

Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20, 2023

Today, our nation has set aside a time to remember the lives of individuals who have lost their lives because of hatred based on who they are. It is also a day that we examine the idea of what love actually means. In a country who portends that we are created equal and have inalienable rights, that among these are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – we don't always get it right. The right for all people to live free and safe from violence, bigotry, and hate has not always included transgendered people.

“Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.” GLAAD, 2023

Join the students of GSA club (Gender & Sexuality Acceptance) today at 4:30pm in Spagnola Hall to remember those whose lives were violently snuffed out for just being themselves. Join us as we stand with our Trans siblings recommitting ourselves to stand up for the rights of everyone to simply exist – free from the threat of violence and harm. The latest information from GLAAD for confirmed murders of Trans or gender non-conforming people are the murders of 27 people in 2019.

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To learn ways to support the Transgender people in your life, click [here](#).

Say their names

- [Dana Martin](#), **31**, a Black transgender woman, was [fatally shot](#) in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 6.
- [Ellie Marie Washtock](#), **38**, a gender non-conforming person, was fatally shot in St. Augustine, Florida, on January 31.
- [Ashanti Carmon](#), **27**, a Black transgender woman, was fatally shot in Prince George's County, Maryland, on March 30.
- [Claire Legato](#), **21**, a Black transgender woman, was [fatally shot](#) in Cleveland on April 15.
- [Muhlaysia Booker](#), **23**, a Black transgender woman, was [fatally shot](#) in Dallas on May 18.
- [Michelle 'Tamika' Washington](#), **40**, a Black transgender woman, was fatally shot in Philadelphia on May 19.
- [Paris Cameron](#), **20**, a Black transgender woman, was among three people killed in a horrific anti-LGBTQ shooting in a home in Detroit on May 25, [according to local reports](#). Alunte Davis, 21, and Timothy Blancher, 20, two gay men, were found dead at the scene and Cameron was taken to the hospital, [where she died from her injuries](#).
- [Titi Gulley](#), **31**, a Black transgender woman, was killed in Portland, Oregon, on May 27.
- [Chynal Lindsey](#), **26**, a Black transgender woman, was [found dead](#) in White Rock Lake, Dallas, with signs of [“homicidal violence”](#) on June 1.

- [Chanel Scurlock](#), **23**, a Black transgender woman, was found fatally shot in Lumberton, North Carolina, on June 6.
- [Zoe Spears](#), **23**, a Black transgender woman, [was found](#) with signs of trauma near Eastern Avenue in Fairmount Heights, Maryland, and later pronounced dead on June 13.
- [Brooklyn Lindsey](#), **32**, a Black transgender woman, was found dead in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 25.
- [Denali Berries Stuckey](#), **29**, a Black transgender woman, was found [fatally shot](#) in North Charleston, South Carolina, on July 20.
- [Tracy Single](#), **22**, a Black transgender woman, was killed in Houston on July 30.
- [Bubba Walker](#), **55**, a Black transgender woman, was killed in Charlotte, North Carolina, in late July.
- [Kiki Fantroy](#), **21**, a Black transgender woman, [was fatally shot in Miami on July 31](#).
- [Jordan Cofer](#), **22**, was among the nine victims killed [in a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio](#), on August 4.
- [Pebbles LaDime "Dime" Doe](#), **24**, a Black transgender woman, was killed in Allendale County, South Carolina, on August 4.
- [Bailey Reeves](#), **17**, a Black transgender teen, [was fatally shot in Baltimore, Maryland](#), on September 2.
- [Bee Love Slater](#), **23**, was killed in Clewiston, Florida, on September 4.
- [Jamagio Jamar Berryman](#), **30**, a Black gender non-conforming person, was killed in Kansas City, Kansas, on September 13.
- [Itali Marlowe](#), **29**, a Black transgender woman was found shot in Houston on September 20.
- [Brianna "BB" Hill](#), **30**, was fatally shot in Kansas City on October 14. Kansas City Police Capt.
- [Nikki Kuhnhausen](#), **17**, was killed in Vancouver, Washington, some time after her disappearance in June.
- [Yahira Nesby](#), **33**, was fatally shot in New York on December 19. Mia Perry, a [transgender woman](#), was killed in Washington, D.C. on December 29.
- [Layleen Polanco](#), **27**, was [found dead](#) in a cell at Riker's Island on June 7. [Johana 'Joa' Medina](#), **25**, died at a hospital in El Paso, Texas