

# 'It feels like the very first day after': Florida remembers Parkland tragedy

PARKLAND, Fla. (South Florida Sun Sentinel) — The world lost 17 souls on Valentine's Day 2018 when a lone gunman roamed the hallways of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, firing round after round from an AR-15 rifle until 14 students and three faculty members lay dead.

On Sunday, the third anniversary of the massacre, the Parkland community mourned the tragic loss — and the world mourned with them.

Communities across South Florida gathered to remember the victims with candlelight vigils, moments of silence and memorial walls filled with words of hope and healing.

Hundreds of people attended a

community commemoration event at Parkland's Pine Trails Park on Sunday evening.

A board with the names and photos of each victim lined one end of the field as mournful attendees, many of whom wore "MSD Strong" shirts, wrote notes.

A commemoration from Parkland-area churches, synagogues and mosques was followed by a video memorial for the victims. Therapy dogs comforted children and adults at the event.

Monsignor Michael A. Souckar, pastor of Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Coral Springs, asked for mercy and justice for the Parkland community.

Imam Sultan Mohammed, of the Islamic foundation of South Florida, offered condolences to the families of victims, acknowledging that it doesn't get easier each year.

"You're an inspiration for us all," he said. "You're an inspiration for this entire community to come together."

A brief video honored victims and showed photos of them.

"February 14th will never be the same," the video's narrator said, in part. "Though their time was short, the world is better for having them here."

Fabiola Pepe, after leaving a note next to each victim's photo, said the event was sad but also beautiful.

"The community is still behind



**MEMORIAL:** Roses are placed by attendees during a memorial ceremony on Sunday honoring the 17 victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy.

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each other," she said. "There were students here that you could see crying. You can still see them. It feels like the very first day after it happened."

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ent. As he stood trial for inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol that left five dead, the only one calling it a witch hunt was Trump himself. Republicans refused to defend Trump's actions on the merits, instead relying on a legal argument that the Constitution didn't allow for conviction of a former president.

From the start of Trump's second trial, McConnell signaled he was open to conviction. And even though heulti-

mately voted not guilty, he scorched Trump on the Senate floor after the vote, leaving no doubt about how the most senior Senate Republican felt about the former president.

"There is no question that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day," he said.

His sentiment was widely held among Senate Republicans, some publicly and some only privately. Even Trump's strongest defender in the Senate, Sen. Lindsey Graham

(R-S.C.), declined to defend the former president's conduct ahead of and on Jan. 6.

"His behavior after the election was over the top," Graham said Sunday, although he quickly pivoted to ridiculing the House impeachment managers.

"The trial record was a complete joke, hearsay upon hearsay," the senator told "Fox News Sunday."

Conviction — and a ban on running again, a possibility if the Senate had voted for conviction — stood as the most concrete way to push Trump out of the

party for good, an idea that the majority of Republicans did not embrace. Still, some national Republican figures who have previously clashed with Trump suggested that their view of the ex-president as a destructive force would eventually prevail.

"I think there are far more people who agree that we have got to move on from Donald Trump," Maryland's Republican Gov. Larry Hogan said on CNN's "State of the Union," adding that had he been a senator, he would have voted to convict.

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