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Ground Zero is hallowed

Your editorial in support of placing the International Freedom Center near the World Trade Center memorial shows an appalling insensitivity to those murdered there on 9/11 and to us who must live on without them ["What's the fuss at Ground Zero," News, July 14].

For many of the dead whose remains were never recovered, the WTC memorial will forever be the closest thing to a tomb that they will ever know. That is certainly the case for my 23-year-old son.

I'm wondering if Newsday's editors would consider provoking controversy and conflict at the gravesites of their own deceased family members. Would they want to create conditions that will inevitably lead to picketing, protesting and counter-demonstrations where the editors' loved ones are buried?

What we want is that our dead be allowed to rest in peace. Keep controversy, whether provoked by the right or the left, well away from the place our loved ones spent their last moments of life.

Peter Gadiel

Editor's Note: The writer is the father of James Gadiel, who died on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center's north tower.

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