Andy Warhol Grave Live Feed: How Are The Pop Artist's Fans Celebrating His 85th Birthday? [PHOTOS]

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A live feed of Andy Warhol's grave is now available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week worldwide. The Warhol Museum and EarthCam launched the joint project titled "Figment" to commemorate the iconic artist's 85th birthday on August 6, 2013.

"I never understood why when you died, you didn't just vanish, and everything could just keep going on the way it was only you just wouldn't be there. I always thought I'd like my own tombstone to be blank. No epitaph and no name. Well, actually, I'd like it to say "figment." -Andy Warhol

Andy Warhol died in 1987 and is buried at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cemetery in Pittsburgh near his parents. The museum website says that hundreds of the pop artist's fans annually visit the tombstone, leaving mementos such as Campbell's Soup cans and Coca-Cola bottles. The gravestone has Warhol's name, the dates of his birth and death and a cross, CBC reports. Warhol Museum director Eric Shiner said that Warhol went to church every day to pray.



The collaborative live video feed project is "a really fantastic way to put Andy on the air 24/7 and plug in to our global audience," said Warhol museum director Eric Shiner to the Associated Press. "We believe that this will give Warhol the pleasure of knowing that he is still plugged in and turned on over 25 years after his death."

Now diehard Warhol devotees, fans, family, friends and tourists visiting the gravesite will not go unnoticed due to the recently added webcam. The Warhol Museum Twitter account has been documenting day one of the "Figment" project. Grave site photos reveal some of the happenings in honor of Andy Warhol's 85th birthday: