
We continue to remember the 32 victims:

Ross A. Alameddine	Liviu Librescu
Christopher James Bishop	G.V. Loganathan
Brian R. Bluhm	Partahi Mamora Halomoan Lumbantoruan
Ryan Christopher Clark	Lauren Ashley McCain
Austin Michelle Cloyd	Daniel Patrick O'Neil
Jocelyne Couture-Nowak	Juan Ramon Ortiz-Ortiz
Daniel Alejandro Perez Cueva	Minal Hiralal Panchal
Kevin P. Granata	Erin Nicole Peterson
Matthew Gregory Gwaltney	Michael Steven Pohle, Jr.
Caitlin Millar Hammaren	Julia Kathleen Pryde
Jeremy Michael Herbstritt	Mary Karen Read
Rachael Elizabeth Hill	Reema Joseph Samaha
Emily Jane Hilscher	Waleed Mohamed Shaalan
Jarrett Lee Lane	Leslie Geraldine Sherman
Matthew Joseph La Porte	Maxine Shelly Turner
Henry J. Lee	Nicole Regina White

Addressing difficult topics can be stressful and cause anxiety, difficulty concentrating, sleep loss, and even concerns about safety. If you or a loved one needs help, there are many resources:

- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - call 988 or text HOME to 741741
- 24/7 Cook Counseling Hotline for VT students - 540-231-6557
- NRVCS Raft Crisis Hotline - 540-961-8400
- Just need to talk? Mental Health America of VA Warm Line - 1-866-400-MHAV (6428)
- For more resources, students should visit the Well-Being at VT website (well-being.vt.edu) and employees should visit Hokie Wellness (hokiewellness.vt.edu).
- Additional Emergency Services information is available from the Cook Counseling Center (ucc.vt.edu) and at the We Remember website (www.weremember.vt.edu).

INTRODUCTION

Following the events of April 16, 2007, Virginia Tech received thousands of handmade and heartfelt items to express condolences, thoughts and prayers of healing and support, and solace for the Hokie Community. This exhibit highlights just a few of the collected items that were made by hand to share the hearts of the world with the Hokie Community.

Further selections may be viewed in the accompanying online exhibit at bit.ly/april16handmade.

The finding aid for the April 16, 2007 Archives of the University Libraries is available at bit.ly/april16archives

Photographs of much of the collection may be viewed on VTechWorks at hdl.handle.net/10919/11385.

CREDITS

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MEMORIAL QUILT

JANET ROCHON

This quilt is a memorial project to honor and remember the 32 lives lost on April 16, 2007, by their families.

On the reverse is a dedication panel:



DATE
2023

SOURCE
On loan from the
victims' families.

DEDICATION
In memory of the
32 lost at Virginia
Tech on April 16, 2007

May they never
be forgotten

Designed, made
and quilted by:

Janet Rochon
Tunnel Hill, GA
2023



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HEART SUTRA

Yasushi Harima, Kujishi, Iwate Prefecture, Japan

Calligraphy of the Heart Sutra from Mahāyāna Buddhism created to commemorate the victims on the 9th anniversary of the shootings.

DATE
2016

COLLECTION
Ms.2008.020
April 16, 2007 Archives

LACE ANGELS

Country Needle Embroidery Designs

1,428 lace angels made to be given to students, faculty, and staff. The angels were accompanied by a letter describing the project to craft them.

DATE
2007-05-09

COLLECTION
Ms.2008.020
April 16, 2007 Archives

CONDOLENCE BOOK

Kent State Undergraduate Student Senate

Handmade condolence book with pictures, newspaper clippings, and kind words.

DATE
2007-04-25

COLLECTION
Ms.2008.020
April 16, 2007 Archives

SOCCKER BALL

Unknown

VT soccer ball inscribed with the names of the victims. Left at the Drillfield memorial.

DATE
2007

COLLECTION
Ms.2008.020
April 16, 2007 Archives



MEMORIAL QUILT

ERIN ROLL AND JEANNE ROLL

This quilt featuring a prominent “VT” at its center was made by Erin Roll (Christopher Newport University Class of 2008) and Jeanne Roll (Penn State University Class of 1974). It was donated to the Cook Counseling Center shortly after the events of April 16, 2007, and was later transferred to the archives.

DATE
2007

COLLECTION
Virginia Tech April 16,
2007 Archives of the
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Display Case Item Descriptions:

Yasushi Harima of Kujishi, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, shared a calligraphy of the Heart Sutra from the Buddhist Scriptures to commemorate the victims on the 9th anniversary of the shootings, 2016. H00344

The Country Needle Embroidery Designs crafted 1,428 lace angels to be passed out to students, faculty, and staff shortly after the events of April 16, 2007. The owner sent a letter detailing the project and effort made by their group, May 9, 2007. Ms2008-020, Box 502, Folder 9.

Kent State University's Undergraduate Student Senate handmade a condolence book with pictures, newspaper clippings, and kind words and sent it along with a Letter of Resolution to Virginia Tech, April 25, 2007. Ms2008-020, Box 321, M00224.

One Virginia Tech soccer ball with the names of the victims handwritten on the ball that was left on the Drillfield memorial by an unknown person or persons, 2007. Ms2008-020, Box 469 H00147.