



In Memoriam

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story
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*** “Amazing Grace”**

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

The Silent Witness Story

In 2009, 33 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 forty other states in a mission “to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships.”

During the Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina during the previous year. This year there are 34 silhouettes; 31 are for the known female homicide victims, 2 are for the known male victims, and one represents those victims of which 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 have lost their lives
due to domestic violence in
2009*

For Whom the Bell Tolls

No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manner of thine own
Or of thine friend's were.
Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.

John Donne

*Denise
Jonican
37 years old
Barnwell County*

Mrs. Jonican was killed on December 8, 2009 due to blunt force trauma sustained in a beating.

Police reports indicate that her husband, Samuel Jonican, beat Mrs. Jonican to death in her home. According to family members, the couple had a history of problems and had argued the night before Mrs. Jonican's death. Mr. Jonican pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

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

*Connie
McDermott
48 years old
Beaufort County*

Ms. McDermott was stabbed and killed on February 24, 2009.

According to a witness, the night before Ms. McDermott's death she and her boyfriend, Steven Abraham, got into an argument. The next day Mr. Abraham confessed to police that he stabbed Ms. McDermott after their argument turned into a physical altercation. He then instructed them as to where to find her body. Mr. Abraham pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Ms. McDermott is survived by a daughter.



*Jeanine
Mullen
34 years old
Beaufort County*

Ms. Mullen was shot and killed on November 15, 2009.

Ms. Mullen was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head by her boyfriend, Earnest Daise. Witnesses established that Ms. Mullen and Mr. Daise had been in an argument the day of her death. Ms. Mullen's four-year-old son was also killed by a single gunshot wound to the head and her two-year-old son was wounded. Police reports indicate that the family had just celebrated the four-year-old's birthday that day. Mr. Daise has been charged with two counts of murder and one count of assault and battery with intent to kill. He is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Mullen is survived by three sons.

*Shantay
Harris
32 years old
Berkeley County*

Mrs. Harris was shot and killed on August 19, 2009.

Mrs. Harris was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Tito Harris. According to witnesses Mr. Harris went to the family residence early that morning and woke Mrs. Harris and their son. Their argument escalated until Mr. Harris shot Mrs. Harris. The couple was separated at the time, and there was a history of abuse in the family. Mr. Harris has been charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Harris is survived by two sons.



*Azell
Barton
37 years old
Calhoun County*

Ms. Barton was shot and killed on May 20, 2009.

Ms. Barton was shot multiple times by her boyfriend, Thomas Taylor. Mr. Taylor pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Ms. Barton is survived by a daughter.

*Mary
Hammer
59 years old
Charleston County*

Ms. Hammer was stabbed to death on April 13, 2009.

Police reports indicate that Ms. Hammer died as a result of stab wounds inflicted by her boyfriend, Edmund Marciniak. Mr. Marciniak has been charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Hammer is survived by a daughter.



*Katrina
Johnson
24 years old
Dorchester County*

Ms. Johnson was shot and killed on March 15, 2009.

According to reports Ms. Johnson and her boyfriend, Marcus Trappier, were in an argument when he shot her multiple times. Afterwards a relative confronted Mr. Trappier. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Ms. Johnson is survived by a son and a daughter.



*Laura B.
Creel
48 years old
Florence County*

Ms. Creel was discovered shot and killed on October 12, 2009.

Ms. Creel died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head from her boyfriend, Roger Bruce. Reports indicate a family member requested a welfare check on Ms. Creel because she had not been heard from in several days. Officers were dispatched to the apartment she shared with Mr. Bruce. After searching the apartment, officers discovered her body in the trunk of her car. Mr. Bruce is charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Creel is survived by two sons.



*Jacqueline
Alexander
47 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Alexander was stabbed to death in early June of 2009.

Police reports indicate that Ms. Alexander died as the result of multiple stab wounds inflicted by her boyfriend, Ralph Hayes. After several days of not being able to contact Ms. Alexander, a family member went to her home to check on her and discovered her body. A warrant for Mr. Hayes' arrest has been issued but he is still at large.

Ms. Alexander is survived by a son.

*Shivani
Boparai
32 years old
Greenville County*

Mrs. Boparai was stabbed to death on January 21, 2009.

Police reports indicate that Mrs. Boparai's husband, Harvinder Singh, stabbed his wife in their home multiple times. According to family members, Mr. Singh had a history of drinking and the couple argued frequently. Their young son was in the home at the time of the murder and found his mother in the bathroom with severe wounds from the knife attack. Mrs. Boparai's brother, whom she had called to come and get her to leave the home, arrived at the residence and called the police. Mr. Singh is charged with murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Boparai is survived by her son.



*Lisa
Creta
46 years old
Greenville County*

Mrs. Creta was shot and killed on December 5, 2009.

Mrs. Creta was killed as the result of gunshot wounds to the head from her husband, Robert Creta, Jr. Reports indicate that Mr. Creta killed his wife and their dog and set the house on fire before killing himself. The bodies of Mrs. Creta and her husband were found by firefighters in their home. A confession to the murder and arson by her husband was found on the garage wall.



*Melinda
Pemberton
57 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Pemberton died on October 15, 2009 as the result of complications from injuries suffered from an earlier beating.

Ms. Pemberton's boyfriend, Bradford Dunn, beat her on August 25, 2009 after an argument outside of a store. The argument turned physical and he shoved her to the ground with enough force to break her leg. She called the police and was taken to the hospital to have her injuries treated. Ms. Pemberton later died from complications. Mr. Dunn is charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Ms. Pemberton is survived by a daughter.



*Karen
Rojas
48 years old
Greenville County*

Ms. Rojas was shot and killed on May 17, 2009.

Ms. Rojas died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head from her boyfriend, Wallace Evatt. Witnesses report that the two returned home late one evening and began arguing as they went inside. A few minutes later neighbors heard shots coming from the house. Mr. Evatt left the residence and called the police, stating that Ms. Rojas had shot herself. Mr. Evatt's statements were found to be inconsistent with the evidence, and he was charged with murder and is awaiting trial.



*Beverly
Thompson
58 years old
Greenville County*

Mrs. Thompson was shot and killed on September 17, 2009.

According to reports, Mrs. Thompson was shot by her estranged husband, Ralph Thompson. Police received a telephone call from Mr. Thompson confessing to having just killed his wife. Mr. Thompson then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by a daughter.

*Calvin
Drennon
31 years old
Greenwood County*

Mr. Drennon was shot and killed on January 22, 2009.

Mr. Drennon was killed by his girlfriend, Yendia Parks. He suffered a gunshot wound to the head before Ms. Parks turned the gun on herself. Their bodies were discovered by friends who went to check on the couple since they had been unable to reach them by phone.

Mr. Drennon is survived by a son.



*Dietra
Elmore
28 years old
Greenwood County*

Mrs. Elmore was shot and killed on April 12, 2009.

Mrs. Elmore was killed by a gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Jimmy Elmore. Witnesses report that a man and woman were screaming in the parking lot outside of Mrs. Elmore's place of work. Mr. Elmore took his wife at gunpoint from her workplace, shot her, and hit her with his car. Her body was found a few blocks from her work. Over the next few days the police began investigating Mrs. Elmore's death and looking for Mr. Elmore. The search ended on April 16th when police discovered Mr. Elmore had committed suicide.

Mrs. Elmore is survived by a daughter.

*Heather
Croom
26 years old
Hampton County*

Mrs. Croom was strangled to death on March 15, 2009.

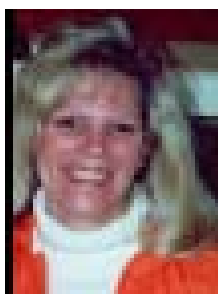
Mrs. Croom died as the result of strangulation by her husband, Charles Croom. A hunter found the body of Mrs. Croom in a ditch near the woods. The police were notified and when they interviewed Mr. Croom, he waived his rights and confessed to murdering his wife and disposing of her body. Mr. Croom pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and is serving a sentence of 25 years.

Mrs. Croom is survived by three sons.

*Hannah
Lawhon
30 years old
Horry County*

Mrs. Lawhon was shot to death on January 3, 2009.

Mrs. Lawhon died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Richard Lawhon. Mr. Lawhon's father found the couple's bodies in their home and called the police. They determined that Mr. Lawhon shot his wife and then turned his gun on himself.



*Vikki
Pope
45 years old
Jasper County*

Ms. Pope was beaten to death on August 7, 2009.

Ms. Pope died as the result of multiple blows with a blunt object by her boyfriend, Terry Swanger. When Ms. Pope failed to report to work one of her co-workers called the police and asked that they check her residence. Friends indicated that Ms. Pope had been trying to leave Mr. Swanger due to his abusive behavior. Mr. Swanger was arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

Ms. Pope is survived by a son.

*Kisha
Frierson
40 years old
Kershaw County*

Mrs. Frierson was strangled to death on October 15, 2009.

Mrs. Frierson died as the result of strangulation by her husband, Tyrone Frierson. Reports indicate that a 911 call was placed from the home asking for help. The police were met at the door by Mrs. Frierson's son, who directed them to the master bedroom. Upon examining the area the officers began to suspect foul play and Mr. Frierson was taken into custody. He has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Mrs. Frierson is survived by a daughter and son.

*Ernestine
Brown
58 years old
Laurens County*

Ms. Brown was shot to death on December 10, 2009.

Ms. Brown suffered a gunshot wound to the head by her boyfriend, Fred Madden, Jr. Reports indicate that Mr. Madden had been harassing Ms. Brown since being asked to leave their shared residence several weeks prior. Ms. Brown's brother was sent to the house after she called her sister saying that she feared Mr. Madden was going to kill her. Ms. Brown was found unconscious and bleeding in her bedroom. She passed away shortly after emergency personnel arrived. Mr. Madden was arrested and charged with murder, and he is awaiting trial.

Ms. Brown is survived by a daughter.



*Amanda
Chapman
31 years old
Laurens County*

Mrs. Chapman was shot and killed on November 29, 2009.

Mrs. Chapman's husband, Gentry Chapman, shot her and her 17-year-old son in the head. Authorities learned of the crime when Mr. Chapman called 911 and stated that he had killed his wife and stepson and was driving to the station to turn himself in. He took Mrs. Chapman's other two children to the station so they could be transferred to the care of her family. Mr. Chapman was charged with two counts of murder and is currently awaiting trial.

Mrs. Chapman is survived by two children.



*Lisa
Bacon
30 years old
Lexington County*

Ms. Bacon was shot and killed on August 23, 2009.

Ms. Bacon died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head by her boyfriend, Jason Strickland. According to police reports, a witness called 911 to report an erratic driver on I-20. Mr. Strickland evaded police and stopped at the Riverbanks Zoo parking lot. He then fled from his vehicle to the Saluda River and fatally shot himself in the chest after claiming that the death of his girlfriend was an accident. Her body was discovered in the back of his vehicle wrapped in a sheet. Police determined that she was killed in the couple's shared residence.

Ms. Bacon is survived by a son.



*Michelle
Rice*
25 years old
Lexington County

Mrs. Rice was stabbed to death on February 7, 2009.

Mrs. Rice was stabbed multiple times by her husband, James Rice, Jr. According to reports, the couple had been arguing on a Friday night and Mrs. Rice decided to leave the residence they shared. Upon returning home at the end of the weekend the couple went to their bedroom to talk. Mrs. Rice's aunt, the owner of the home, heard screaming and ran into the room to find Mr. Rice on top of Mrs. Rice stabbing her. A call was made to 911 and Mrs. Rice's aunt attempted to aid her niece. Mrs. Rice passed away before the arrival of EMS. Mr. Rice began stabbing himself in the neck and was transported to the hospital, where he later died.

*Brenda
Shealy
60 years old
Lexington County*

Mrs. Shealy was shot to death on July 31, 2009.

Mrs. Shealy suffered gunshot wounds to the head by her husband, James Shealy. A friend of Mr. Shealy called the police and said that Mr. Shealy had called and confessed shooting his wife to him. When the police arrived at the Shealys' home they found the body of Mrs. Shealy in the kitchen. Mr. Shealy was arrested and charged with murder. While awaiting trial Mr. Shealy committed suicide.

Mrs. Shealy is survived by a son.

*Debra
Henderson
36 years old
Marlboro County*

Mrs. Henderson was shot and killed on August 12, 2009.

Mrs. Henderson died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Bobby Henderson, Jr. Reports indicate that a 911 dispatcher received a frantic call from someone saying that their father was shooting their mother. Officers arrived at the home and discovered that the couple was deceased, both having suffered gunshot wounds to the head. Mr. Henderson had forced his wife out of her car and into the home, where he held her against her will before shooting her and then himself.

Mrs. Henderson is survived by two daughters and two sons.



*Scott
Massom
40 years old
Marlboro County*

Mr. Massom was shot and killed on April 4, 2009.

According to investigators, Mr. Massom was killed by his brother-in-law, Jamie Head. Mr. Massom's wife, Helen Massom, worked with Mr. Head to make the scene look like a robbery that had gone bad. Mr. Head was charged with murder. Mrs. Massom was charged with accessory after the fact, giving false information to law enforcement, and obstruction of justice. They are both awaiting trial.



*Brandy
Simmons
33 years old
Marlboro County*

Mrs. Simmons was beaten to death on July 26, 2009.

Mrs. Simmons was killed by her husband, Vander Simmons, Jr. The couple had been arguing when Mrs. Simmons decided to take her children and leave so they would not be exposed to the yelling. When they returned home the next night the arguing began again and escalated to violence. When Mrs. Simmons' daughter tried to step in and help her mother, Mr. Simmons hit her. Reports indicate that there was a history of abuse in the relationship. Mr. Simmons has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Mrs. Simmons is survived by a son and a daughter.

*Karla
Benson
29 years old
Oconee County*

Ms. Benson was shot and killed on June 20, 2009.

Ms. Benson died as the result of gunshot wounds to the head and shoulder by her ex-boyfriend, James Baskerville. Witnesses stated that Mr. Baskerville had invited Ms. Benson to his workplace to have a discussion. Ms. Benson had recently broken off the relationship after she became pregnant and was seeing someone else. Mr. Baskerville shot and killed her inside his workplace and then shot himself. Mr. Baskerville survived and pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Ms. Benson is survived by two sons.

*Wendoli
Chavez
21 years old
Oconee County*

Mrs. Chavez was strangled to death on October 14, 2009.

Mrs. Chavez was strangled and stabbed by her husband, David Chavez, in their home. The couple were separated at the time and Mrs. Chavez was returning to the family home to pick up her mail. Mr. Chavez grew angry while they were arguing when Mrs. Chavez refused to reconcile. He killed her and then called the police to confess. Mr. Chavez was arrested and charged with murder. He is currently awaiting trial.

*Melissa
Wylie
50 years old
Pickens County*

Mrs. Wylie was shot and killed on February 13, 2009.

Mrs. Wylie suffered a gunshot wound to the back by her husband, Clifford Wylie. Police reports indicate that Mr. Wylie shot his wife while their younger son was in the home with them. Mr. Wylie was tried for murder, unlawful conduct toward a child, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Wylie is survived by two sons.

*Jessica
Beard*
24 years old
Richland County

Ms. Beard was shot and killed on June 25, 2009.

Ms. Beard died as the result of gunshot wounds to the head and arm by her estranged husband, Omar Gorden. Mr. Gorden went to Ms. Beard's home that she shared with family and shot her multiple times in the front yard. Mr. Gorden also shot Ms. Beard's mother. By the time emergency personnel arrived Ms. Beard had passed away from her injuries. Mr. Gorden fled to a relative's house, where he committed suicide.

*Sharon
Gwinn
44 years old
York County*

Mrs. Gwinn was shot and killed on July 19, 2009.

Mrs. Gwinn died as the result of a gunshot wound to the head by her husband, Gary Gwinn. Mrs. Gwinn had filed for divorce two months before her death. During the incident her son was also shot while trying to protect his mother. Mr. Gwinn called 911 to confess but turned his gun on himself and committed suicide before the police could arrive.

Mrs. Gwinn 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, 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
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

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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

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PO Box 1293
Aiken, SC 29802
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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
Rock Hill, SC 29731
Hotline 800-659-0977
Phone 803-329-3336

Domestic Violence Organizations

Chesterfield County

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

Clarendon County

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

Colleton County

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
PO Box 1775
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775
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Darlington County

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Domestic Violence Organizations

Dillon County

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Dorchester County

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Edgefield County

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

Fairfield County

Sistercare, Inc.
PO Box 1029
Columbia, SC 29202
Hotline 800-637-7606
Phone 803-926-0505

Florence County

Pee Dee Coalition
PO Box 1351
Florence, SC 29503
Hotline 800-273-1820
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
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Greenwood County

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Lancaster County

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Marlboro County

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McCormick County

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Newberry County

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For more information about domestic violence in South Carolina,
please visit the Office of the Attorney General online at

www.scattorneygeneral.com/fraud/cdv/index.html



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 thirteenth 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.