

In Memoríam

The South Carolína Sílent Witness Ceremony October 1, 2024

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Program

Count the Stars by Andy Beck Members of the Columbia College Choir Aletha Jacobs, Director

> Invocation Rabbi Hesh Epstein Chabad of South Carolina Columbia, SC

Their Memory Stays by Casey Gamble Assistant Deputy Attorney General LaRone Washington SC Attorney General's Office

What the World Needs Now by Burt Bacharach Members of the Columbia College Choir Aletha Jacobs, Director

> Words of Witness Elizabeth (Liz) Kilborn

Remarks and Victim Remembrance The Honorable Alan Wilson South Carolina Attorney General

> Benediction Reverend John K. Baxter First John Baptist Church, Columbia, SC

AMAZING GRACE* Sergeant James F. Ryan III North Charleston Police Department

* Please stand if you are able.



The Sílent Wítness Story

In 2023, 30 South Carolinians were killed by their intimate partners. As citizens of this state, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice. Therefore, in 1998 our state joined with more than 40 other states in a mission "to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships."

During the 27th annual Silent Witness Ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died in 2023 due to domestic violence. This year, there are 31 silhouettes; 24 are for the known female homicide victims, 6 are for the known male victims, and one represents those victims of whom we are unaware.

The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, through the S.T.O.P. (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women program, hosts this annual remembrance. Other contributing citizens and organizations are acknowledged at the end of this book.



This book is dedicated to the women and men of South Carolina who lost their lives in 2023 due to domestic violence.*

*This book was compiled using incident reports from local law enforcement and data from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.



Their Memory Stays

Although they have passed on, Their memory forever stays. Remember how they smiled, And the joy they always gave. We'll miss them all the time, And think of them every day. Their love filled the world -A love that will never fade.

— Casey Gamble



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Jamilla Smith 30 years old Aiken County



Ruth Whitaker 70 years old Aiken County







Marcella Caravello

69 years old Beaufort County



Marissa Decker 46 years old Berkeley County







Adiarylis Fowler

24 years old Berkeley County



Nakita Baxter 25 years old Clarendon County





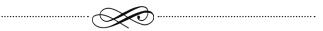


Kadajah McKay 25 years old Darlington County



Bethany Shaw 21 years old Darlington County







Adam Ward 49 years old Darlington County



Teaeshia Kirkland 34 years old Florence County







Angelica Aquino 33 years old Greenville County



Javaria Drummond 23 years old Greenville County







Genesys Rice 18 years old Greenville County



Anthony Robbins 52 years old

Greenville County







Elizabeth Todd 45 years old Greenville County



Jordan Privette 20 years old Kershaw County







Robert Lee Wedman 31 years old Laurens County



Dominique Bolen 36 years old

Lexington County







Chastity Busick

48 years old Lexington County



Mae Nicole Moates 34 years old Lexington County





Antonio Bethea 47 years old Marion County



Ajhai Yvonne Taraya Gambrell 28 years old Oconee County







Barbara Dinkins 48 years old Richland County



Jaylan Sarah Hasty 29 years old Richland County







CJ Antoine Simms

38 years old Richland County



Wynter Straw 25 years old Richland County







Nayda Pastrana Aguila

51 years old Spartanburg County



Shana McClain 53 years old

Spartanburg County







Tyquirez Sims 21 years old Spartanburg County



Dorothy Ware Brice 68 years old York County



Unknown

Domestic violence affects us all.

Domestic violence does not discriminate by gender, race or ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence. Domestic violence victims are all around us: in our neighborhoods, workplaces and our places of worship.

Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember those victims of whom we are unaware.



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and all who graciously gave their time.



Silent Witness Information

The South Carolina Office of the Attorney General works diligently throughout the year to collect information about domestic violence homicides. This is the 27th year the office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize the victims of this horrific crime.

The information for the Silent Witness Memorial is compiled with the assistance and cooperation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the offices of South Carolina solicitors, sheriffs, coroners, and police departments.

Every effort is made to contact the victims' families. The loved ones of these victims provided the photographs found in this book.



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