

## FRIDAY 100 200 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

PAM MILLER DOWNTOWN
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## In Remembrance

Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton has a message regarding a new memorial for those in Lexington we have lost to COVID-19 and an invitation to show our support for the family and friends who have lost so much:

Good day everyone,

At 1 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 20, we are establishing a memorial downtown to Lexington citizens who have died from the COVID-19 virus over the past year. The memorial, "In Remembrance," will be in the window of the Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center, at 141 E. Main St.

The Health Department tells us that since March, when we had our first case of Coronavirus, we have lost 104 citizens to the disease. That number

continues to rise. COVID-19's victims are people from all over town; all socio-economic levels; all ages.

I wish we could invite all of the family and friends of the victims, and our entire faith community, to join us on Friday. COVID-19 makes that impossible. So we are having a very small, safe ceremony with a few members of the faith community who come from different backgrounds. Media will be invited to the ceremony.

Even though it will be impossible to have a big gathering on Friday, I'm hoping you can signal your support for the memorial. There will be two ways to do this. First, if your house of worship has bells, please let them ring out from 12:45-1 p.m. this Friday. Secondly, we are setting up an email address for the community, inviting people to offer tributes and remembrances. We will post these on social media, as appropriate. This email, which will go live on Friday, will be inremembrance@lexingtonky.gov.

I know you have been working hard since March to help our citizens through this pandemic. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Linda Gorton, Mayor

