



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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Program

“Lift Thine Eyes (*Elijah*)” - Mendelssohn
Columbia College High-C’s

Invocation

Pastor Steven D. Vassar
North Columbia Baptist Church

Prayer of Faith – Author Unknown
Virginia Funk-Currie
VAWA Program Coordinator, SC DPS

Words of Witness

Mrs. Detra Montgomery-Johnson
Domestic Violence Survivor
Introduced by Heather Weiss,
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

“No Time” - arr. Brumfield
Columbia College High-C’s

**Acknowledgment of pro bono attorneys and
honored guests in attendance**

Victim Remembrance

The Honorable Alan Wilson
South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction

Bishop C.L. “Josh” Lorick, Jr.
Rehoboth United Church - Columbia, SC

“Amazing Grace”*

Pipe Major William Porcher DuBose, III
Palmetto Pipes and Drums

* All those who are able are asked to please stand.

The Silent Witness Story

In 2011, 52 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 15th annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2011. This year, there are 53 silhouettes: 39 are for the known female homicide victims, 13 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
2011.**

Special Honor to Deputy Roger Rice,
Laurens County Sheriff's Office,
who gave his life in defense of a victim
of domestic violence

*The stories in this book were compiled using incident reports from local law enforcement and data from South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Prayer of Faith

We trust that beyond absence there is a presence.

That beyond the pain there can be healing.

That beyond the brokenness there can be wholeness.

That beyond the anger there may be peace.

That beyond the hurting there may be forgiveness.

That beyond the silence there may be words.

That beyond words there may be understanding.

That through understanding there is love.

~Author Unknown

*Lawrence
Branham*

*59 years old
Abbeville County*

Mr. Branham was killed on January 12, 2011.

Stacy Hobson, Mr. Branham's long-term girlfriend, stabbed him to death in their home. The couple had three minor children together. Ms. Hobson was arrested and charged with murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and unlawful conduct toward a child. She is currently awaiting trial.

Mr. Branham is survived by four sons and two daughters.

*Esther
Baldwin*

*46 years old
Aiken County*

Ms. Baldwin was killed on July 2, 2011.

Kenneth Myers, her former live-in boyfriend, shot and killed Ms. Baldwin in her home just hours after he also killed his wife, her twin sister, and their mother. Mr. Myers had a written “hit list” and intended to kill seven people that day. There was a history of abuse in his relationship with Ms. Baldwin. Mr. Myers led police on a chase and tried to ram their vehicles with his car before committing suicide when the chase ended.

Ms. Baldwin is survived by a daughter.

*Angela
Myers*

*25 years old
Aiken County*

Mrs. Myers was killed on July 2, 2011.

Mrs. Myers' husband, Kenneth Myers, shot her in the head. He also killed her twin sister and mother with a shotgun during a shooting spree that left his ex-girlfriend, Esther Baldwin, dead in addition. The couple was having marital and financial difficulties prior to the shootings. Mr. Myers committed suicide after leading police on a car chase.

*Pearlie Mae
Russell*
47 years old
Allendale County

Ms. Russell was killed on July 1, 2011.

Blane Taylor, Ms. Russell's live-in boyfriend, admitted to stabbing Ms. Russell in the stomach during an argument, then following her and stabbing her multiple times as she tried to get away from him. Mr. Taylor was arrested and is awaiting trial for murder.

Ms. Russell is survived by a daughter.



*Holly
Ford*

*34 years old
Anderson County*

Ms. Ford was killed on November 17, 2011.

Ms. Ford's live-in boyfriend, James Metz, shot her in the face during an argument. Mr. Metz had a history of mental health and drug problems. Following the shooting he posted on Facebook that he had just killed his girlfriend. He was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Mr. Metz is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Ford is survived by two daughters and a son.

*Allison
Pinsley*

*53 years old
Anderson County*

Ms. Pinsley was killed on April 16, 2011.

Mitchell Guigou, Ms. Pinsley's live-in boyfriend, confessed to hitting her in the head multiple times during an argument at her residence. He then covered her head with a plastic bag and tied her to the bed. Hours later he set the house on fire. Mr. Guigou was arrested and charged with murder and arson. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

*Kacy
Roberson*

*22 years old
Anderson County*

Ms. Roberson was killed on January 18, 2011.

Keith Rucker, who had children with Ms. Roberson, beat and strangled her inside her apartment. She was pregnant at the time of her death. Mr. Rucker was arrested and charged with murder, as well as with the death of a child in utero. He is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Roberson is survived by a son and daughter.

*Shalesha
Williams*

*31 years old
Berkeley County*

Mrs. Williams was killed on December 16, 2011.

Mrs. Williams' husband, Devaughn Williams, stabbed her multiple times in their home. Mrs. Williams' sister witnessed the attack and went to a neighbor's house to get help. The couple's young children were present at the time of the incident. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were having marital problems and may have been trying to separate. Mr. Williams stabbed himself at the scene and later died.

Mrs. Williams is survived by a son and daughter.

*Amanda
Black*

*25 years old
Charleston County*

Mrs. Black was killed on September 8, 2011.

Mrs. Black died from a stab wound to the neck inflicted by her husband, Chesley Black. Mr. Black stabbed her in front of their young children and then stayed in the house with her body another day before taking the children to Mrs. Black's sister and fleeing Charleston. Mr. Black had a prior history of domestic violence and drug charges. He was arrested and is currently awaiting trial for murder.

Mrs. Black is survived by two daughters.

Desma

Doctor

21 years old

Charleston County

Ms. Doctor was killed on December 30, 2011.

Kevin Drayton, with whom Ms. Doctor had children, came to her home and shot her during an argument. He also shot and injured her mother when she tried to intervene. Mr. Drayton then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. The couple's young children were present in the home and witnessed the shootings.

Ms. Doctor is survived by a son and daughter.

*Robin
Thomas*

*55 years old
Cherokee County*

Mrs. Thomas was killed on April 11, 2011.

Mrs. Thomas died from blunt force head injuries inflicted by her husband, Danny Thomas. A relative called police after not hearing from Mrs. Thomas for several days. Her body was discovered in her home when they arrived. Mr. Thomas, who had remained at the home, pointed a gun at responding officers and was shot by a deputy at the scene. He died later at the hospital.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by two daughters.

*Foyest
Caple, Jr.*

*51 years old
Chesterfield County*

Mr. Caple was shot on May 4, 2011, and died two days later.

Mr. Caple's wife, Jacqueline Caple, shot him during an argument at their home. Mr. Caple was taken to the hospital, where he later died. There was a history of domestic violence in the marriage. Mrs. Caple was arrested and charged with murder.

Mr. Caple is survived by two daughters.

*Diane
Louallen*

*55 years old
Chesterfield County*

Mrs. Louallen was killed on June 21, 2011.

Barry Louallen called the police to report that he had just shot his wife. When police arrived at the home, Mr. Louallen threatened the responding officer with a gun and was shot by the officer. Mr. Louallen later died at the hospital. Family members said that there was no known history of domestic violence between the two.

Mrs. Louallen is survived by a daughter.

*Christina
Hughes*

*37 years old
Colleton County*

Mrs. Hughes was killed on January 4, 2011.

Randall Hughes shot his wife in their home. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. The couple's 14-year-old daughter heard gunshots and found her parents' bodies in their bedroom. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were believed to be in the process of separating when the shootings occurred.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by five daughters and a son.

Barrett
Stephenson
35 years old
Edgefield County

Mr. Stephenson was killed on November 5, 2011.

Lakashia Walker, Mr. Stephenson's live-in girlfriend, strangled him following an argument. Ms. Walker had numerous prior domestic violence and assault charges and a pending charge of domestic violence against Mr. Stephenson, which included a no-contact order to protect him from her. Ms. Walker was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.



*Devin
Ham*

*22 years old
Florence County*

Ms. Ham was killed on June 9, 2011.

Ms. Ham's husband, Rodney Ivey, confessed to killing his wife after her body was found on a roadside days after she went missing. Mr. Ivey admitted to strangling her while they were staying at a motel. The couple had experienced marital problems before Ms. Ham's death, and Mr. Ivey had a history of domestic abuse and drug use. He was arrested and charged with murder. Mr. Ivey pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

*Lilia
Blandin*

*38 years old
Greenville County*

Mrs. Blandin was killed on December 10, 2011.

Mrs. Blandin's husband, Avery Blandin, came to the bank where she worked and began stabbing her in front of co-workers and customers. He stopped only when a bystander hit him with a chair. Mr. Blandin had a history of violence against Mrs. Blandin, and she was trying to leave the marriage. Mr. Blandin fled the bank and was later arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Blandin is survived by two daughters and a son.

*Angela
Carver*

*40 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Carver was killed on April 7, 2011.

Ms. Carver died from a gunshot wound to the head inflicted by her live-in boyfriend, James Beheler. Mr. Beheler shot Ms. Carver after an argument. He later committed suicide. A family member found the bodies at their residence after not hearing from Mr. Beheler for several days. The couple had a history of domestic violence in their relationship.

Ms. Carver is survived by three sons.

*Allison
Cross*

*26 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Cross was killed on August 2, 2011.

Ms. Cross' live-in boyfriend, Michael Crane, beat her and her mother to death at their residence. Police responded to a welfare check at the home and discovered their bodies. Mr. Crane was inside the home at the time and was arrested and charged with two counts of murder. He is currently awaiting trial.



*Marsha
Smith*

*51 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Smith was killed on April 23, 2011.

Ms. Smith was strangled to death by her live-in boyfriend, Nathaniel Beeks. Ms. Smith's daughter saw Mr. Beeks leaving the apartment after the incident and found her mother unresponsive inside. Mr. Beeks had a history of verbal and physical violence against Ms. Smith. He was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Smith is survived by four daughters and a son.

*Juan
Tafuya-Gonzalez
38 years old
Greenville County*

Mr. Tafuya-Gonzalez was killed on April 29, 2011.

Elvira Seay, his live-in girlfriend, shot Mr. Tafuya-Gonzalez and later dumped his body in a remote area. A friend of Ms. Seay's reported the murder to police after Ms. Seay asked her to help dispose of the body. Ms. Seay fled South Carolina and was located in New Orleans six months later. She was charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

*Yolanda
Thurston*

*53 years old
Greenville County*

Mrs. Thurston was killed on December 4, 2011.

Mrs. Thurston was shot to death by her husband, Jimmy Thurston. Mr. Thurston stated to police that he shot his wife following an argument at their home. He then drove to a remote area and threw away the gun that he used. After returning home, he called 911 to report the shooting. Mr. Thurston was arrested and charged with murder. He committed suicide while awaiting trial.

Mrs. Thurston is survived by two daughters.

*Kaybreisha
Timpson
19 years old
Greenwood County*

Ms. Timpson was killed on September 19, 2011.

Adrian Neal shot Ms. Timpson several times. He then pushed her out of the car, left her on the roadway, and drove off with their infant daughter in the back seat. An Amber Alert was issued, and several hours later Mr. Neal turned himself in to police. He was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Mr. Neal pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 30 years in prison without the possibility of parole.

Ms. Timpson is survived by her daughter.



*Masako
Yamaguchi-Miller*

*34 years old
Hampton County*

Ms. Yamaguchi-Miller was killed on May 26, 2011.

Police were called to her home after Ms. Yamaguchi-Miller failed to show up for work, but they did not find anything out of place. Ms. Yamaguchi-Miller remained missing until her body was discovered by fishermen in a river in Beaufort County a week later. The father of two of her children, Kelvin Jackson, was arrested and charged with her murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Yamaguchi-Miller is survived by two sons and a daughter.

*Cheryl
Gillespie*

*53 years old
Horry County*

Ms. Gillespie was killed on March 20, 2011.

Ms. Gillespie's ex-husband, Gary Gillespie, shot her during an argument he was having with her son at her home. She died at the scene as the result of the gunshot. Mr. Gillespie was arrested and charged with murder, but pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to nine months in prison with credit for time served.

Ms. Gillespie is survived by two sons.

*Marsella
Lippert*

*39 years old
Horry County*

Mrs. Lippert was killed on November 21, 2011.

Mrs. Lippert's husband, James Lippert, assaulted her during an argument at their home before fatally stabbing her. The couple's children were home at the time, and their 8-year-old daughter called 911 to report the attack. Mr. Lippert was arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Lippert is survived by two daughters.



*Elizabeth
Evans*

*60 years old
Kershaw County*

Ms. Evans was killed in January of 2011.

Ms. Evans went missing in December of 2010. Her body was found in the woods weeks later, and an autopsy revealed that she died in January from asphyxiation. Her estranged husband, Brian Evans, was arrested and charged with her murder, as well as with the murder of an unrelated man. He is currently awaiting trial on both charges.

Ms. Evans is survived by a daughter.

*Nancy
Stone*

*40 years old
Kershaw County*

Ms. Stone was killed on November 9, 2011.

Officers responding to a welfare check found Ms. Stone and her estranged husband, Reginald Stone, shot to death at her home. Investigators said that Mr. Stone sent a letter to his sister telling her he was going to kill Ms. Stone and himself. By the time she received the letter and was able to contact authorities, the murder-suicide had already taken place.

Ms. Stone is survived by a daughter.

*Nicole
Kingsborough
38 years old
Laurens County*

Ms. Kingsborough was killed on July 13, 2011.

Ms. Kingsborough was shot in the face outside her office by Bennie Brown, with whom she had a child. When officers went to his home, Mr. Brown also shot and killed Deputy Roger Rice. Mr. Brown had been arrested for a criminal domestic violence charge against Ms. Kingsborough two weeks before her death. He was charged with two counts of murder, two counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and five counts of attempted murder for other shots fired at the scene. He is awaiting trial.

Ms. Kingsborough is survived by a daughter.



***Margaret
Constance***

*52 years old
Lexington County*

Ms. Constance was killed on May 8, 2011.

Ms. Constance's estranged husband, William Constance, stabbed her 25 times in her home. Officers found her body when they responded to a welfare check after family members could not get in touch with her. Mr. Constance was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Amanda
Peake*

*27 years old
Lexington County*

Ms. Peake was killed on March 15, 2011.

Ms. Peake died from a gunshot wound inflicted by Chancey Smith, her former live-in boyfriend. Mr. Smith was upset over their recent breakup and had been drinking heavily the day of the shootings. A friend called 911 when Mr. Smith took a gun and told him he was going to Ms. Peake's house, but police arrived after she had been shot. Mr. Smith also shot and killed Ms. Peake's two children before turning the gun on himself and committing suicide.



*Charnel
Redden*

*25 years old
Lexington County*

Ms. Redden was killed on January 24, 2011.

Stacy Wade, Ms. Redden's former live-in boyfriend, beat her to death in her home. Mr. Wade then dumped her body near a construction site and fled the scene. He turned himself in to authorities several days later. At the time of her death, Mr. Wade was out on bond for charges of criminal sexual conduct and criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature against Ms. Redden. Mr. Wade is awaiting trial for those charges and for murder.

*Victoria
Tindall*

*28 years old
Lexington County*

Mrs. Tindall was killed on January 26, 2011.

Mrs. Tindall died from a gunshot wound to the head inflicted by her husband, Brian Tindall. Mr. Tindall called his mother and told her he had killed his wife and was going to kill himself. Deputies discovered both bodies after arriving at the home. The couple had been having marital problems in the weeks leading up to the shootings.

Mrs. Tindall is survived by two sons and a daughter.

*Takeyia
Easterling*

*20 years old
Marlboro County*

Ms. Easterling was killed on April 27, 2011.

Vondell Malachi, the father of Ms. Easterling's child, shot Ms. Easterling at a park. He then took her to a hospital for medical attention. When officers attempted to question him, he led them on a high-speed chase ending at his home, where a 19-hour standoff ensued. Mr. Malachi was later taken into custody by a tactical team and charged with murder. He pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Ms. Easterling is survived by a son.



*John
Mayers*

*43 years old
Newberry County*

Mr. Mayers was killed on May 7, 2011.

Mr. Mayers went missing in early May and his body was discovered in the woods on May 25. Mr. Mayers' former live-in girlfriend, Mandy Smith, and her roommate met Mr. Mayers in the woods, where Ms. Smith got into an argument with him. She then shot Mr. Mayers. Her roommate later confessed his knowledge of the incident and led officers to the site of the shooting. Ms. Smith and her roommate were both arrested and are awaiting trial for murder.

Mr. Mayers is survived by two sons and two daughters.



*Lynette
Glover*

*21 years old
Orangeburg County*

Ms. Glover was killed on April 1, 2011.

Malcolm Curry shot Ms. Glover to death at his home. The couple had a child together and there was no known history of violence in the relationship. Although Mr. Curry stated to police that his gun went off accidentally when he was removing it from his car, he was arrested and pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Mr. Curry was sentenced to four years in prison.

Ms. Glover is survived by a daughter.



*Mark
Hendricks*

*52 years old
Pickens County*

Mr. Hendricks was killed on October 14, 2011.

Mr. Hendricks died as the result of a gunshot wound from his ex-wife, Susan Hendricks. Ms. Hendricks also shot and killed their two sons and her stepmother. Investigators believe the motive for the killings was life insurance policies on the victims, for which Ms. Hendricks was listed as the beneficiary. Ms. Hendricks was arrested and charged with four counts of murder and four counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Joann
Bobo-Hill*
25 years old
Richland County

Ms. Bobo-Hill was killed on July 20, 2011.

Ms. Bobo-Hill was shot to death by Deshon Washington. Deputies responded to a shots fired report and found Ms. Bobo-Hill on a roadside with multiple gunshot wounds. Officers then went to a mobile home where Mr. Washington was holding their two-year-old daughter hostage. Mr. Washington shot and injured their daughter and fired at a deputy before turning the gun on himself and committing suicide.

Ms. Bobo-Hill is survived by her daughter.



*Oppie
Jackson*

*33 years old
Richland County*

Mr. Jackson was killed on January 22, 2011.

Mr. Jackson's live-in girlfriend, Alicia Ziolkowski, shot him in their car at a gas station. She then turned the gun on herself. Mr. Jackson and Ms. Ziolkowski were taken to the hospital, where they later died.

*Henry
Jones*

*22 years old
Richland County*

Mr. Jones was killed on May 15, 2011.

Brithney Goodwin, Mr. Jones' live-in girlfriend, stabbed him in the chest during an argument at her residence. Mr. Jones died after being taken to the hospital. Ms. Goodwin was arrested and charged with murder. She is currently awaiting trial.

*Amanda
Kistler-Jarrard*

*24 years old
Richland County*

Mrs. Kistler-Jarrard was killed on May 23, 2011.

Joseph Jarrard shot his wife multiple times at their home. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. Mr. Jarrard's mother found both of them unresponsive and called law enforcement. Neighbors of the couple stated that they frequently argued.

Larry

Ross

69 years old

Richland County

Mr. Ross died on May 11, 2011.

Carol Ross, a former nurse, killed her husband of 47 years by giving him an overdose of prescription medications on May 4, 2011. Mr. Ross was a quadruple-amputee and decorated veteran. The couple was arguing that day and Mr. Ross told their 12-year-old daughter that her mother had given him too many pills. Authorities called to the home found him unresponsive and took him to the hospital, where he died a week later. Mrs. Ross, who fled the home after giving him the overdose, later turned herself in. She was arrested and is currently awaiting trial for murder.

Mr. Ross is survived by a daughter.



*Gary
Vereen*

*27 years old
Richland County*

Mr. Vereen was killed on July 9, 2011.

Ashley Ancrum-Vereen stabbed her husband in the torso multiple times in their home. Mr. Vereen tried to leave in his car but died after driving a short distance away. Police had been dispatched to the home on previous occasions where Mrs. Ancrum-Vereen had attacked Mr. Vereen. She was arrested and is currently awaiting trial for murder.

Mr. Vereen is survived by a daughter.



*Brenda
Witherspoon
54 years old
Richland County*

Ms. Witherspoon was killed on December 18, 2011.

Michael Peterson stabbed Ms. Witherspoon, his live-in girlfriend, in their home. After Mr. Peterson called a friend to disclose that he had killed Ms. Witherspoon, police were dispatched and found her body. Mr. Peterson was arrested and is awaiting trial for murder.

Ms. Witherspoon is survived by four sons.



*Chaconia
Culbreath*

*36 years old
Saluda County*

Mr. Culbreath was killed on May 7, 2011.

Mr. Culbreath was stabbed in the chest by Laverne Coleman, with whom he had a child, after an argument. He died on the way to the hospital. Ms. Coleman initially told police that Mr. Culbreath committed suicide but later confessed to stabbing Mr. Culbreath with a kitchen knife. Ms. Coleman was arrested is currently awaiting trial for murder.

Mr. Culbreath is survived by two sons and a daughter.

*Tony
Rosser*

*45 years old
Saluda County*

Mr. Rosser was killed on June 23, 2011.

Aretha Rosser ran over her husband with a car. Mr. Rosser was taken to the hospital, where he died from blunt force trauma and a fractured neck. After the incident Mrs. Rosser called the police and also phoned other agencies to tell them she had hit her husband with a car. There was a long history of violence in the relationship. Mrs. Rosser fled the scene before police arrived and was later arrested for murder and leaving the scene of an accident. She is currently awaiting trial.



*Barbara
Perry*

*64 years old
Spartanburg County*

Mrs. Perry was killed on November 13, 2011.

Mrs. Perry's husband, Jefferson Perry, shot her in their home. Afterward he went next door and shot his brother-in-law, who died, and sister-in-law, who survived but had to have her hand amputated. Mr. Perry led police on a 30-mile car chase until he crashed his car. He then pointed his gun at officers, who returned fire. Mr. Perry was taken to the hospital, where he later died. Police had been called to the home for a domestic disturbance three days before the shootings.

Mrs. Perry is survived by a son and daughter.

Rosemary

Lee

21 years old
Union County

Ms. Lee was killed on July 26, 2011.

Kerry Brown, Ms. Lee's former live-in boyfriend, shot her multiple times in a park in front of a group of children. He then turned the gun on himself, committing suicide. Ms. Lee was pregnant at the time of her death. Mr. Brown had an extensive criminal history and was illegally carrying the firearm.

*Linda
Dixon*

*53 years old
York County*

Ms. Dixon was killed on March 11, 2011.

Jeffrey Goldsmith, Ms. Dixon's live-in boyfriend, shot her in the head before turning the gun on himself and committing suicide. Ms. Dixon's co-workers went to her house after she did not show up for work and saw two bodies on the couch when they looked through a window. They called the police, and officers arrived to find both Ms. Dixon and Mr. Goldsmith dead from gunshot wounds.

Ms. Dixon is survived by a son and daughter.

*Linda
Hertzog*

*54 years old
York County*

Ms. Hertzog was killed on January 3, 2011.

Ms. Hertzog's live-in boyfriend, Jimmy Kendall, III, strangled her to death at her apartment. Mr. Kendall was later discovered driving Ms. Hertzog's car, and he also tried to cash a forged check drawn from Ms. Hertzog's bank account. He was charged with multiple offenses, including murder. Mr. Kendall pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 30 years in prison with no possibility of parole.

Ms. Hertzog is survived by two sons and three daughters.



*Michael
Howe*

*44 years old
York County*

Mr. Howe was killed on October 10, 2011.

Christina Adams, his live-in girlfriend, shot Mr. Howe in his home. A friend of the couple was at the home during the shooting and drove to the police department to report the crime. Mr. Howe was dead when officers arrived. Ms. Adams was arrested and is currently awaiting trial for murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

*Shrece
Robinson*

*25 years old
York County*

Ms. Robinson was killed on May 21, 2011.

Carl White, Jr., shot Ms. Robinson at his parents' home. Afterward he left the scene and abducted their 23-month-old son. An Amber Alert was issued, and authorities located Mr. White and the child, unharmed, near the Georgia border. He was arrested on multiple charges, including murder. Mr. White pled guilty to murder, along with possession of a weapon during a violent crime and possession of a weapon by an unlawful person. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Ms. Robinson is survived by her son.

Unknown

Domestic violence affects us all.

Domestic violence cuts across gender, race and ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence. Domestic violence victims are all around us: in our neighborhoods, our work places, 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
PO Box 7776
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-260-9293
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
PO Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-641-4162
Phone 803-649-0408

Allendale County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
PO Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-641-4162
Phone 803-649-0408

Anderson County

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

Domestic Violence Organizations

Bamberg County

CASA/Family Systems
PO 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

Barnwell County

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
PO Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-641-4162
Phone 803-649-0408

Beaufort County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
PO Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 843-770-1070
Phone 843-770-1074

Beaufort County

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry
PO Box 2502
Beaufort, SC 29901
Hotline 800-637-7273
Phone 843-524-2256

Domestic Violence Organizations

Berkeley County

My Sister's House
PO Box 5341
North Charleston, SC 29405
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673
Phone 843-747-4069

Calhoun County

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

Charleston County

My Sister's House
PO Box 5341
North Charleston, SC 29405
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673
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.
PO Box 11458
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Domestic Violence Organizations

Chesterfield County

Pee Dee Coalition
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Phone 843-669-4694

Clarendon County

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
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Colleton County

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PO Box 1775
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Phone 843-524-2256

Darlington County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Dillon County

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Dorchester County

My Sister's House
PO Box 5341
North Charleston, SC 29405
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Phone 843-747-4069

Edgefield County

MEG's House
PO Box 3410
Greenwood, SC 29648
Hotline 800-447-7992
Phone 864-227-1421

Fairfield County

Sistercare, Inc.
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Phone 843-669-4694

Domestic Violence Organizations

Georgetown County

Citizens Against Spouse Abuse

PO Box 912

Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Hotline 843-448-6206

Phone 843-293-2270

Greenville County

Safe Harbor

PO Box 174

Greenville, SC 29602

Hotline 800-291-2139

Phone 864-467-1177

Greenwood County

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Horry County

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Jasper County

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Kershaw County

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Lancaster County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Laurens County

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

Lee County

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246 Church Street
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Lexington County

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Phone 803-926-0505

Marion County

Pee Dee Coalition
PO Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-669-4694

Marlboro County

Pee Dee Coalition
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Domestic Violence Organizations

McCormick County

MEG's House
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Newberry County

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Oconee County

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Greenville, SC 29602
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Orangeburg County

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Pickens County

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Richland County

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PO Box 1029
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Saluda County

Laurens County Safe Home
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Spartanburg County

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

Sumter County

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Hotline 803-775-2763
Phone 803-773-7158

Union County

SAFE Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street
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Williamsburg County

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York County

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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 15th 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 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.