fraher** – She died on September 1 at the age of 40. She was a Concord resident, free spirited and a hard worker.

### **Tim C**

### **Timothy**

### **Toren**

**Travis Bisson** – From Rochester, he died on November 24 at the age of 23. “Travis had a hard battle with mental issues & addiction, but he was an extremely kind and giving soul and that's how we want people to remember him, for the gentle soul he truly was.”

**Tyson R.** – Tyson came to Hundred Nights Shelter at the end of 2018. He was living with family from out of state when another family member who lived in Keene became ill and Tyson came here to live with him and be helpful. However, due to issues with leases and landlords he was asked to leave the apartment and ended up at the shelter. Tyson was always asking to help out while he was with us – sweeping the floors and alley and helping to set out food. He loved to joke around with other guests and staff and was always ready to be a comforting presence to anyone in need.

### **William**

### **William Howard**