

In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story October 1, 2019

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Inscription of Hope Z. Randall Stroope Columbia College Hi C's Paula Wilson, Director/ Allison Hilbish, Piano

Invocation

Reverend Schrendria F. Robinson Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church Columbia, SC

I Was Loved, Therefore I Am

By Ana Draper Senator Mia McLeod District 22

Words of Witness

Nefateri Smalls

The Storm Is Passing Over Charles A. Tindley/ arr. Barbara Bakes Columbia College Hi C's Paula Wilson, Director / Allison Hilbish, Piano

Remarks and Victim Remembrance

The Honorable Alan Wilson South Carolina Attorney General

Benediction

Reverend Grant B. Wiseman St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church Aiken, SC

Amazing Grace*

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.

The Silent Witness Story

In 2018, 41 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 22nd annual Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina in 2018. This year, there are 42 silhouettes; 30 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 2018.*

Special Honor to Deputy Michael Doty, York County Sheriff's Office, who gave his life in defense of a victim of domestic violence.

*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 proven guilty in a court of law.

I Was Loved, Therefore I Am

I was loved, therefore I am, And in being loved, I am treasured. When I peeled away my layers, And all that was left was my essence, The bareness of me, I was still loved. I was loved, therefore I am, And in being loved I was able to grow. In my mistakes held, In my successes celebrated, I was always loved. I was loved, therefore I am, And in being loved I learned to love. In the sun filled day, In the ecstasy of the night, I was loved and loved others. To be loved is all you need: I was loved....and so, I will always be.

Ana Draper



Patricia Todd

54 years old Abbeville County



Laketia Boyd

23 years old Aiken County



Curt Cain

41 years old Aiken County



Melissa Clary

20 years old Aiken County



Tabatha Duncan

24 years old Anderson County



Rashad Patton

37 years old Berkeley County



Tennille Grant

41 years old Charleston County



Silvia Flores 52 years old Charleston County



Tina Makeupson

39 years old Cherokee County



Brandon Thomas

33 years old Cherokee County



Ashley Blackmon

24 years old Dillon County



Darren Elmore

42 years old Dorchester County



Heather Connor

38 years old Florence County



Nina Edwards

48 years old Florence County



Caleb Bartram

25 years old Greenville County



Shafeque Berry

34 years old Greenville County



Rebecca Ferrarelli

38 years old Greenville County



Angela Giacometti

42 years old Greenville County



Natasha McDonald

44 years old Greenwood County



Lourdes Brown

30 years old Hampton County



Samantha Cox

27 years old Horry County



Jennifer Fitchett

41 years old Horry County



Lindsey Stegner

28 years old Horry County



Chantis Greene

39 years old Jasper County



Katelin Crocker

19 years old Kershaw County



Faith Garza

24 years old Laurens County



Daniel Orlick

25 years old Marion County



Cathy Varner

63 years old Newberry County



Mya Lee

21 years old Oconee County

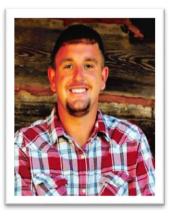


Regina Brown 53 years old Orangeburg County



Devena Rutland

35 years old Orangeburg County



Justin Posey

30 years old Pickens County



Timothy Anderson

27 years old Richland County



Joseph James

45 years old Richland County



Temisha Collier

37 years old Spartanburg County



Rickeya Foster

26 years old Spartanburg County



David Leo

64 years old Spartanburg County



Brechue Wiles

23 years old Spartanburg County



Lois Smith

31 years old Sumter County



William Lawrimore

44 years old Williamsburg County



Name Withheld by family's request 64 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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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 22nd 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 victims' loved ones provided the photographs found in this book.