University of Texas students Tuesday join community members in placing candles on the steps of the university's tower during a vigil held for victims in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on the university's Austin campus.

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Mareya Schneider hugs Danielle Castrillo, right, and Denise Vaughn-Mills after learning that Schneider's niece was an attendant on one of the United flights.

Families across state mourn local victims in plane crashes

ALL FOUR FLIGHTS CALIFORNIA-BOUND, INCLUDING ONE HEADED FOR SAN FRANCISCO

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First there was the shock. Then the grieving began. A high-tech executive, a Hollywood producer, a flight attendant, a pilot. Early Tuesday morning they all became unwitting victims of the worst terrorist tragedy on U.S. soil.

Even though the disaster occurred thousands of miles away, repercussions were felt in the Golden State where many of its victims were from. All four planes that crashed on Tuesday were California-bound flights, including one destined for San Francisco.

In the Bay Area, parishioners at St. Isidore's, a Catholic Church in Danville, held a prayer vigil for Thomas E. Burnett Jr., senior vice president and chief operating officer for Thoratec, who died Tuesday when San Francisco-bound United Airlines Flight 93 crashed just outside of Pittsburgh.

Burnett, 38, lived in San Ramon with his wife, Deena, and three children.

Father Frank Colacicco said Burnett was a "good Christian and a strong family man."

Deena Burnett was coping as well as can be expected, Colacicco said, "believing that God gave us free will. Some people choose evil, and some people choose good, and her husband always believed that good would overcome evil."

Officials at Thoratec released a statement expressing their sadness.

"This is a great professional and personal loss for all of us at Thoratec," said D. Keith Grossman, the company's president and chief executive officer. "We are all shocked and saddened by today's senseless and ruthless acts that took from us our friend and colleague."

As of late Tuesday night, no official estimates had been released of the number of people who had died or been injured. Across the country, horrified Americans sat stunned as news spread that, besides the San Francisco-bound aircraft's crash, two commercial airlines crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center and a third crashed into the Pentagon. Officials said the death toll is expected to climb as rescue and salvage efforts continue.

United's flight 93, with 38 passengers and 7 crew members, was due to land at 11:14 a.m. Pacific Time. Instead, shortly after 10:06 a.m. Eastern Time, a little more than two hours after it left Newark, the plane crashed, killing all aboard.

Shortly before the crash, an emergency dispatcher in Westmoreland County, Pa., received a cell phone call at 9:58 a.m. from a man who said he was a passenger locked in the bathroom of United Flight 93. "We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!" the dispatcher quoted the man as saying.

A counseling center was set up at San Francisco International Airport, but no relatives were there. Ron Wilson, spokesman for the San Francisco International Airport said that the airline had contacted many families early in the morning, so many remained at their homes.

In all, the four planes carried a total of 233 passengers, 25 flight attendants and eight pilots. Most of the passengers on United's flight 93, were from the Bay Area, airport officials said.

Officials at American and United airlines said passenger lists would not be released until the airlines were given clearance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but late Tuesday evening, the names of victims from American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston, were being revealed.

Among the California victims aboard American's flight 11 were:

■ Edmund Glazer, 41, an executive with MRV Communications, a Chatsworth-based optical network company.

■ Daniel C. Lewin, 31, who served as chief technology officer for Akamai Technologies, an Internet content distribution company.

"Danny was a wonderful human being," said George H. Conrades, chairman and chief executive of Akamai. "He will be deeply missed by his many friends at Akamai. Our thoughts and prayers are with Danny's family, friends and colleagues during this time of national tragedy and personal loss."

Also aboard one of the planes that crashed in New York was David Angell, a producer of the NBC comedy "Frasier" and his wife, Lynn, said Angell's brother, the Most Rev. Kenneth Angell, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vt.

Two officials with the Los Angeles Kings hockey team also were killed. They were passengers on the United Airlines Flight 175, flying from Boston to Los Angeles.

Garnet "Ace" Bailey, 53, was director of pro scouting for the Kings. Bailey, who lived in the Boston suburb of Lynnfield, Mass., is survived by his wife, Katherine, and son, Todd.

Mark Bavis, an amateur scout for the team, also was aboard the flight — the second plane to hit the Word Trade Center, said Mike Altieri, the team's public relations director.

The Boeing 767 was scheduled to fly from Boston to Los Angeles, arriving in time for the opening of training camp Wednesday.

Family members of some passengers on the two hijacked American Arlines planes met with grief counselors at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, where they remained secluded several hours after arriving.

Several dozen family members were believed to be at the hotel, said Rick Dickinson, a spokesman for the American Red Cross.

Counselors were provided by the Red Cross, American Airlines and the Salvation Army.

"People are very distraught, very upset," he said. "They don't believe it's happened."

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Relatives concerned about family members aboard American Airlines flights, should call (800) 245-0999. Officials at United Airlines can be contacted at (800) 932-8555.

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Details on victims remain elusive

FBI ASKS OFFICIALS NOT TO DIVULGE DETAILS

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They were vacationing families and CEOs, airline employees and schoolchildren who will forever be memorialized by a grieving nation.

On at least one of the downed flights — American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles — passengers were ordered to call loved ones from the air on cellular phones to say a final farewell, according to news reports.

Barbara Olson, the former federal prosecutor who became a prominent CNN commentator during the impeachment of President Clinton, called her husband twice in the final minutes before the flight crashed into the World Trade Center. Her last words to him were, "What do I tell the pilot to do?" the Washington Post reported.

Most details about who was on the four hijacked flights and what happened on board were tightly held by airline, airport and security officials Tuesday night. All said the FBI had asked them not to divulge details.

Yet to be released is an official list of the names of victims who were on board the planes, in the Pentagon and at the World Trade Center. Reuters news service reports indicate that firefighters suffered a heavy toll. The New York Fire Department said it was unable to give an official casualty toll.

The Washington Post, Associated Press, Cox News Service and Reuters contributed to this report.

PRESUMED DEAD

AMERICAN FLIGHT 77

Olson

Those presumed dead who were aboard American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles include:

■ **Michelle Heidenberger**, Chevy Chase, Md., a flight attendant trained to handle a hijacking. Married to a pilot for US Airways. They have an 11-year-old son and a college-age daughter.

■ **Karen A. Kincaid**, lawyer, Washington, D.C., Wiley Rein & Fielding.

■ **Barbara Olson**, 45, a former congressional investigator and aide to Senate Minority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., and a CNN commentator. She called her husband twice and described some details of the hijacking, including that the attackers were using knife-like instruments, law enforcement officials said.

■ **Leslie A. Whittington and Charles S. Falkenberg, both 45, and their two young girls**, of suburban Prince George's County, Md. The family was on its way to Australia, where Whittington, a Georgetown University professor of public policy, was to work as a visiting fellow at Australian National University, according to the Washington Post. Her husband, a software engineer and nature buff, was looking forward to exploring Sydney and encountering the wildlife, said James Gekas, a neighbor who hosted a farewell dinner for the family Sunday night, the Post reported.

■ **Three Washington, D.C., schoolchildren and three teachers**, all headed to Santa Barbara for an ecology conference sponsored by National Geographic. School board President Peggy Cooper Cafritz said the students and educators, whose names weren't released, attended elementary and middle schools, the Post reported.

AMERICAN FLIGHT 11

Creamer

Lewin

Ogonowski

Among those presumed dead who were aboard American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles are:

■ **David Angell**, 54, executive producer of the NBC sitcom "Frasier." He was flying with his wife, **Lynn**. The Angells were returning from their summer home in Chatham, Mass., according to wire reports.

■ **Jeffrey Coombs,** 42, Abington, Mass. A manager for Compaq Computer who traveled to stock exchanges around the world.

■ **Thelma Cuccinello**, 71, was headed for a visit with her sister and brother-in-law in San Luis Obispo before her discount airline voucher expired at month's end.

■ **Alexander Filipov**, 70, an electrical engineer and father of David Filipov, the Boston Globe's Moscow bureau chief.

■ **Edmund Glazer**, 41, an executive with MRV Communications in Chatsworth.

■ **Paige Farley Hackel**, 46, of Newton, Mass.

■ **Peter and Susan Hansen** and daughter **Christine**, of Massachusetts.

■ **Ted Hennessey**, Belmont, Mass.

■ **Tara Creamer**, 30, Worcester, Mass., employed by T.J.X.

■ **Daniel Lewin**, 31, co-founder and chief technology officer of Cambridge, Mass.-based Akamai Technologies.

■ **Sara Low**, Batesville, Ark., flight attendant.

■ **Tom McGuinness**, of Portsmouth, N.H., co-pilot of the flight. Married with two teenage children.

■ **John Ogonowski**, 50, one of the pilots of the Boeing 767. The hijacked plane, which took off from Boston's Logan International Airport, was flown into one of the towers in Manhattan's financial district.

UNITED FLIGHT 93

Lyles

Those presumed dead on United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco include:

■ **CeeCee Lyles**, 33, Fort Myers, Fla., a flight attendant who spent six years as a Fort Pierce police officer but always yearned to fly.

■ **Lauren Grandcolas**, mid-30s, Marin County, employee of Good Housekeeping magazine in San Francisco.

UNITED FLIGHT 175

Saracini

Marchand

Sweeney

Among those presumed dead on United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston to Los Angeles include:

■ **Garnet "Ace" Bailey**, 53, director of pro scouting for the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.

■ **Mark Bavis,** an amateur scout for the hockey team.

■ **Ruth Clifford McCourt**, 45, and her 4-year-old daughter **Juliana Valentine McCourt**, both of New London, Conn.

■ **Al Marchand**, Alamogordo, N.M., flight attendant.

■ **Victor Saracini**, Lower Makefield Township, Pa., pilot.

■ **Brian Sweeney**, 38, Barnstable, Mass.