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Senator Webb and Veterans for Peace Honor Phil Stanton with Tree Planting Memorial Service

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Binghamton, NY – Today, Senator Lea Webb and Veterans for Peace held a tree-planting memorial service to honor the life and legacy of Phil Stanton, a beloved veteran, community member, and local advocate. Phil Stanton passed away on November 19, 2023, at the age of 81, surrounded by the love and comfort of his family after a brief illness. During the ceremony, Senator Webb presented a proclamation from the New York State Senate to the Stanton family, recognizing Phil's extraordinary contributions to our country and the community.

Phil served with valor and was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the values of honor, duty, and patriotism. He continued his dedication to public service as a retiree from the Broome County Department of Social Services (DSS), where his compassion for the well-being of others left a lasting impact. Phil was also a devout member of Centenary Chenango Street United Methodist Church (UMC). His faith guided his actions and his spirit of inclusivity and justice shone brightly through his involvement with the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA), Reconciling Ministries Network, and Veterans for Peace.

"Phil Stanton had a profound impact on everyone who knew him, including myself," **said Senator Lea Webb**. "He was a pillar of our community and was known for his care for others and his incredible spirit. This tree will serve as a living memorial dedicated by family, friends, and fellow veterans to honor his contributions. Phil's legacy of service, faith, and advocacy will remain a lasting source of inspiration, and he is deeply missed."

Said John Patterson of Veterans for Peace, "We are proud to be honoring the life and lasting contributions of Phil Stanton. Phil was an active member of our organization and committed to the work we do to honor those who have served in our armed forces and promote the education and advocacy of peace rather than conflict. I would like to thank Senator Webb for recognizing the legacy of our dear friend Phil. We are deeply appreciative to the New York Highway Department for allowing us this space to plant trees for veterans from our community for over 15 years."

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Photos from the Announcement ([LINK](#)) | Video of the Announcement ([LINK](#))