

Help Create a Tobacco Victims Memorial Scrapbook

In honor of **Tobacco Victims Memorial Day** (September 16), Tobacco Free Madison County (a BRiDGES program) is creating a memorial scrapbook for Madison County residents lost due to tobacco-related illnesses.

Deadly tobacco-related illnesses include: Many kinds of cancer, heart disease, stroke, stomach ulcers, tumors, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and an array of respiratory illnesses. Remember that these illnesses can strike both the tobacco user and those breathing in secondhand smoke at home or in the workplace. Some of these illnesses may take years to develop.

The purpose of the scrapbook is to provide a respectful memorial of those lost and to help county residents comprehend the impact the tobacco industry's deception has had on us locally. (*This is not an anti-smoker project; we oppose the tobacco industry.*) The scrapbook will be displayed at local health-related events.

Feel free to share this information with anyone who might be interested.

You are invited to participate by one of the following methods: (1) Submit one 8.5 x 11 inch scrapbook page you create, or (2) Submit a photo of your lost loved one along with his or her first name, age, hometown and any other information you wish to include. Please be sure the page is not very thick. You may include poems, short stories, or anything else you feel contributes to a respectful memorial of the person.

Please mention your relationship to the person and if she or he had family (spouse? siblings? children? grandchildren?). Please ensure you have the permission of the person's immediate family.

Submit your page to: Audrey Benenati, BRiDGES, 3059 Seneca Tpke., Canastota, NY 13032. Mark your package "Do not bend," if mailing.



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Questions? Call Audrey at (315) 697-3947 or email at abenenati@bridges-mccasa.org.

This project will be ongoing until otherwise notified.