

A Life That Matters: Michael Josephson

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built;
Not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those that loved you.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance, but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

This Service was prepared and presented by the Zonta Club of Amherst Area located in Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Memorial Service



District 1 Fall Conference
Sunday, October 29, 2023
Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada

Welcome:

We gather in this place of calm and quiet. A sanctuary to restore our faith, to deepen our understanding and to give us strength to move forward in a meaningful way.

Land Acknowledgment:

Our gathering today is taking place in Meeg-Ma-Gee, the traditional and unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. We should also acknowledge that Nova Scotia has another unique people. These are the Indigenous Blacks of Nova Scotia whose legacy and contributions date back over 400 years predating the confederation of this land.

Here – We are all Treaty People.

Gathering Prayer: (in unison):

We bow our heads in reverence acknowledging that we gather from a background of many faiths. We search for meaning as we open our minds to understand the truth around us. We search our hearts to be open to acts of kindness and compassion. We strive to open our eyes to see our hurting neighbor. We seek guidance to open our hands to implement effective change. It is in our joining together we seek to make a difference. **Amen**

Introduction to the Rose Ceremony:

We learn and benefit from each friend. What we learn from one can be given to another, and what another has learned can be given to us, thus inspiring our progress along the way. We become aware that we are individual flowers in the garden of life, that as such our essence permeates the lives of others. As you behold the perfection and beauty of each flower in an arrangement of roses, so too, we look for the beauty in others.

Memorial Reflections and Rose Ceremony:

Sandi Smith – Zonta Club of Amherst Area
Marge Caesar – Zonta Club of Berkshire County
Keye Hollister – Zonta Club of Berkshire County
Millie Blum – Zonta Club of Berkshire County
Judy Burbank – Zonta Club of Berkshire County
Carolyn Andrews – Zonta Club of Concord
Jean A. Rule – Zonta Club of Concord
Lisa A. Rule, Esq. – Zonta Club of Concord
Theresa “Terry” Pinette – Zonta Club of Malden
Virginia Ruane – Zonta Club of Malden
Lynn Goodhue – Zonta Club of Northampton Area

Cynthia R. Thompson – Past District Governor was not part of a club when she passed as the club disbanded.

Moment of Silent Reflection