

**“OUR GARDEN OF  
LOVE, PEACE, HEALING  
AND REMEMBRANCE”**

The Delaware Highway Memorial Garden is embodied by the slogan, “Our Garden of Love, Peace, Healing and Remembrance.”

The slogan was chosen by a group of individuals who are part of a grief support group known as The Compassionate Friends - Brandywine Hundred Chapter. Members of this group have lost family members in traffic fatalities.

This special group of people had a large influence on the creation of the garden, its spirit and its availability to the general public.

The group chose this slogan in order to give the garden its meaning and life.

We hope families will consider its calming message as they spend quiet moments within the garden.



**MEMORIAL GARDEN  
PARTNERING COMMITTEE**

**Delaware  
Department of Transportation**

**Delaware Office of Highway Safety**

**MADD Chesapeake Region**

**Delaware State Police  
Victim Services**

**The Compassionate Friends  
Brandywine Hundred Chapter**



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**DELAWARE  
HIGHWAY  
MEMORIAL  
GARDEN**

**at the Smyrna Rest Area**

**“Our garden of love, peace,  
healing and remembrance”**



**as dedicated October 15, 2007**

**Smyrna Rest Area  
5500 North DuPont Highway  
Smyrna, DE 19977**

## DELAWARE HIGHWAY MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Delaware Highway Memorial Garden is Delaware's place of remembrance for those who have lost their lives on roads in Delaware. The garden is the first of its type nationwide to include the names of those involved in all types of traffic fatalities in the state.

It was created in response to the many requests the Department of Transportation receives regarding the legality of the placement of roadside memorials. Roadside memorials are illegal under Delaware's Clear Zone Act, meaning if they are placed in the clear zone (usually 10 feet on each side of the paved roadway) they must be removed to ensure public safety. The Department of Transportation is working to provide families with various options for remembering a loved one.

Located on the grounds of the Smyrna Rest Area at 5500 DuPont Highway in Smyrna, Delaware, the 11,000 square foot garden is a creative blend of native trees, shrubs and flowering plants. Existing large oak trees anchor the seasonal changes of color.

The garden's pathway is outlined with bricks engraved with the names of individuals who give the garden its character and significance. Benches are situated throughout the garden for the visitors to use as they reflect in this tranquil setting and pay tribute to the lives of their loved ones.

The garden will feature a special area for the victims of impaired (drunk, drugs, etc.) driving. Please indicate on your Brick Order Form if you'd like your brick placed in this special section. This section is available for both victims of impaired driving accidents as well as impaired drivers.

The garden will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

### ORDERING A BRICK IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Bricks are offered free of charge to the public, with the hopes that families will look to the garden as a safer alternative to placing, maintaining and visiting roadside memorials.

Anyone interested in ordering an engraved brick is asked to complete the Personalized Brick Order Form (attached to this brochure).

Bricks accommodate personalization of fifteen (15) characters per line including spacing and punctuation. Other words such as "IN MEMORY OF" can be added if spacing permits. (See samples on Personalized Brick Order Form.)

Only one brick per deceased individual will be placed in the garden.

Sample brick:

IN MEMORY OF  
CATHERINE SMITH  
JUNE 1, 1998

A Personalized Brick Order Form should accompany this brochure. If it does not, complete this form and mail it to: Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware Highway Memorial Garden, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903-0778.

### REQUEST FOR PERSONALIZED BRICK ORDER FORM

Delaware Highway Memorial Garden

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Once DelDOT receives your order form, it will confirm the fatality with local law enforcement, and then place the order when a sufficient number (50) of bricks have been requested. The brick will be engraved and delivered to the Smyrna Rest Area to be installed by DelDOT.

You will be notified by mail once your brick has been placed in the garden's pathway.