Memorial alternatives

Light a candle
Rather than bringing a balloon or lantern for release, people can light candles, nightlights, static lanterns or solar garden lights - a good number of these will create an ambient reflective and peaceful atmosphere.

Blowing bubbles
Sounds trite but blowing bubbles into the sky gives the same feeling of release that letting go of a balloon or lantern achieves...and you can do it again and again. If some people bring torches and shine them as the bubbles go up, the effect is spectacular.

A minute’s applause
Often used to acknowledge someone’s passing at football and rugby matches. The sound and focus can be a really cathartic experience as everyone reflects on the person’s life for an intense minute.

Plant a tree to remember a loved one:
You could do this via the Woodwatch plant-a-tree scheme where you can also dedicate a tree to a loved one: www.woodlandtrustshop.com/dedicate-a-tree.

www.tributeballoon.com
This website has allowed over seven million people to let go of a balloon virtually whether for loved ones or for causes that matter. Get involved with no risk to the environment.

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