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To give victims comfort, tribute and purpose

To provide education and prevention to the public

The Memorial of Perpetual Tears is a long time dream of Sonja Britton whose son, Butch, was killed by a drunk driver in 1991. In 2005, the New Mexico Legislature and Governor Bill Richardson signed this dream into reality by passing a bill funding the state memorial. Additional funds as well as the land, supplies, architectural plans, and labor were all donated by the community of Moriarty and citizens of New Mexico.

This grassroots movement has evolved into a unique and special place where survivors and their families can come together to pay tribute and to find comfort and purpose to the tragedy that results from drinking and driving.

Located in Moriarty off Interstate 40 just west of NM state road 41, the memorial stands on four acres surrounded by a red brick wall built in the shape of the red ribbon—a symbol used by many anti-DWI advocates. Made of white steel and drilled with three tear shapes, the markers represent each victim killed in a DWI-related crash in the most recent five-year period. Each year the number of markers are adjusted to reflect current statistics. Walkways and benches encourage visitors to pause for reflection and contemplation.

Future plans include an educational building which will house an educational center and walls featuring the names of both the dead and injured DWI victims.

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