[PFFC's 7th Annual Vigil](https://pffcdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019-PFFC-vigil-flyer-1-1.pdf) to honor and remember those who died in DC in 2019 without the dignity of a home took place on December 19 and 20, 2019. Attendees included: individuals who had or were experiencing homelessness, individuals representing organizations that assist the homeless, activists, members of the DC government, and members of the community at large.

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Washington Post[/caption]

The Vigil began on Thursday, December 19 at 5 pm with an opening service at Luther Place Church featuring, among others: representatives from Unity Health Care, the Department of Human Services, 5th graders from the National Presbyterian School, members of Miriams Kitchen and the National Coalition for the Homeless Speakers Bureau.

Following the service participants held a candlelight procession down 14th St to a tent at Freedom Plaza where dinner was served. An evening of conviviality and sharing followed with some participants spending the night in the tent.

After breakfast on Friday, December 20 participants did a walk around the Wilson Building where they presented asks to  Council Members and their staffers for increasing affordable housing in DC

Following a procession with casket to the New York Ave Presbyterian Church a Homeless Memorial Service was held, as one of over 180 in the U.S. to remember people experiencing homelessness in 2019. Speakers included DC Council Member David Grosso, representatives from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths, and members of DC's homeless/formerly homeless community. [Dana Woolfolk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ddw1eEdtX_g) read the list of 81 people, too many, who died in DC in 2019 without the dignity of a home.

This year's Vigil received extensive coverage, among others, from the : [Associated Press,](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/vigil-held-to-honor-homeless-people-who-died-in-dc-this-year/2019/12/23/e7a243dc-2562-11ea-9cc9-e19cfbc87e51_story.html)[Washington Post,](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/shes-just-one-more-missing-voice-dc-says-117-homeless-people-died-here-this-year/2019/12/20/8dfec686-21b9-11ea-86f3-3b5019d451db_story.html) [DC Line](https://thedcline.org/2019/12/19/broken-systems-created-homelessness-and-only-multifaceted-solutions-can-end-it-advocates-say/), [WTOP,](https://wtop.com/dc/2019/12/vigil-held-to-honor-homeless-people-who-died-in-dc-this-year/) [DC List](https://dcist.com/story/19/12/20/81-people-died-without-housing-in-d-c-in-2019-on-a-bitterly-cold-night-mourners-remembered-them/), [NBC Washington](https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/overnight-vigil-honors-deaths-of-those-experiencing-homelessness/2190004/), [WFMZ](https://www.wfmz.com/news/cnn/us-national/dc-vigil-for-dc-s-homeless-who-died-in/video_06fc057a-fb9d-5df6-824e-1b944d91702a.html),  [WJLA](https://wjla.com/news/local/dc-homeless-2019-casket), [US News](https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/washington-dc/articles/2019-12-23/vigil-held-to-honor-homeless-people-who-died-in-dc-this-year).

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