



Stories Behind the Names. The stories of loved ones, woven together, provide a powerful reminder of the lives lost and the devastating impact of violence.

Telling Their Story. The Garden of Peace invites family member survivors to submit a *Story Behind the Name* focusing on who your loved one was. In doing this, you remember them and in a small way, others get to know them. Consider using the questions below to help you tell your loved one’s story.

- What would you like others to know about them?
- What/who did they like/love/enjoy?
- What/who made them happy?
- What/who was important to them?
- What were their dreams?
- What is their legacy?
- What is a special memory you or others have of them?
- What do you miss most about them?
- What was/is the impact of your loss?

Submissions should be limited to approximately 300 words—a couple paragraphs or ¼ page. Only stories about homicide victims memorialized in the Garden of Peace will be posted on the website. Stories are limited in size and subject to edits, which will be discussed with you before posting. Please consider including a photograph.

Please submit the story for your loved one in any of the ways below.

- Submit your story and/or photo online at mass.gov/submit-a-story-behind-the-name.
- Email the story and/or photo to gardenofpeace@mass.gov.
- Mail it to MOVA/Garden of Peace, One Ashburton Pl., Suite 1310, Boston MA 02108. If you mail a photo, please provide your address for its return.
- Tell your story to a MOVA/Garden of Peace staff person, who will write it for you to review. Call 617-586-1369.

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I give the Garden of Peace permission to post the story and photograph on the Garden’s website and to reproduce them for display at public events to help raise awareness about the lives affected by homicide. Please note the Garden of Peace reserves the right to edit the stories for content and format.

Victim’s Name: _____

Person Submitting Story: _____ **Date:** _____
If other than the person who made the application for engraving, the applicant will be consulted when feasible.

Relation to victim: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____