



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Ceremony
October 6, 2026

The State of South Carolina
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
S.T.O.P. VAWA Program
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Program

Water Hymn by Milck/Gundrun Wagner
Members of the Columbia College Choir
Aletha Jacobs, Director of Choral & Jazz Activities

Invocation

Rabbi Alica Rothamel
Beth Shalom Synagogue
Columbia, SC

A Silent Tear by Author Unknown
Ellen C. Hamilton, Executive Director
Pee Dee Coalition

Love Never Leaves by Jacob Narverud
Arranged by Andy Beck
Members of the Columbia College Choir
Aletha Jacobs, Director of Choral & Jazz Activities

Words of Witness

Ms. Sierra Locklear

Remarks and Victim Remembrance

The Honorable Alan Wilson
South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction

Reverend Ellis White, Jr.
Wesley United Methodist Church
Columbia, SC

Amazing Grace*

Sergeant James F. Ryan III
North Charleston Police Department

* Please stand if you are able.



The Silent Witness Story

In 2025, 40 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 29th annual Silent Witness Ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died in 2025 due to domestic violence. This year, there are 41 silhouettes; 30 are for the known female homicide victims, 10 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.



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*This book is dedicated to
the women and men of
South Carolina who lost
their lives in 2025 due to
domestic violence.**

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*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.



A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind
Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am, no longer old
I'm in that place that's filled with love
Know to you all, as "up above"

— *Author Unknown*





Tayler Maraj
24 years old
Anderson County



Stephanie Hicks
42 years old
Bamberg County





Dennis Recker

81 years old
Beaufort County



Angel Capers

38 years old
Berkeley County





Darlisha McIlwain

43 years old
Berkeley County



Janet Crouch

37 years old
Charleston County





Cheryl Gaydos
47 years old
Charleston County



Einar Bordallo Godoy
39 years old
Charleston County





Laury Villalobos Soler

34 years old
Charleston County



Vantazia Campbell

29 years old
Dillon County





James Abraham

46 years old
Florence County



Crislyn McFarlan

23 years old
Florence County





Patrick McKenzie

54 years old
Florence County



Christopher Sullivan

40 years old
Florence County





Catherine Jones

84 years old
Greenville County



Ana Belen Martinez-Argueta

34 years old
Greenville County





Kenoshia Wheeler

29 years old
Greenville County



Christine Gonzalez

46 years old
Jasper County





Carol Wilson Baker

60 years old
Lee County



Porsha Ivey

34 years old
Lee County





Tanasia Parker

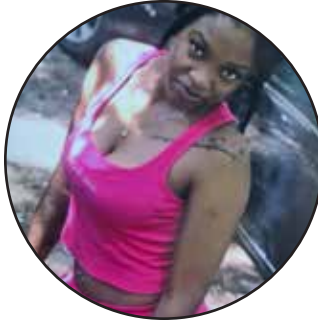
30 years old
Lee County



Gaude Hughes

45 years old
Lexington County





Azia Lock
27 years old
Marion County



Rose Kewlani
52 years old
Newberry County





Michele Gillis
60 years old
Orangeburg County



Michael Anthony Howell
35 years old
Orangeburg County





Crystal Pace
41 years old
Pickens County



Zakiyah Hanna Ali
30 years old
Richland County





Angela Fuller
56 years old
Richland County



Mauricio Garcia
52 years old
Richland County





Silvia Bolanos Ojeda

36 years old
Richland County



Monique Worthy

42 years old
Richland County





Kimberly Leon

52 years old
Saluda County



Lina Samarel

45 years old
Spartanburg County





James Elvington

60 years old
Sumter County



Akinyele Johnson

25 years old
Sumter County





Felicia Leonard

76 years old
Sumter County



Dewey Donnelly

35 years old
Williamsburg County





Leonor Alpizar

37 years old
York County



Glenda Gregorio

28 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.



Domestic Violence Organizations

South Carolina

SCCADVASA

Post Office Box 7776
Columbia, SC 29202
Phone 803-256-2900

Abbeville County

Laurens County Safe Home

Post Office Box 744
Clinton, SC 29325
Hotline 866-598-5932
Phone 864-682-7270

Aiken County

Cumbee Center

Post Office Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-649-0480
Phone 803-641-4162

Allendale County

Cumbee Center

Post Office Box 1293
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Phone 803-641-4162

Anderson County

Safe Harbor

Post Office Box 174
Greenville, SC 29602
Hotline 800-291-2139
Phone 864-467-1177



Domestic Violence Organizations

Bamberg County

CASA/Family Systems

Post Office Box 1568

Orangeburg, SC 29116

Hotline 803-531-6211

Phone 803-534-2448

Barnwell County

Barnwell County Help Line

179 Fuldner Rd

Barnwell, SC 29812

Hotline 803-259-3333

Phone 803-541-1245

Barnwell County

Cumbee Center

Post Office Box 1293

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Beaufort County

Hopeful Horizons Shelter

Post Office Box 1775

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Beaufort County

Hopeful Horizons

Post Office Box 2502

Beaufort, SC 29901

Hotline 800-868-2632

Phone 843-524-2256



Domestic Violence Organizations

Berkeley County

My Sister's House

Post Office Box 71171
North Charleston, SC 29415
Hotline 800-273-4673
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Calhoun County

CASA/Family Systems

Post Office Box 1568
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Hotline 803-531-6211
Phone 803-534-2448

Charleston County

My Sister's House

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North Charleston, SC 29415
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Phone 843-747-4069

Cherokee County

Project R.E.S.T.

103 Lafayette Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Hotline 800-273-5066
Phone 864-583-9803

Chester County

Safe Passage, Inc.

Post Office Box 11458
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Chesterfield County

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Clarendon County

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Colleton County

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Darlington County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

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Dorchester County

My Sister's House

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Edgefield County

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Fairfield County

Sistercare, Inc.

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220 South Irby Street
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Phone 843-669-4694



Domestic Violence Organizations

Georgetown County

Family Justice Center
1530 Highmarket Street
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Greenville County

Safe Harbor
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Greenwood County

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Hampton County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Horry County

Family Justice Center

1339 Apache Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
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Phone 843-546-3926

Jasper County

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Kershaw County

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Lancaster County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Laurens County

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Lee County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

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Lexington County

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Phone 803-926-0505

Marion County

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Hotline 800-273-1820
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Marlboro County

Pee Dee Coalition

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Domestic Violence Organizations

McCormick County

MEG's House

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Oconee County

Safe Harbor

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Orangeburg County

Orangeburg County CASA/Family Systems

Post Office Box 1568
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Pickens County

Safe Harbor

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Hotline 800-291-2139
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Pickens County

Mary's House

Post Office Box 132
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Richland County

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Richland County

The Hive Community Circle

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Columbia, SC 29203
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Spartanburg County

Project R.E.S.T

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Sumter County

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Union County

Project R.E.S.T.

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Hotline 800-273-5066
Phone 864-583-9803

Williamsburg County

Pee Dee Coalition

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Kingstree SC 29556
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Phone 843-669-4694

York County

Safe Passage, Inc.

Post Office Box 11458
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Contributing Agencies and Offices

The Office of the Attorney General would like to thank all those individuals and offices that contributed to this ceremony, especially:

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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

South Carolina Sheriffs' Offices

South Carolina Police Departments

South Carolina Coroners' Offices

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 29th 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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