



# LIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE

AN EVENT HONORING THE MEMORIES  
OF YOUR LOVED ONES

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

Monday,  
December 1

FOREST LAWN - CATHEDRAL CITY · FD 1847

## DECORATING THE TREE OF MEMORY

— Please come decorate the tree of memory with your dove —

Welcome ..... John Abele  
Vice President, Forest Lawn - Coachella Valley

“Canticle of Peace” ..... Palm Swings  
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

Lighting the Candle of Memory ..... Finnegan Norell  
Service Arrangements, Forest Lawn - Cathedral City

“A Rose in December” ..... Finnegan  
by Doug Cotler

“Peace, Peace / Silent Night” ..... Palm Swings and Community  
arr. by Fred Bock

— Please come decorate the tree of memory with your dove —

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.  
'round yon virgin mother and child — holy infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Holiday Reflection ..... Frank Ruiz  
District Director for California's 25th Congressional District

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF LOVE

Dr. Nicole McClurg, Grief Support Director, Forest Lawn

## FRANK RUIZ

Dr. Frank Ruiz serves as the District Director for California's 25th Congressional District, where he partners with community leaders, stakeholders, and policymakers to address critical issues in healthcare, environmental policy, and economic development. His work emphasizes resilience, equity, and sustainability, helping to strengthen communities across the region. Additionally, Dr. Ruiz has over 15 years of experience as a mental health professional, providing evidence-based care to underserved populations. He also served as a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, promoting spiritual growth, community outreach, and social justice initiatives. Dr. Ruiz has consistently worked to expand opportunity, protect the environment, and enhance the well-being of the communities he serves.

“I'll Think of You” ..... Palm Swings  
Words and Music by Allie Black, Arr. by Alan Scott

Time for Silent Reflection

“I Am Learning...” ..... Finnegan  
by Unknown

“Light One Candle” ..... Palm Swings and Community

Light one candle for the Maccabee children. Give thanks that their light didn't die.  
Light one candle for the pain they endured when their right to exist was denied.  
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand.  
Light one candle for the wisdom to know when the peacemaker's time is at hand.  
Chorus

Don't let the light go out; it's lasted for so many years.  
Don't let the light go out; let it shine through our love and our tears.  
Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe.  
Light one candle for those who are suff'ring the pain we learned so long ago.  
Light one candle for all we believe in; let anger not tear us apart.  
Light one candle to bind us together with peace as the song in our heart.  
Chorus  
What is the memory that's valued so highly that we keep alive in that flame?  
What's the commitment to those who have died when we cry out,  
“They've not died in vain!”  
We have come this far always believing that justice will somehow prevail.  
This is the burden and this is the promise, and this is why we will not fail!

Sending Forth ..... Nicole

## EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES OF LOVE

Invitation to Reception ..... John

## PALM SWINGS

The four members of Palm Swings have been singing together more than fourteen years, beginning at Temple Isaiah and moving on to perform in a variety of styles and venues all across the Coachella Valley. They are delighted to make this their thirteenth appearance for the Candlelight Memorial Service. Together, Natalie, Laura, Lindsay and Alan represent nearly 200 years of vocal and choral experience.