

In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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The Silent Witness Story

In 2017, 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 21st annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2017. This year, there are 41 silhouettes; 29 are for the known female homicide victims, 11 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 2017.*

*The stories 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.



I'm battered but I'm not broken I still have strength to go on.

I'm trying to find a way out of this
But I feel all alone
I want to be whole again
Because lately all I do is cry.
There's so much living I have to do
So. I don't want to die.

I seek justice but it eludes me
I pray some day I'm heard.
He's silenced me for so long
I dared not speak a word.
I want to leave this life behind
But, I fail each time I try.
I want a life where I'm free to live
No, I don't want to die.

Black eyes and bruises are customary
I'm tired of living this way.
I want a future that's free of pain
I'm tired of living this way.
I want a future that's free of pain
I'm looking forward to a better day.
I've got so much hope inside
I want to spread my wings and fly.
There's so much I have to live for
So, I don't want to die.

I'm going to fight to free myself
From this life I'm living in.
I'll stand tall in spite of it all
This battle I'm going to win.
I'm looking ahead, not going to look back
I know somehow I'll get by
There's so much more life has in store
No, I don't want to die.

~ Sonya Davis



Program

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Original Poem

Written by Ms. Sonya Lewis Read by Vanessa Peyton

Words of Witness

Ms. Sonya Lewis

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Remarks and Victim Remembrance

The Honorable Alan Wilson South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction

Pastor Tiffany Adams
Kingdom Outreach Fellowship
West Columbia, SC

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PFC James F. Ryan III
North Charleston Police Department
(Following one verse of Amazing Grace, please depart in silence.)

* Please stand if you are able.



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and all who graciously gave their time.



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





Billy "Joey" Harris, Jr.

53 years old Anderson County

On May 2, 2017, Billy "Joey" Harris, Jr. was struck with a vehicle by his live-in girlfriend, Sindy Blanton. Mr. Harris later died from his injuries at AnMed Health Medical Center. Mr. Harris loved racing, cars, fishing and was a business owner. Mr. Harris is survived by his three sons, brothers and grandchildren.

The trial of Ms. Blanton is pending for murder.





51 years old Beaufort County

On May 16, 2017, Veronica Glover-King was strangled to death by her husband, Dale King, in the home they shared. Prior to the murder of Mrs. Glover-King, Mr. King was indicted for a domestic violence 3rd degree charge against her. At the time of her death, Mr. King was out on bond for the aforementioned charge.

The trial of Mr. King is pending for murder.





Robin Byrne

40 years old Berkeley County

On November 27, 2017, Robin Byrne was shot multiple times and killed by her husband, Robert Byrne. Those who knew her describe Mrs. Byrne as kind and loving. Mrs. Byrne is survived by her 12-year-old daughter.

Mr. Byrne died by suicide on the same date.





Chicoba Crabtree

53 years old

Berkeley County

On March 21, 2017, Chicoba Crabtree was stabbed and killed by Erica Walters. Mr. Crabtree was able to call 911 after being stabbed but was not able to sustain the injuries. Mr. Crabtree was a welder and is survived by his mother and sister.

The trial of Ms. Walters is pending for murder.





Doris Colucci

74 years old

Charleston County

On April 14, 2017, Doris Colucci was shot and killed by her husband, Ivo Colucci, in their family owned business. Mr. Colucci stated to police his reasons for shooting his wife while being placed under arrest. Mrs. Colucci is reported to have been diagnosed with dementia.

On October 20, 2017, Mr. Colucci pleaded guilty to wrongful death.





Garden Magwood

74 years old

Charleston County

On March 15, 2017, Garden Magwood was shot and killed by her husband, John Magwood, Sr.

The trial of Mr. Magwood is pending for murder.





Gary Stone

51 years old Cherokee County

On November 3, 2017, Gary Stone was strangled and stabbed to death and subsequently dismembered by his live-in girlfriend, Dawn Wilkens, and stepson. Mr. Stone is survived by his parents and siblings.

The trial of Ms. Wilkens is pending for murder and desecration of human remains.





Robert Benson

47 years old
Darlington County

On February 3, 2017, Robert Benson was shot and killed by his live-in girlfriend, Mary Poston, in the home they shared. Mr. Benson was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked in construction post-service. Mr. Benson is survived by his mother, son, brothers, sisters and step-mother.

The trial of Ms. Poston is pending for murder.





Tony Logan

50 years old

Darlington County

On September 16, 2017, Tony Logan was struck in the head with a blunt object and killed by his wife, Veronica Logan. Mr. Logan was hospitalized until his passing two weeks later.

The trial of Mrs. Logan is pending for murder.





Jane Gaddy

51 years old Fairfield County

On December 28, 2017, Jane Gaddy was shot and killed by her husband Charles Gaddy, Jr. Mrs. Gaddy is described by those who knew her as always having a smile on her face. Mrs. Gaddy is survived by her daughters, siblings and grandchildren.

Mr. Gaddy died by suicide on the same date.





Justin Wilson

29 years old Fairfield County

On May 7, 2017, Justin Wilson was burned to death by his wife, Sharon Coleman. She also took the lives of their two children when she started the fire in the home they shared. Mr. Wilson is survived by his two sons, brothers, maternal grandmother and a host of close relatives.

The trial of Ms. Coleman is pending for three counts of murder and first degree arson.





Levader Bright

50 years old

Florence County

On June 16, 2017, Levader Bright was struck in the head with a sharp, blunt object and killed by her husband, James Bright, in the home of her employer, where she was a medical caregiver. Mrs. Bright is survived by her five adult children.

The trial of Mr. Bright is pending for murder.





Amanda Robinson-McCall

36 years old

Florence County

On July 16, 2017, Amanda Robinson-McCall was shot multiple times and killed by her husband, George McCall. Mrs. Robinson-McCall was transported to the hospital, where she died from the gunshot injuries. Mrs. Robinson-McCall is survived by her teen daughter.

The trial of Mr. McCall is pending for murder and possessing a weapon during a violent crime.





Charles "Chuck" Johnson, III

47 years old Georgetown County

On January 21, 2017, Charles "Chuck" Johnson, III was stabbed and killed by his live-in girlfriend, Yevette Cooper, during an altercation in their home. Mr. Johnson loved fishing and shrimping. Mr. Johnson is survived by his two children, parents and sister.

The trial of Ms. Cooper is pending for murder.





Jessica Hill-Doehner Perry

36 years old

Georgetown County

On September 29, 2017, Mrs. Jessica Hill-Doehner Perry was strangled, beaten and killed by her husband, Eric Perry. Mrs. Hill-Doehner Perry's body was found on a boat by first responders while responding to arson at their business, where the boat was located. Mrs. Hill-Doehner Perry is survived by her three children, parents and sister.

The trial of Mr. Perry is pending for murder, arson and destruction of human remains.





Mildred Hall

85 years old Greenville County

On January 8, 2017, Mildred Hall was shot and killed by her husband, Joseph Hall. Mrs. Hall was reported to have dementia. Mrs. and Mr. Hall were found at their home, in their vehicle. Mrs. Hall is survived by her adult children.

Mr. Hall died by suicide on the same date.





Emily Pace

80 years old Greenville County

On July 21, 2017, Emily Pace was shot and killed by her husband, Glenn Pace. Reports indicate that Mr. Pace taped a note to the front door to prevent his children from finding the bodies, stating that there was a carbon monoxide risk in the home. Mrs. Pace is survived by her adult children.

Mr. Pace died by suicide on the same date.





Candy Rosario

25 years old Greenville County

On July 14, 2017, Candy Rosario was shot and killed by the father of her unborn child, Ramiro Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez engaged officers in a shootout immediately following the murder of Ms. Rosario.

Mr. Ramirez died by suicide on the same date.





Sandra Smith

70 years old Greenville County

On January 5, 2017, Sandra Smith was shot and killed by her husband, Paul Smith, Sr., in their home. Mrs. Smith is survived by her adult children.

Mr. Smith died by suicide on the same date.





Alydia Ling

16 years old Hampton

On August 31, 2017, Alydia Ling was shot and killed by the father of her unborn child, Johnnie McKnight. Ms. Ling was eight months pregnant at the time of her death. Those who know her describe Ms. Ling as a beautiful, refined and warmhearted young lady who was very sociable. Her family additionally describes her as charming, with an infectious smile and a gracious spirit.

The trial of Mr. McKnight is pending for two murders and three attempted murders.





Dennis Green

35 years old Horry County

On July 7, 2017, Dennis Green was stabbed and killed by his wife, Donnielle Greene.

The trial of Mrs. Green is pending for murder.





Latosha Lewis

31 years old Horry County

On August 15, 2017, Latosha Lewis was stabbed, shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Jakeem Bryant. Her young child, who was present at the time of the incident, survives Ms. Lewis.

The trial of Mr. Bryant is pending for murder.





Shemeria Smith

19 years old

Horry County

On May 16, 2017, Shemeria Smith was killed when her former live-in boyfriend, Justin O'Neil Penn, intentionally crashed the vehicle they were driving in. Ms. Smith was kidnapped from Alabama and transported to South Carolina prior to her murder.

The trial of Mr. Penn is pending for kidnapping and murder.





Tammy Smith

45 years old Horry County

On September 11, 2017, Tammy Smith was shot and killed by her husband, Michael Smith. Mrs. Smith loved to go to the beach to find sea shells and camp. She and her mother shared a special bond and loved to go to yard sales together. Mrs. Smith is survived by her parents, brother and nieces.

Mr. Smith died by suicide on the same date.





William Wren

69 years old

Jasper County

On February 22, 2017, William Wren was shot and killed by his wife, Denise Wren. Mr. Wren is survived by his son and daughter.

Mrs. Wren died by suicide on the same date.





Mildred Arnold

58 years old

Lancaster County

On October 28, 2017, Mildred Arnold was struck by a blunt object and killed by her husband, James Alman. Mrs. Arnold is survived by her two daughters, mother, sisters and brother.

The trial of Mr. Alman is pending for murder.





Lindsey Lee

31 years old Lexington County

On March 13, 2017, Lindsey Lee suffered a fatal cut to her throat by her husband, Jason Lee. Mrs. Lee was separated from Mr. Lee at the time of her murder. Ms. Lee was a health and fitness fanatic, who won an award for her competitive participation in martial arts. She received her black belt posthumously. Those who knew her, described her as someone who was light hearted, loved life and always had a smile. Mrs. Lee is survived by her parents, sister, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents and great-grandparents.

The trial of Mr. Lee for murder and burglary first degree is scheduled for November, 2018.





Marquita Mobley

33 years old Lexington County

On November 19, 2017, Marquita Mobley was shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend, Derrick Sligh. Ms. Mobley is survived by her nephew, for whom she had been a guardian.

The trial of Mr. Sligh is pending for murder.





Marissa Reynoso

26 years old

Lexington County

On January 1, 2017, Marissa Reynoso was shot and killed by the father of her children, Jorge Chavez. Mr. Chavez also shot and killed Ms. Reynoso's sons, aged four and one year old. Ms. Reynoso is survived by her eldest son.

Mr. Chavez died by suicide on the same date.





Lester Walters

53 years old

Marion County

On August 13, 2017, Lester Walters was shot and killed by his wife, Donna Walters. Mr. Walters is survived by his adult daughter and son.

The trial of Mrs. Walter is pending for murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.





Shelby Head

40 years old Marlboro County

On November 18, 2017, Michael Head reported his wife, Shelby Head missing. On November 19, 2017, police discovered that her current live-in boyfriend, Raymond Nolan, killed Mrs. Head by strangulation. Mr. Nolan had charges pending for domestic violence in the second degree, at the time of Mrs. Head's death. Mrs. Head is survived by her children and husband.

The trial of Mr. Nolan is pending for murder and destruction of human remains.





Rebecca Murray-Cawthon

33 years old Oconee County

On April 18, 2017, Rebecca Murray-Cawthon was reported missing by her husband. It was later discovered that she was shot multiple times and killed in their home by her husband, Lee Cawthon. For Mrs. Murray-Cawthon, her mother writes, "Beccallon, my child, my heart, my soul, the one who is my beloved. See you in the twilight, between night and dawn."

Mr. Cawthon plead guilty to murder on September 10, 2018.





Clatie Dean Stribble

35 years old

Oconee County

On May 3, 2017, Clatie Stribble was strangled to death by her former live-in boyfriend, Clifton Boozer. Ms. Stribble is survived by her four children.

The trial of Mr. Boozer is pending for murder.





Sarah Alexander

48 years old

Richland County

On October 26, 2017, Sarah Alexander was shot and killed by her husband, Christopher Alexander.

Mr. Alexander died by suicide on the same date.





Kristi Bell

22 years old Richland County

On September 30, 2017, Kristi Bell was shot and killed by the father of her daughter, Kentrell Kelly. Ms. Bell is survived by her young daughter.

Mr. Kelly died by suicide on the same date.





Amanda Peele

39 years old

Richland County

On October 10, 2017, Amanda Peele was strangled to death by her live-in boyfriend, Kenneth Gleaton, who set the house on fire. Firefighters responded to the scene of a residential fire and discovered the death of Ms. Peele. Ms. Peele is survived by her daughter and four sons.

The trial of Mr. Gleaton is pending for murder and arson.





Joanne Huston

40 years old

Spartanburg County

On January 9, 2017, Joanne Huston was shot and killed by her husband, Anthony Huston. She is remembered as a hard worker who persevered and became a nurse. At the time of her death, Mrs. Huston was pursuing her Master's degree. Mrs. Huston is also remembered for her smile and infectious laugh. She is survived by her children, grandchild, siblings and other family members.

The trial of Mr. Huston is pending for murder.





Desjuan Lemon

21 years old

Sumter County

On March 14, 2017, Desjuan Lemon was stabbed and killed by his live-in girlfriend, Anastasia Singleton.

The trial of Ms. Singleton is pending for murder.





Suzette Ginther

27 years old

Sumter County

On November 16, 2017, Suzette Ginther was shot and killed by her ex-husband, James Ginther. Ms. Ginther was an avid animal lover whose children were her life. Those closest to Ms. Ginther describe her as a sweet and caring person who was always there to help. Ms. Ginther is survived by her daughter, son, mother, father, sister and two brothers.

The trial of Mr. Ginther is pending for murder, kidnapping and abduction.





Marandy "Jade" Brandon

25 years old

York County

On September 18, 2017, Marandy "Jade" Brandon was stabbed and killed in her home by her former live-in boyfriend, Jefferson Quinde-Quishpi. Ms. Brandon had a protective order against Mr. Quinde-Quishpi at the time of her death. Ms. Brandon is survived by her three young children.

The trial of Mr. Quinde-Quishpi is pending for murder and possessing a weapon during a violent crime.





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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