

2025 Winter Solstice Houseless Memorial

Honoring Merced County's Houseless Community

Sunday, December 21, 2025

11:00AM-1:00PM

McNamara Park, 1040 Canal St, Merced, California

*Hot drinks and light refreshments will be served prior to program commencement. Additional hot food, drinks, care kits, and clothing will be available after the program concludes.

WELCOME

Gena Mercer

BLESSING

Pastor Harry Phillips
Greater New Hope Church

IN LAK'ECH (MAYAN SAYING)

Gloria M. Sandoval-English
Anna Perez-Spanish

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Warren and Bobby Cornelio
Remembrance Ornaments: Central Valley Pride

MUSICAL SELECTION

"ANGEL" BY SARAH MCLACHLAN

DJ Chill-Zo

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Christina Valenti-Felix
Community Members

DEDICATION AND MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Rene Paul Diaz

BENEDICTION

David Carr
Chief Operations Officer, Merced Rescue Mission

CONCLUSION

Gena Mercer

IN LAK'ECH: YOU ARE MY OTHER ME

You are my other me.
If I do harm to you,
I do harm to myself.
If I love and respect you,
I love and respect myself.

Tú eres mi otro yo.
Si te hago daño a ti,
Me hago daño a mi mismo.
Si te amo y respeto,
Me amo y respeto yo.

In Remembrance

Scott Ables- Age 51
 Jorge Alvarado- Age 78
 Arthur Aguiano- Age 40
 Armida Arredondo- Age 48
 Alyssa Begonia- Age 32
 Jeffrey Cable- Age 61
 Jennie Carey- Age 60
 Jose Castellanos Castro- Age 57
 Michael Davis- Age 50
 Ernest Delagrande- Age 83
 Julian Dudley- Age 61
 Lucien Don Erickson- Age 63
 Kevin Feeley- Age 58
 Candelario Flores Arellano- Age 60
 Brandon Flowers- Age 39
 Zackary Foster- Age 26
 Patricia Giannone- Age 66
 Patricia Gray- Age 63
 Allie Hall- Age 67
 Kenneth Hamilton- Age 74
 David Hashimoto- Age 75
 Nikita Haynesworth- Age 65
 Marion Helton- Age 68
 Kenneth Horn- Age 70
 Allen Lange- Age 81

Ryan Lindsey- Age 37
 Gregorio Lobaton- Age 38
 Donna Looney- Age 83
 Daovy Mangmoradeth- Age 49
 Eddie Marquez- Age 69
 Steven Mihalovic- Age 58
 Robert Moreno- Age 63
 Sharin Newburn- Age 78
 TJ O'Brian Turner- Age 38
 Ragino Perez- Age 64
 Barbaranne Ray- Age 79
 Lorenzo Rodriguez- Age 75
 Aaron Santamour- Age 48
 George Sarnic- Age 73
 Tristann Schell- Age 40
 Bruce Shand- Age 73
 Jeffrey Michael Smith- Age 81
 Michael Stout- Age 55
 Matthew Sullivan- Age 58
 Tamara Swanson- Age 67
 Belay Tekaling- Age 66
 Adrian Turner- Age 39
 Miguel Valencia- Age 27
 Jonathan Williams- Age 48
 Dennis Woodall- Age 71

*50 total reported deaths in 2025

Youngest age = 26
 Oldest age = 83

Age Ranges:

Under 30= 2	50-59= 7
30-39= 6	60-69= 15
40-49= 6	70-79= 10
	80-89= 4

*Information compiled by Bobby and Warren Cornelio from various community sources.

We will continue to advocate for the humane treatment of all of our Merced Community, especially our most vulnerable and houseless. We recommit to ensure that all have a place to call a home of their own with dignity. Not one more death on the streets!

