



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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* Please stand if you are able.



TIME WILL EASE THE HURT

The sadness of the present days
Is locked and set in time.
And moving to the future
Is a slow and painful climb.

But all the feelings that are now
So vivid and so real
Can't hold their fresh intensity
As time begins to heal.

No wound so deep will ever go
Entirely away
Yet every hurt becomes
A little less from day to day.

Nothing can erase the painful
Imprints on your mind
But there are softer memories
That time will let you find.

Though your heart won't let the sadness
Simply slide away
The echoes will diminish
Even though the memories stay.

Bruce B. Wilmer



The Silent Witness Story

In 2020, 39 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 24th annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2020. This year, there are 40 silhouettes; 23 are for the known female victims, 16 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.

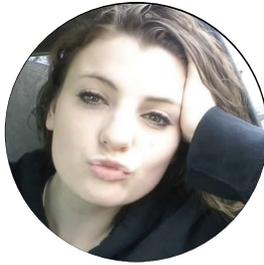


*This book is dedicated
to the women and men
of South Carolina
who lost their lives
due to domestic violence in
2020.**

*The names in this book were 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.



Thembi Chalmers
43 years old
Aiken County



Jacqueline Stevens
29 years old
Aiken County





Breanna Fludd
29 years old
Calhoun County



Shanta Singleton
37 years old
Calhoun County





Christopher Brown
32 years old
Charleston County



Pamela Coleman
58 years old
Charleston County





Olivia Goff
35 years old
Charleston County



Jennifer Grant
36 years old
Charleston County





Audrey Heyward
55 years old
Charleston County



Alicia Campos Garcia
37 years old
Cherokee County





Kodie Patrick
24 years old
Darlington County



Henry Williamson
50 years old
Dillon County





Christopher Curbeam
49 years old
Fairfield County



Melissa McClain
43 years old
Fairfield County





Jonathan Heiden
30 years old
Florence County



Antwanaza Cason
20 years old
Greenville County





Twana McDaniel
42 years old
Greenville County



Desmond Parks
29 years old
Greenville County





Kamesha Craig
21 years old
Greenwood County



John Logan
25 years old
Greenwood County





Timothy Bellamy
22 years old
Horry County



Brian Brady
47 years old
Horry County





Naomi Jean Morris
84 years old
Horry County



Gregory Rice
46 years old
Horry County





Lisa McCartha
46 years old
Lexington County



Walter Payne, Jr.
69 years old
Lexington County





Patricia Smerdell
53 years old
Lexington County



Maisha Burch
45 years old
Marion County





Kent Marcengill
52 years old
Oconee County



Heather Brown
28 years old
Orangeburg County





John Hubbard
33 years old
Orangeburg County



David Jones
34 years old
Orangeburg County





Kiara Richbow
28 years old
Richland County



Kornell Willis
29 years old
Richland County





Jasper Brian
62 years old
Spartanburg County



Ebony Canty
35 years old
Sumter County





Sharekia Johnson
42 years old
York County



Miranda Sturgill-Nivens
29 years old
York County





Julie Taylor
48 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
2711 Middleburg Dr. #212
Columbia, SC 29204
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 to Assist Abused Persons
Post Office Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-649-0480
Phone 803-641-4162

Allendale County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
Post Office Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-649-0480
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 800-298-7228
Phone 803-534-2448

Barnwell County

Barnwell County Help Line
1644 Jackson Street
Barnwell, SC 29812
Help Line/Hotline 803-259-3333
Phone 803-541-1245

Barnwell County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
Post Office Box 1293
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Hotline 803-649-0480
Phone 803-259-4451

Beaufort County

Hopeful Horizons Shelter
Post Office Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Phone 843-770-1070

Beaufort County

Hopeful Horizons
Post Office Box 2502
Beaufort, SC 29901
Hotline 800-637-7273
Phone 843-524-2256



Domestic Violence Organizations

Berkeley County

My Sister's House
Post Office Box 71171
North Charleston, SC 29415
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673
Phone 843-747-4069

Calhoun County

CASA/Family Systems
Post Office Box 1568
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Hotline 800-298-7228
Phone 803-534-2448

Charleston County

My Sister's House
Post Office Box 71171
North Charleston, SC 29415
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Phone 843-747-4069

Cherokee County

SAFE Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Hotline 800-273-5066
Phone 864-583-9803

Chester County

Safe Passage, Inc.
Post Office Box 11458
Rock Hill, SC 29731
Hotline 800-659-0977
Phone 803-329-3336



Domestic Violence Organizations

Chesterfield County

Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
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Clarendon County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
246 Church Street
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Colleton County

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Hotline 800-868-2632
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Darlington County

Pee Dee Coalition
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Dillon County

Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
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Phone 843-774-0898

Dorchester County

My Sister's House
Post Office Box 71171
North Charleston, SC 29405
Hotline 800-273-4673
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Edgefield County

Meg's House
Post Office Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29649
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-227-1421

Fairfield County

Sistercare, Inc.
Post Office Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
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Florence County

Pee Dee Coalition
220 South Irby Street
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-669-4694



Domestic Violence Organizations

Georgetown County

Family Justice Center
1530 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29442
Hotline 844-208-0161
Phone 843-546-3926

Greenville County

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

Greenwood County

Meg's House
Post Office Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29649
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-227-1421

Hampton County

Hopeful Horizons Shelter
Post Office Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Horry County

Family Justice Center
1339 Appache Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
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Phone 843-546-3926

Jasper County

Hopeful Horizons Shelter
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Kershaw County

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Lancaster County

Safe Passage, Inc.
Post Office Box 11458
Rock Hill, SC 29731
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Laurens County

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

Lee County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
246 Church Street
Sumter, SC 29150
Hotline 803-775-2763
Phone 803-773-7158

Lexington County

Sistercare, Inc.
Post Office Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
Phone 803-926-0505

Marion County

Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-423-6568

Marlboro County

Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-479-0882



Domestic Violence Organizations

McCormick County

Meg's House

Post Office Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29649
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-227-1421

Newberry County

Sistercare, Inc.

Post Office Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
Phone 803-926-0505

Oconee County

Safe Harbor

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Greenville, SC 29602
Hotline 800-291-2139
Phone 864-467-1177

Orangeburg County

CASA/Family Systems

Post Office Box 1568
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Hotline 800-298-7228
Phone 803-534-2448

Pickens County

Safe Harbor

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



Domestic Violence Organizations

Pickens County

Mary's House
Post Office Box 132
Pickens, SC 29671
Hotline 864-859-9191
Phone 864-855-1708

Richland County

Sistercare, Inc.
Post Office Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
Phone 803-926-0505

Richland County

The Hive Community Circle
2700 Middleburg Drive Suite 211
Columbia, SC 29204
Phone 803-888-7725

Saluda County

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

Spartanburg County

SAFE Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Hotline 800-273-5066
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Sumter County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
246 Church Street
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Phone 803-773-7158

Union County

SAFE Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Hotline 800-273-5066
Phone 864-583-9803

Williamsburg County

Pee Dee Coalition
202 Kelly Street
Lake City, SC 29560
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-354-6481

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Safe Passage, Inc.
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Rock Hill, SC 29731
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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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South Carolina Police Departments

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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 24th year the office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize victims.

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 photographs found in this book were provided by the friends and families of these victims.



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