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Keeping the memory alive

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MH17

*I hug this tree
For it is all of me
Every leaf, a child of life
Whispering curiosity*

*I cherish this root
Anchored for good
Each meander, a tattoo of time
Commemorating infinitude*

An appropriate tribute The National Monument MH17

On Thursday the 17th of July 2014, 298 passengers of flight MH17 lost their life in the skies over Ukraine due to a rocket attack. Disaster which shocked the world – unsuspecting people on their way to their holiday, to home, a congress or to family, were struck by violence from an apparently distant civil war.

*‘Every victim has
its own story’*

The National Monument MH17 in Vijfhuizen honours the victims of this disaster and keep the memory of them alive, as a symbol of hope, faith and reflection. In the park-like environment you will find 298 trees. Lime trees, ironwood, ash, hawthorns, pines and ornamental apples, planted by relatives. Shoulder to shoulder, a lasting memory.



Photo: Diemont beton

The National Monument MH17 consists of a green tree ribbon and a memorial and is about 2 hectares in size.

Rooted growth Trees of life

The monument consists of a tree ribbon and a memorial. The green ribbon rises from the landscape. On this 298 trees were planted: one for every victim. The heart of the tree ribbon is an intimate amphitheater. Here you will find the memorial.

With each tree you will find the name, age and nationality of the victim. For passengers who travelled together, the same tree species were planted. These ones stand side by side.

Ten different tree species have been planted for the passengers. The variety of trees means that there is something new to experience every season. The chosen species also emphasise the diversity of the deceased passengers. For the crew of flight MH17 a separate kind has been chosen: lime trees. These are in front, on the edge of the amphitheater.



Photo: Stichting Nationaal Monument MH17/Philip P. Kruijer

On the 18th of March 2017 the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, the chairman of the Surviving Relatives Foundation, Malaysia's ambassador and Malaysia Airlines's CEO plant a tree for the captain of flight MH17.

Sincere solidarity Shoulder to shoulder

‘Togetherness’ and ‘connection’. That is what the monument symbolizes. The trees pass on life to later generations – an important one meaning for initiators and surviving relatives. Beckoning symbolism governments, businesses and individuals inspired to actively contribute to the realization of the monument: a recognition sign for sincere solidarity. Against violence, for peace.



Photo: Stichting Nationaal Monument MH17/Nancy Cheng

In our heart Forest monument

Trees are part of our lives. We plant them at important events: births, marriages or the loss of loved ones. Trees thus represent hope, faith and connection. Trees honour their growth and prosper life and leave the memory of the victims survival.

The 298 trees have special meanings. Forming together they are the character of the easy accessible meeting place. During the memorial meetings of surviving relatives, but also for appropriate, other activities. The trees add quality to the direct surroundings. More nature, better life.

Victims united Memorial

The memorial is in the amphitheater. This consists of a wall of rusted corten steel. A stainless steel sculpture has been placed for this purpose: the “iris”. The pupil of the iris is a high-gloss polished surface. Here are the names of the victims engraved.

The rust and the transience of the steel symbolize the grief, the iris the memory and the comfort. When the iris reflects the light in the back wall, the memory eases the grief. Seen from above the memorial has the shape of an eye that looks into the sky; a connection between victims and surviving relatives



Photo: Stichting Nationaal Monument MH17/Maeric Photography

30,000 tons of soil In good ground

The green ribbon of trees rises up to three meters above the ground level. In order to realize this difference in height, trucks from all over the area delivered 30,000 tons of soil.

The 298 trees in the monument need space to grow and enough water. They are equipped with its own irrigation system. All around the trees grass has been sown and 170.714 bulbs ‘Snow-rose’ have been planted. These soft blue, star-shaped flowers give a blue glow in the spring around the monument.

Full in the light Sunflowers

The tree ribbon is surrounded by a wreath of more than 20,000 sunflowers, which are in bloom around the 17th of July, the day of the disaster. The sunflowers remind of the fields in Ukraine where debris from the plane was found. Some of the sunflowers have been cultivated from seed from the site of the disaster. The sunflowers are also showing on the wall along the bike path.



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Attention to safety Keep the peace

War seems far away in the Netherlands. Nothing is less true. The knockdown of MH17 is considered an act of war in a conflict that leads back to the Cold War. Now as a violent offense from a hybrid war peace seems to be a plaything of power politics and arbitrariness. With unforgettable suffering as a result. It makes the criminal investigation into the perpetrators incredibly important.

The National Monument MH17 is a recognisable landscape element. A scratch in the landscape, visible from the air and space. The shape and design of the tree ribbon tattoos the surrounding land. A sculpture of 298 trees that demands permanent attention for peace and safety.

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Visitor information

Started as a social initiative, further advanced by the National Forest fund, realised with the help of many. The National Monument MH17 is a memorial of and for everyone. The foundation National Monument MH17, who supervised the realization, thanks the promoters, Trees for All, donors and all others who have contributed pro bono or contributed financially.

The volunteers, united in the Friends of the Monument MH17, take care of it together with governments, ensure that the site is managed with dignity, remains clean, visitors are received and appropriate events are organised.

On the 17th of July 2014, 298 people lost their lives in the airspace above Ukraine by a rocket attack. In memory of them you will find on this terrain 298 trees that together form a lasting memory of one disaster that should never have happened.

Name register

Every victim of the disaster has its own tree. You can find the location on the map by combining name and number.

John Alder	223	Kevin Jesurun	247
Christopher Allen	150	Rishi Winiskumar Jhinkoe	170
Ian Allen	152	Nisha Natasha Ja Savitadebie	
John Allen	153	Jhinkoe Binda	171
Julian Allen	154	Tambi bin Jiee	95
Sandra Allen-Martens	151	Annet de Jong	268
Stephen Leslie Anderson	159	Theo Kamsma	143
Andrei Marius Anghel	234	Guo Kamsma	145
Hamfazlin Sham Mohamed Arifin	272	Yvonne Kappen	14
Ithamar Avnon	94	Karamjit Singh Karnail Singh	207
Robert Ayley	208	Dora Shahila Binti Kassim	282
Joyce Baay	266	Karlijn Keijzer	289
Mohd Ghafar Bin Abu Bakar	281	Allard van Keulen	42
Theresa Jennifer Baker	221	Jeroen van Keulen	43
Wayne JohnBaker	220	Robert van den Keulen	40
Wim Bakker	267	Caroline van Keulen van Doorn	41
Rowen Bats	263	Barry Ardin Jan Willem Kooijmans	253
Emma Maree Bell	252	Isa Aimee Kooijmans	256
Muhamad Firdaus Bin Abdul Rahim	295	Mira Elise Kooijmans	255
Shaikh Mohd Noor Bin Mahmood	270	April Antigone Kooijmans van Doorn	254
Helen Borgsteede	206	Oscar Kotte	107
Elsemiek de Borst	149	Remco Kotte	108
Karin Bras	144	Miranda Kotte-Smolanders	109
Lilian Brouwers	142	Lorenzo van de Kraats	120
Barbara de Bruin	122	Rob van de Kraats	121
Anton Camfferman	216	Henk Kroon	47
Lianne Camfferman-Janssen	217	ina Kroon-Broghammer	48
Benoit Chardome	249	Pim de Kuijer	63
Carol Anne Clancy	82	John Lahaye	141
Michael Martin Clancy	81	Gerda Leliana Lahenda	241
Régis Robert Crolla	102	Bart Lambregts	157
Auke Dalstra	173	Joep Lange	58
Aafke Dalstra-de Vries	174	Petra H. van Langeveld	296
Cameron Douglas Dalziel	180	Gabriele (Gaby) Lauschet	165
Minh Chau Dang	45	Mona Cheng Sim Lee	277
Quoc Duy Dang	46	Why Keong Lee	276
Francesca Louise Davison	2	Jian Han Benjamin Lee	259
Liam Patrick Davison	1	Kiah Yee Lee	21
Lillane Delfina Derden	57	Saskia Maria de Leeuw	186
Donny Toekiran Djodikromo	177	Jennifer van der Leij	262
Gijsbert van Duijn	113	Eugene Choo Jin Leong	293
Fatima Dyczynski	298	Yau Chee Liew	22
Petra van Eldijk	251	Mark van der Linde	240
Lisanne Laura Engels	202	Merel van der Linde	239
Tamara Adriana Ernst	27	Robert van der Linde	237
Emma Essers	211	Yan Hwa Loh	90
Peter Essers	209	K. W. van Luik	68
Valentijn Essers	212	Erik Peter Maas	250
Shun Po Fan	89	Edel Mahady	225
Ming Lee Foo	291	Emiel R. Mahler	203
Bryce Jacy Fredriksz	164	Christiene Marckelbach-de Sadeleer	71
Ariza bt Gazalee	96	Simone Marckelbach-van Veldhuizen	73
René van Geene	137	Nicole Martens	129
Lieke Gianotten	162	Evie Maslin	198
Kaela Maya Jay Goes	93	Mohdalibin Maslin	197
Paul Goes	91	Otis Maslin	199
Laurens Pieter van der Graaff	290	Tina Pauline Mastenbroek	77
Marco Grippeling	83	Richard Franklin Mayne	80
Willem Grootshoten	191	Mohd Ali Bin Md Salim	192
Jill Guard	135	Bente Willemijn van der Meer	106
Roger Guard	134	Fleur Isabelle van der Meer	105
Darryl Dwight Gunawan	168	Sophie Charlotte van der Meer	104
Sherryl Shania Gunawan	169	Ingrid Meijer	103
Hadiono Budyanto Gunawan	166	Sascha Rozemarijn Meijer	9
Irene Cabili Gunawan-Pabellon	167	Gerardus Frederik Menke	49
Annemieke Hakse	66	Mary Elizabeth Menke	50
Dave Hally	193	Lucie van Mens	60
Megan Hally	195	Hannah Sophia Meuleman	233
Kim Hally-Verhaegh	194	Anelene Rostijem Misran	178
Ahmad Hakimi Hanapi	292	Guust Moors	118
Yuli Hastini	54	Toos Moors-Ruijter	119
Truike Heemskerk	264	Jeroen van de Mortel	244
Lidwien Heerkens	182	Milia van de Mortel	246
Erik Peter van Heijningen	76	Winneke van de Mortel-van Wiggen	245
Zeger Leonard van Heijningen	78	Adinda van Muijlwijk	29
Robin Hemelrijk	38	Emile van Muijlwijk	28
Shaliza Dewa van den Hende	227	Vickiline van Muijlwijk-Kardia	30
Hans van den Hende	226	Meling Anak Mula	278
Margaux van den Hende	229	Mastura Binti Mustafa	285
Marnix van den Hende	230	Janneke Nelissen	116
Piers van den Hende	228	Hendry Ng	64
Susan Hijmans	32	Elisabeth Lye Ti Ng	260
Friso Hoare	87	Qing Zheng Ng	3
Jasper Hoare	86	Shi Ing Ng	258
Andrew Hoare	84	Ngoc Minh Nguyen	44
Estella Hoare-Vermeulen	85	Tim Nieburg	8
Karin Hoonakker	126	Stefan van Nielsen	279
Howard Ramon Horder	139	Dafne Janne Nieveen	257
Susan Marilyn Horder	140	Tallander Franciscus Niewold	110
Astrid Hornikx	158	Noor Rahimah Tournier	
Pieter Jan Willem Huijbers	232	Binti HJ Mohd Noor	213
Yelena Clarice Huizen	288	Jan Noreilde	65
Arnoud Huizen	286	Steven Noreilde	67
Ody Huizen-Titihalawa	287	Nick Norris	196
Hanny Huntjens	160	Jolette Nuesink	210
Wan Amran Bin Wan Hussin	294	Jack Samuel O'Brien	156
Olga Ioppa	235	Daisy Jo Oehlers	163

Victor Oreshkin	10	Jane Madeleine Adi Soetjipto -Kraay	242
Julian TiarnoOttochian	148	Peter Souren	115
Sergio Paolo Ottochian	146	Rein Specken	214
Esther Ottochian- de Ridder	147	Jan van der Steen	4
Erla Palm	238	Wayan Sujana	248
Miguel Gyasi Panduwinata	12	Supartini	79
Shaka Tamaputra Panduwinata	11	Liam Sweeney	224
Hasni Hardi Parlan	155	Muhammad Afif bin Tambi	97
John Paulissen	53	Muhammad Afruz bin Tambi	100
Arjuna Paulissen	55	Muhammad Afzal bin Tambi	98
Sri Paulissen	56	Marsha Azmeena bt Tambi	99
Eve Chong Yee Pheng	269	Charles Eliza David Tamtelahitu	275
Sjors Pijnenburg	111	Siew Poh Tan	88
Lee Hui Pin	284	Elaine Ee Ling Teoh	204
Alex Ploeg	35	Glenn Raymond Thomas	61
Robert Ploeg	37	Mary Philomene Tiernan	231
Edith Ploeg-Cuijpers	36	Geert Timmers	200
Ben Pocock	101	Hanny Timmers-de Haan	201
Guo Kamsma	265	Erik van der Poel	52
Priya Kaushalya Jairamdas		Jacqueline van Tongeren	59
Vijendran Punjabi	117	Hendrik Tournier	69
Hielkje Raap	222	Ineke Tournier-Westerveld	70
Angeline Premila Rajandaran	274	Liv Trugg	16
Jeroen Renkers	125	Remco Trugg	17
Jeroen van Keulen	127	Tess Trugg	15
Subashni J. Retnam	92	Thami Thamsanqa Uijterlinde	13
Daisy Risah	138	Antoine van Veldhuizen	72
Albert Rizk	218	Pijke van Veldhuizen	75
Maree Elizabeth Rizk	218	Quint van Veldhuizen	74
Joop Albert de Roo	172	Erik Vleesenbeek	161
Arjen Tromp Ryder	184	Cornelia Voorham	5
Yvonne Birgitte Ryder	185	Wouter Johannes Wilhelm Vorsselman	243
Nur Shazana Binti Mohamed Salleh	273	Maarten de Vos	179
Paulus van der Sande	31	Éline Marieke Vranckx	124
Steven van der Sande	33	Huib van Vreeswijk	123
Tessa van der Sande	34	Esther de Waal	280
Sanjid Singh Sandhu	271	Harry Wagemans	136
Inge van der Sar	114	Amèl Naira Wals	132
Quinn L. Schansman	236	Brett Thomas Wals	130
Cor Schilder	51	Jeroen Wals	128
Kristy van den Schoor	112	Jinte Sara Wals	131
Martine de Schutter	62	Solenn Tessa Wals	133
Rik Schuyesmans	187	Frank van der Weide	205
Helena Maria Sidelik	39	Leon Wels	18
Binti Parawira Kasuma Siti Amirah	175	Sem Wels	20
Paul Sivagnanam	188	Conny Wels Stuiver	19
Mabel Sivagnanam-Soosai	189	Ketut Priscilla Wiartini	261
Matthew Ezekial Sivagnanam	190	Marit Witteveen	183
Gary L. Slok	297	Willem Witteveen	181
Carlijn Willemijn Smallenburg	24	Azrina Binti Yakob	283
Charles Louis Smallenburg	23	Ninik Yuriani	176
Werther Vlaanderen Smallenburg	25	Desirée Zantkuijl	215
Thérèse-Marie Elisabeth		Frederique van Zijtveld	6
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Visit the monument

The National Monument MH17 is freely accessible for everybody 24 hours a day. Enter the monument with respect and stick to the rules.

Dogs

Leashed dogs are allowed.

Wheelchairs

The monument is accessible for wheelchair users and disabled visitors. Follow the route on the map with the yellow dots if you want to visit the memorial.

Accessibility

You can reach the National Monument via the R-net express bus line 300 via Schiphol and the railway stations of Haarlem and Hoofddorp. From the bus stop Expo Haarlemmermeer you can walk to the National Monument MH17 in 9 minutes.

The monument is located on a through cycle route, between the ring canal of the Haarlemmermeer and the Groene Weelde.

The monument is located close to the A5 Amsterdam-Alkmaar. Follow the signs ‘Hoofddorp’ and hereafter Vijfhuizen. The Monument is located on the ‘Vijfhuizerweg’. Opposite the entrance is ample parking. Disabled people can park at the entrance.

more information

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Scan the QR Codes

In the park you will find signs with QR Codes. Scan them with your smartphone for extra information about the monument and the meaning of trees. Or look up our website: www.monumentmh17.nl.



Trees register

In the monument you will find eleven tree species. Every tree has its own colour code on the map. Below all tree species are arranged by colour:

- Crataegus succulenta ‘Jubilee’
Fleshy hawthorn
- Fraxinus ornus ‘Ebben’s Column’
Columnar manna ash
- Malus ‘Adams’
Flowering crabapple
- Malus baccata ‘Street Parade’
Siberian crabapple
- Malus ‘Butterball’
Flowering crabapple
- Malus ‘Evereste’
Flowering crabapple
- Malus ‘Mokum’
Flowering crabapple
- Malus toringo ‘Scarlett’
Toringo crabapple
- Parrotia persica
Persian ironwood
- Pinus sylvestris ‘Norska’
Scotch pine
- Tilia platyphyllos ‘Örebro’
Large leaved lime

Route for disabled to memorial

