

The Vancouver AIDS Memorial Names Policy - Virtual Memorial

The Vancouver AIDS Memorial is intended to serve as place to remember British Columbians who have passed away as a result of AIDS and related illnesses; as a place to honour those who eased their passing - family members, friends, caregivers, health care professionals and others; and as a powerful public educational symbol of our society's commitment to fight and conquer AIDS and similar illnesses. Now that the Memorial at Sunset Beach is complete, names can be nominated to the virtual Memorial at www.aidsmemorial.ca.

The AMV Vancouver AIDS Memorial Society may appoint an administrator or administrators to collect nominations and determine which names shall be placed on the virtual Memorial.

Nominations to the Sunset Beach Memorial are closed. Nominations continue to be accepted for the virtual Memorial, posted at www.aidsmemorial.ca. Although the names of deceased persons pass into the public domain upon their death, the Society wishes to ensure that individual privacy and wishes are respected. The following process must be met before a name will be placed on the Memorial:

- Individuals must be nominated and approved through a nomination process before their name can be added to the virtual Memorial.
- Individuals who are nominated must be deceased and must have had HIV or AIDS related illnesses.
- Individuals who are nominated must have a substantial connection to British Columbia.
- Nominations will only be accepted if accompanied by a completed nomination form. The only exception will be if someone who has passed away has provided a written direction regarding the inclusion or exclusion of his/her own name on the Memorial. This can take the form of a will, other legal document or a letter to the administrators or to a spouse, relative or friend. The written wishes of the deceased shall take precedence over all others.
- Nominators must include their full name, address, phone number and original signature.
- Nominators must agree to have their nomination scrutinized.
- Names nominated to the Memorial will also be added to the Vancouver AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Vigil unless the Society is notified in writing to exclude the nomination.
- Objections to an individual name being nominated and accepted to be placed on the virtual Memorial must be submitted in writing to the administrators. Objections must include the reasons for the objection, relationship to the nominee, the full name, address, phone number and original signature of the objector.
- If there is an objection, the administrators will review both the nomination and objection, gather additional information if required and make a final determination as to the inclusion or rejection of a nomination based on their research and review.
- A nominated name may not be included if, on investigation, the administrators are of the opinion that the nominee does not meet the criteria for inclusion. The AMV Vancouver AIDS Memorial Society retains the right to accept, defer, limit or refuse the name of a nominated individual.

Multiple Nominations

If you are nominating more than 5 names to the memorial, please contact us prior to completing any documentation. We may be able to help you streamline the process.

Questions and Additional Information:

- visit us on-line at www.aidsmemorial.ca
- e-mail us at names@aidsmemorial.ca
- write to us at 1905 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5J 1G7