In Memoriam
The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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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
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
Aiken, SC 29802
Hotline 803-649-0480
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Beaufort County
Hopeful Horizons Shelter
Post Office Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 843-770-1070
Phone 843-524-2256

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

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

Chesterfield County
Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-623-7364


Domestic Violence Organizations

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

Colleton County
Hopeful Horizons Shelter
Post Office Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 843-770-1070
Phone 843-524-2256

Darlington County
Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-383-0240

Dillon County
Pee Dee Coalition
Post Office Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
Phone 843-774-0898

Dorchester County
My Sister's House
Post Office Box 71171
North Charleston, SC 29405
Hotline 800-273-4673
Phone 843-747-4069
Domestic Violence Organizations

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
Phone 803-926-0505

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

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
Domestic Violence Organizations

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
Hotline 843-770-1070
Phone 843-524-2256

Horry County
_Family Justice Center_
1339 Appache Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
Hotline 844-208-0161
Phone 843-546-3926

Jasper County
_Hopeful Horizons Shelter_
Post Office Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
Hotline 843-770-1070
Phone 843-524-2256

Kershaw County
_Sistercare, Inc._
Post Office Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-765-9428
Phone 803-926-0505
Domestic Violence Organizations

Lancaster County
Safe Passage, Inc.
Post Office Box 11458
Rock Hill, SC 29731
Hotline 800-659-0977

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
Domestic Violence Organizations

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

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
Post Office Box 174
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
Domestic Violence Organizations

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

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

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
Phone 864-583-9803
Domestic Violence Organizations

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

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