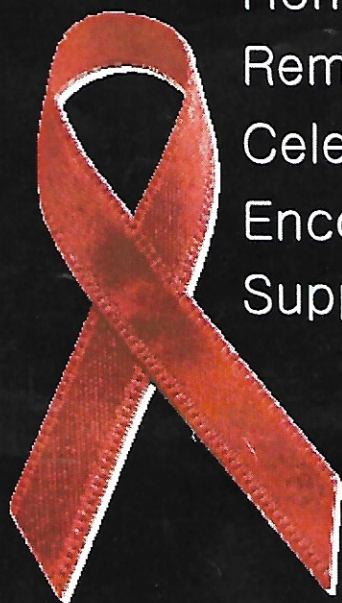


World AIDS Day Vigil Halifax



Honour
Remember
Celebrate
Encourage
Support



AIDS
COALITION
of Nova Scotia 

Ceremony

Welcome

Mike Sangster, Chair of the Board – ACNS

Rev. Jennifer Paty, Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church

Lighting of the Vigil Candle

Moment of Silence

Song: *The Swallow Song*, performed by Heather Green

Reflections

Simon Thwaites, Community Member

Song: *Fields of Gold*, performed by Susanne Litke and Heather Green

Rituals

Passing of the Flame

Reading of the Names

Moment of Silence

Closing

Song: *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

lead by Heather Green and Susanne Litke

Final Thoughts, Rev. Jennifer Paty

Reception

Opening and reception music provided by Julia Feltham

Memorial Poem.

Duty

Here I stand alone,
Those that I have known, Friends most,
Are gone.... Dead,
There graves are scattered over the coun-
tryside,
None but a few know what wicked sword
pierced their hearts,
And grazed their very existence.... their
souls,
Eventually bleeding them to their deaths,
But I do for I was there,
And I wear the wound.

Here I stand alone,
The trees, The sun, the small animals are
my friends,
The songs I hear are memories of those
gone,
Of battles personal and grand,
No memorial lies in tribute,
Only a soft breeze, A fragrant flowers soft
scent,
A footprint or two in the sand to tell of
some ones passing,
Before long they will vanish under the ap-
proaching waves,
A memory.... Forgotten,

Here I stand alone,
My great battle is over,
My friends, My allies gone,
Atop this grassy knoll, Where one day I
will lie and not stand,
I stare out at the field of wheat and see
only poppy's,
I hear the mice at the corn but see only
gold,
I know I am alone,
But I still see the people.

Here I stand alone,
One battle is not the war,
Though where I stand it is over,
I feel in the distance another continues,
The night is chasing the day and the
moon haunts the sky,
My time has passed like so many minutes
on a clock,
but the hour is not up yet.

Here I stand alone,
I wait and I hope,
The battle horn at my side.... cold from
lack of use,
My limp, That wound of old.... worse,
My armor rusted and dented,
I am forgotten, A past,
Now an antique left obsolete behind,
used.... dead.

Here I stand alone,
The gates of heaven beckon me,
Those who have gone before call out my
name,
And wait beyond,
I am still who I am,
And the wound still hurts,
I feel,
I breath,
I am alive,
But deep down I know....
Someday I will not stand alone.

By Simon Thwaites

List of Names.

1983 and before	1988	Donald
Tony	Douglas	Alex
Frank	Wanita	John
Edward	James	David
Fred	Max	and any other names
and any other names	Bobby	we may have missed...
we may have missed...	Luke	
	Michael	1991
1984	Jim	Paul
Robby	Andrew	John
Dale	Lee	Peter
and any other names	Albert	Peter
we may have missed...	and any other names	Bill
	we may have missed...	Tony
1985		Reid
John	1989	George
Graeme	Donald	Michelle
and any other names	Richard	Ken
we may have missed...	Craig	Brent
	Richard	Michel
1986	Rick	David
Gerry	Eva	Bob
Jack	Michael	Archie
and any other names	Mark	Fred
we may have missed...	Scott	John
	Emerson	Bill
1987	Fatima	Alex
Tim	Scott	and any other names
Rick	Allison	we may have missed...
Lloyd	Frank	
Dennis	and any other names	1992
James	we may have missed...	Mike
Evelyn		Al
John	1990	Steven
Margaret	Rex	Brian
Allen	Raymond	Dale
Glen	Colin	Louis
Daniel	Lawrence	Eve
and any other names	Hazen	John
we may have missed...	Milton	Karl

Roger
Bruce
Paul
Greg
and any other names
we may have missed...

1993

Gary
Dennis
Eugene
Garfield
Keith
Kevin
Ron
Glenna
Philip
Ronny
Terry
David
Paul
Patrice
Atangana
Donna
Robert
Ross
Robert
Derek (Louie)

and any other names
we may have missed...

1994
Wayne
Emmerson

Betty
Byron
Lon
Tom
David
Robert
Graham
Jeffery
Michael
Reginald
Stephen
Brian
Randy
Graham
Shauna
Richard

and any other names
we may have missed...

1995

Paul
Raymond
Samuel
Richard
David
Tony
Thomas
Cecil
Frank
Guy
Durval
Edson
Dennis

Ian
Dale
David
Bernie
Campbell
Gary
John Wayne

Grant
Judd
Peter
John David
Victor
Martin
Dana
Shawn
Orville
and any other names
we may have missed...

1996

Howard
Bruce
Denis
Terrance
Wayne
Dwight
Laurel
Troy
Richard
Brian
Bob
Sherri
Peter
Lloyd
Greg
Peter
Bruce
Paul
Damian
Michael
Fr. Michael
Robert

Ron
Danny
Donald
George
Wayne
Richard Craig McDow ("Opal")
and any other names
we may have missed...

1997
Brian
Roger
Guy
Stephen
Michael
Shane
David
Ron
Billy
Martin
Eric
Ray
Ken
Gerard
Tony
and any other names
we may have missed...

1998
Bradford
Joe
Bill
Jamie
Jim
Bruce
Prescott
Daniel
Scott
Mary
Dan
Norma
Doug

and any other names
we may have missed...

1999
Doug
Walter
Allan
Paul
Joyce
Peter
Conrad
Glen
Earl
Bruce
Michael
and any other names
we may have missed...

2000
Dineta
Kirk
Steven
Michael
Owen
Wilson
John
Kirk
and any other names
we may have missed...

2001
Gerald
Murray
David
Kevin
Peter
John
and any other names
we may have missed...

2002

Laurie

Michael

Robert

Ed

and any other names

we may have missed...

2003

There are no names known to us
in this year so far...

2004

Alonzo

Paul

and any other names

we may have missed...

2005

Brian

Dawn Michelle

Ben

Jim

Terry

Dan

Roy

and any other names

we may have missed...

2006

Holly

Tom

Bob

Mike

John

Jon

John

and any other names

we may have missed...

2007

Chuck

Paul

Wayne

Robert

Blair

Roy

Bob

Gary

and any other names

we may have missed...

2008

Timm

Peter

Mark

Beverly

Lee Ann

Robert

Phil

John

Debra

and any other names

we may have missed...

2009

Ron

Debbie

Bernard

Robert

Taylor

Jack

Paul

and any other names

we may have missed...

2010

Bernie

Tony

and any other names

we may have missed...

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow

Way up high

There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow

Skies are blue

And the dreams that you dare to dream really
do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star

And wake up where the clouds
are far behind me

Where troubles melt like lemon drops

A way above the chimney tops

That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow

Blue birds fly

Birds fly over the rainbow

Why then oh why can't I?

If happy little blue birds fly beyond the rainbow

Why oh why can't I?

Somewhere over the rainbow

Way up high

There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby

HIV/AIDS – The Facts

Canada¹

- More than 66,000 people are living with HIV today and 25% do not know that they are HIV positive
- Women represent almost 30% of positive tests in Canada
- Gay Men continue to be over-represented in positive tests across Canada

Locally

- There have been over 700 positive HIV tests reports here in Nova Scotia
- In the last year alone, ACNS has served, supported, educated and advocated for hundreds of our members

Globally

- 33.3 million people were living with HIV worldwide in 2009
- 2.6 million people were newly infected with HIV worldwide in 2009
- 1.8 million people died of AIDS-related illnesses worldwide in 2009
- 2.3 million children were living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa at the end of 2009

¹ Public Health Agency of Canada: *HIV and AIDS in Canada: Surveillance Reports – June 2008*

² World Health Organization

Appreciations

We wish to thank all of you for coming to this event. We extend special thanks to those whose kind support has helped to make this year's Vigil so special:

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