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Crosses memorializing 85 people who perished in the Camp Fire.

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"You can't imagine the desperation as I called everyone I could think of to ask if any first responder could assist in their evacuation. Of course, all signals busy, no one answered, not even the fire station less than a mile from them."

Loo spoke of the helplessness and the horror of seeing videos of the mass evacuation and more later of human remains belonging to her stepbrother. She felt guilty about not being there, having originally planned to visit her father a few days before the fire.

"I've lost my champion, the one who believed in me the most. He called me his wunderkind," Loo said. "Daily, I mourn the loss of kinship and shared history."

As her father's home and all of its contents were destroyed, she has none of the precious mementos—recordings of Foss' music, memorabilia and his instruments—commemorating his life.

Similar sentiments were shared by other victims' family members.

Skye Sedwick said her father, John Sedwick, fought the fire at his home all day, only to perish when it returned for a second time to their Magalia neighborhood.

"As I mourned my father, I longed for a shred of clothing. Something that was his that I could hold, smell—and there was nothing," Sedwick said.

Her father was not the stereotypical 82-year-old. He still worked 32 hours a week, she said, and planned to retire the month after the Camp Fire. Among his many engagements were teaching Sunday school, volunteering at the Gold Nugget Museum, and playing music on Saturdays at a senior center in Oroville—an unpaid gig he held for 20-plus years that has gone unfilled since his passing.

"My father was in the process of writing a book. He called it his legacy," she said, pausing as her voice cracked. "He spent count-

less hours researching, reciting chapters to whoever would listen, and dictating the script into his computer. Every page of that book, the computer and the author perished that November day. His legacy up in smoke."

Sedwick pointed out that her father spent years as a volunteer firefighter on the Ridge. Had he worked for PG&E, she posited, he would have put safety first.

"When I think about how many people did not do their job properly, or how greedy the company was to not replace the equipment that caused this fire, it sickens me," she said. "How many failed opportunities to prevent this tragedy?"

"It is this culture of apathy, neglect and greed that has become synonymous with PG&E, and I wonder what will it take for that to change. How many more have to die?"

Repeat offenders

Philip Binstock briefly noted the impressive accomplishments of his father, 88-year-old Julian, a man who, despite being raised in an "abysmally poor family," attended Harvard on a full scholarship and retired from Warner Bros. as vice president for foreign operations.

Binstock spent the majority of his time in the courtroom lambasting PG&E, having researched the company's record of wrongdoing. He listed numerous wildfires, contaminated water tables, and the 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno that killed eight people, an incident for which PG&E was placed on probation.

"And then the 2018 Camp Fire. They murdered 85 people—84 in the fire and one who committed suicide rather than be burned to death. And at least three elderly citizens who