

# Memorial Gathering for Helen Conrad

Her ashes will be scattered at  
4:00 PM, Saturday, October 25, 2014  
106 Warburton St., Fall River, Massachusetts



Her ashes have been sitting in a box. This is not where she wants them to stay, she wants them to nourish a growing thing. We decided that what she wanted was a ginkgo tree, because she loved them.

*Ginkgo biloba* is a living fossil: it grew up with the dinosaurs and remained almost unchanged for 200 million years. It is a survivor: it was the ginkgo trees around Hiroshima that were the first plants to begin growing again after the nuclear bomb. It can reach massive size and endure for many centuries.

Until recently there were about three of them in Fall River, and our mother knew where each was, and mentioned them as we drove around. We have planted another in her yard; this is where we will scatter the ashes.

There will be readings, musical selections, and remembrances, by anyone who wants to honor her.

Supper will follow; contributions welcome.

## RSVP:

Call Judy at (508) 674-6128 or Laura at (617) 661-8097 or email <lconrad@laymusic.org> or <judithconrad@mindspring.com> to tell us you're coming, or to discuss what you want to bring.

Please let us know if you want to read, sing, play or speak.

