

Tree of Life Celebration and Candlelight Vigil Ceremony

DECEMBER 3, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
NORTH CAROLINA STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

PRELUDE

ABBY JONES *and* GRACE RAPHUN
The Meredith College Choir

WELCOME

MARK EZZELL, DIRECTOR
Governor's Highway Safety Program

LIGHTING OF PILLAR CANDLES

N.C. MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

REMARKS

ERIC BOYETTE, SECRETARY
N.C. Department of Transportation

JENNIFER LICHTNEGER, DIRECTOR
N.C. Mothers Against Drunk Driving

CATHY DANIELS

Impaired Driving Victim Speaker

REBECCA PARKS

Behavior Driving Victim Speaker

EDDIE BUFFALOE, SECRETARY
N.C. Department Of Public Safety

TREE LIGHTING

PRAYER

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY W. SLATER, Ph.D.
Global Conference of Bishops

POEM

CALLIE RAMSAY, VICTIM SERVICE SPECIALIST
N.C. Mothers Against Drunk Driving

CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG OF COMFORT

ABBY JONES *and* GRACE RAPHUN
The Meredith College Choir



Tree of Life

The “Tree of Life” is dedicated to the 1,658 people who lost their lives as a result of vehicle crashes on North Carolina roads in 2020.

The 412 red bulbs and ornaments represent the people who lost their lives as a result of an impaired driver.

The 2 blue bulbs and ornaments represent law enforcement traffic fatalities.

The 1,244 white bulbs and ornaments represent all other traffic fatalities.

Candlelight Vigil

The Candlelight Vigil serves as an opportunity to remember the victims of preventable driving crashes, to support their families, to highlight the reality of impaired and distracted driving along with its consequences.

As you light your candle this evening, your hand will remain steady and strong as you become the bearer of a brilliant light that will illuminate and ultimately extinguish the tolerance of impaired driving and its victimization.

SPECIAL THANKS

Law Enforcement Agencies

Colonel Freddy Johnson
North Carolina State Highway Patrol

Sheriff Keith Stone
Nash County Sheriff's Office

Family and Friends Paying Tribute

Abby Jones and Grace Raphun
The Meredith College Choir

Christmas Corner of Newland, Avery County
Donation of the ‘Tree of Life’