

We welcome members of the transgender community, our families, friends and allies for joining in this solemn candlelight vigil in observance of the 11th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

*The speakers commemorating
this year's event with us are:*

Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas
Minister, Metropolitan Community Church

Dr. David Nylund
Associate Professor, CSU Sacramento

Mila Pavlin
Operations Manager, Transgender Law Center

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The first memorial was a candlelight vigil in November 1999 to honor Rita Hester, murdered in 1998. Since then, annual memorials on this day have been observed around the world.

Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 21, 2009, 6:30 pm

Order of Memorial

Slide show

Opening procession

Welcome – Dr. Francie Milazzo

Lighting of the Memorial Candle
– Rev. Canon Kathleen Kelly

Presentations by speakers

Song “One Voice” – musicians

Reading of list of names

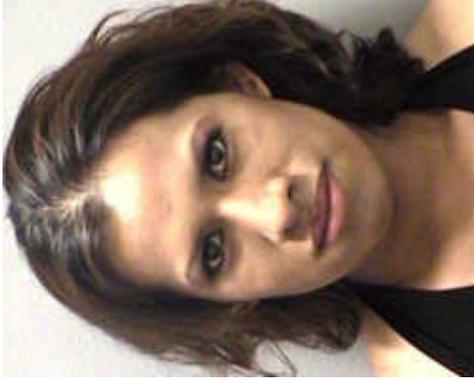
Candlelight Circle – all

Song “Peace Like a River” – all

Closing – Rev. Canon Kathleen Kelly

Reception in the 2nd floor assembly room
(all welcome)

In Memoriam – Ruby Molina September 21, 2008

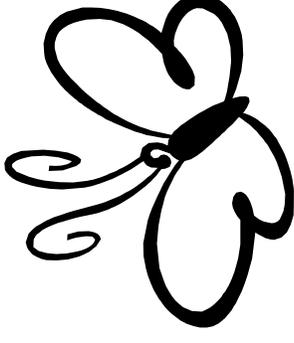


Seven years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo on October 3, 2002. And just last year, 22 year old Ruby Molina was found floating in the American River. These sisters of ours chose to engage and live their lives as they knew how braving the scorn and ridicule of those who would not understand them. Finally at the hands of such as these they paid the ultimate price of their lives.

The news of Ruby Molina's tragedy touches us very deeply. Her courage inspires admiration, but also impresses the urgency and need for all our brothers and sisters to be allowed to be themselves without fear and danger.

We shed our tears for the loss of Ruby, for the grief of her family and our community, for the grief of all of us who have long suffered pain from uncaring individuals. Let us thank Ruby for her inspiration to all of us to commit to working for a more loving and accepting world for all.

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