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# Remembrance Report

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## *REMEMBERING THE 47 TRANS FOLKS LOST TO VIOLENCE SINCE 11/01/2021*

**O**n Trans Day of Remembrance, we honor those taken from our communities, we celebrate their lives, and we root ourselves in our collective resilience. Across America, the transgender community is incredibly strong. In the face of systemic violence, trans people continue to survive and thrive. We support and celebrate each other while working hard to achieve our dreams.

Over the past several years, some politicians across the country have attempted to weaponize disinformation about trans people. They misuse and abuse the powers of state governments to persecute us and our families. We live in a political climate that has exploded with anti-trans legislation, policy, and rhetoric. In the 2022 elections, certain politicians spread lies about trans people, denigrating our community and stoking fear in people who simply don't understand what it means to be trans.

These actions have consequences. They contribute to a deeply unsafe environment for trans people and our families—some of whom have had to flee their home states just to get the medical care they need. Over 25% of the trans people we lost to violence over the past year were located in Texas and Florida – two states which saw dozens of anti-trans legislative and administrative actions. Even the hospitals where trans people can access gender-affirming care across the country have been the targets of serious threats, and violence against trans people overall has increased in recent years.

Within our community, we know very well that trans women of color, and especially Black trans women, face an alarming and unacceptable

amount of violence. Trans women made up eighty-five percent of those taken from us this past year, and 70% of those trans women were Black.

No one should have to fear violence or mourn lost loved ones. No matter what, trans people across the nation deserve to live safe, healthy, and authentic lives. Trans people are vital parts of our communities. The trans experience is about far more than violence and statistics. We are brilliant, we are beautiful, and we are full of joy. Our lives have meaning. We matter.

In this Remembrance Report, we honor the 47 trans people we have identified whose lives were lost to violence since November of 2021. The information in this report has been compiled from a variety of sources, including national and local news outlets; national, state, and local LGBTQ+ organizations; and social media posts.

This report is, unfortunately, almost certainly incomplete. Violence against our community is often underreported, and data about it is difficult to capture. Trans people who are victims of violence are frequently deadnamed, misgendered, or otherwise misidentified in death by law enforcement, journalists, and even by unsupportive family members. In addition, when reports do accurately reflect trans people's identities, they often fail to represent the fullness of our humanity.

This Remembrance Report centers the humanity and individuality of trans people whose lives were stolen by violence. Whenever possible, we've included snapshots of their lives, often shared by their loved ones.

# In Memoriam

## **Ace Scott**

KANSAS CITY, MO

Ace was a 15-year-old Black transgender boy who hoped to be adopted.



## **Acey D. Morrison**

RAPID CITY, SD

Acey was a 30-year-old Lakota two-spirit person who is remembered as a helpful and giving person who was always there for her family and friends.

## **Amariey Lej (Myara)**

PITTSBURGH, PA

Amariey was a 20-year-old Black transgender woman, a dancer, and a youth artist apprentice.

## **Angel Naira**

ALIQUIPPA, PA

Angel was a 36-year-old Black transgender woman who graduated from Aliquippa High School and worked in home health care.

## **Ariyanna Mitchell**

HAMPTON, VA

Ariyanna was a 17-year-old Black transgender girl, an avid member of a local dance academy, and a Junior in high school.



## **Brazil Johnson**

MILWAUKEE, WI

Brazil was a 28-year-old Black transgender woman who worked as a chef and loved to be in the kitchen.

## **Brent Wood**

SEATTLE, WA

Brent was a 31-year-old white nonbinary person. Their friends describe them as an artist who sold their art and worked odd jobs at small businesses.

## **Chanelika Y'Ella Dior Hemingway ("Sid")**

ALBANY, NY

Chanelika was a 30-year-old Black transgender woman. She had just graduated from the University at Albany

with a degree in biology, and

was planning a move to California to become a physician's assistant.



## **Cherry Bush**

LOS ANGELES, CA

Cherry was a 48-year-old homeless white transgender woman who we know very little about.

## **Cypress Ramos**

LUBBOCK, TX

Cypress was a 21-year-old Latina transgender woman and drag artist who loved Megan Thee Stallion and creative makeup.



## **Fern Feather**

MORRISTOWN, VT

Fern was a 29-year-old white transgender woman who used both she/her and they/them pronouns, worked in a farm-to-table cafe, and always had a wildflower in their hair.

## **Hayden Nevah Davis**

DETROIT, MI

Hayden was a 28-year-old Black transgender woman who loved fashion and makeup.

## **Jasper Aaron Lynch**

MCLEAN, VA

Jasper was a 26-year-old white transgender man who was an avid writer and a voracious student.

## **Jenny DeLeon**

SULPHUR SPRINGS, FL

Jenny was a 25-year-old Latina transgender woman who was an enigmatic, bright soul with enough energy to fill any room. Her favorite color was red.

## **Dede Ricks**

DETROIT, MI

Dede was a 33-year-old Black transgender woman who resided in Ohio. Little has been publicly shared about her.

## **DeeDee Hall**

DALLAS, TX

DeeDee was a 47-year-old Black transgender woman whose family described her as “always helping people” and “full of life.”

## **Duval Princess**

JACKSONVILLE, FL

Duval was a 24-year-old Black transgender woman.

## **Kandii “Dee Dee”**

### **Redd (Kamila**

### **Marie Swann)**

KANSAS CITY, MO

Kandii was a 29-year-old Black transgender woman and an award-winning performer who loved studying the stars and growing flowers.



## **Kathryn "Katie" Newhouse**

CANTON, GA

Katie was a 19-year-old Asian autistic transgender woman and Minecraft enthusiast who enjoyed hiking and changing up her hairstyles.

## **Kesha Webster**

JACKSON, MS

Kesha was a 24-year-old Black transgender woman who worked in retail and traveled often around the South.

## **Keshia Chanel Geter**

AUGUSTA, GA

Keshia was a 26-year-old Black transgender woman from South Carolina who was an active advocate in the LGBTQ community and "inspired people everywhere she went and touched the lives of many.



## **Ke'Yahonna Stone**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Ke'Yahonna was a 32-year-old Black transgender woman who had recently been hired to work at the Trans Solutions Research and Resource Center, which assists trans people with health and social services.

## **Kitty Monroe**

CORDOVA, TN

Kitty was a Black transgender woman who's age has not been published. She was described by neighbors as friendly, and often chatted with them as she walked her beloved pet Yorkies.

## **Maddie Hofmann**

MALVERN, PA

Maddie was a 47-year-old Asian transgender woman who is survived by their wife, two small children, and a large extended family who asked for memorial donations be made to The Trevor Project.



## **Marisela Castro**

HOUSTON, TX

Marisela was a 39-year-old Latina transgender woman. Originally from Honduras, Castro spent most of her life in North Carolina and recently moved to Houston to be closer to her nieces and nephews.

## **Marquiisha Lawrence**

GREENVILLE, SC

Marquiisha was a 28-year-old Black transgender woman who studied cosmetology in nearby Spartanburg and supported herself by working as a cook, a residential aid, and as a dancer.

## **Martasia Richmond**

CHICAGO, IL

Martasia was a 30-year-old Black transgender woman who was well-loved by her friends.

## **Martina Caldera**

CHANNELVIEW, TX

Martina was a 38-year-old Latina transgender woman. Her large family has held demonstrations where her body was found, demanding justice for her.

## **Matthew Angelo Spampinato**

NEW CASTLE, DE

Matthew was a 21-year-old white transgender man. Originally from Atlanta, he recently moved to Delaware and was enjoying his first winter living in a northern state.

## **Miia Love Parker**

CHESTER, PA

Miia was a 25-year-old Black transgender woman and a student at Temple University.

## **Naomie Skinner**

HIGHLAND PARK, MI

Naomie was a 25-year-old Black transgender woman originally from Kentucky.

## **Nedra Sequence Morris**

OPA-LOCKA, FL

Nedra was a 50-year-old Black transgender woman. We know very little about her.

## **Nikai David**

OAKLAND, CA

Nikai was a 33-year-old Black transgender woman, a model, and an aspiring social media influencer who wanted to open a clothing boutique.



## **Nikki Turietta**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Nikki was a 31-year-old white transgender woman who grew up in Albuquerque and had recently returned there after traveling all over the U.S. and internationally.

## **Paloma**

### **Vazquez**

HOUSTON, TX

Paloma was a 29-year-old Latina transgender woman. Vasquez immigrated to the United States and lived here for just six months.



## **Paris Rich**

SAN DIEGO, CA

Paris was a 25-year-old Black transgender woman from Dallas. Rich was described as being very independent and motivated. She dreamed of being a stylist to the stars one day, and was about to open her own business.

## **Princess**

HOUSTON, TX

Princess was a 24-year-old white transgender woman who worked at Minute Maid Park.



## Ray Muscat

INDEPENDENCE TWP., MI

Ray was a 26-year-old white transgender man and an avid cosplayer and convention-goer. His coworkers remember him as "a kind soul who had a glowing smile."



## Regina Mya Allen

MILWAUKEE, WI

Regina was a 35-year-old Black transgender woman who valued her Christian faith, was a member of Sisters Helping Each Other Battle Adversity (SHEBA), and was just days away from her 36th birthday.

## Sasha Mason

ZEBULON, NC

Sasha was a 45-year-old Latina transgender woman who's friends described her as "a very loved person," and her funeral occurred with a dress code of no black or white, only "pure bright and fun colors because that was her personality."

## Semaj Billingslea

JACKSONVILLE, FL

Semaj was a 33-year-old Black transgender man who started his own cleaning business and was a student at Florida State College. Billingslea is survived by his daughter.



## Shawmaynè Giselle Marie McClam

GULFPORT, MS

Shawmaynè was a 27-year-old Black transgender woman and Certified Nursing Assistant who enjoyed dancing, streaming movies, and advocating on social media for transgender people and against colorism.

## Tatiana "Tee Tee" Labelle

CHICAGO, IL

Tee Tee was a 33-year-old Black transgender woman.

## Tiffany Banks

MIAMI, FL

Tiffany was a 25-year-old Black transgender woman who loved to sing and dance.

## Toi Davis

MILWAUKEE, WI

Toi was a 34-year-old Black transgender woman, a Certified Nursing Assistant, and a member of Sisters Helping Each Other Battle Adversity (SHEBA) who loved cooking and her Christian faith.

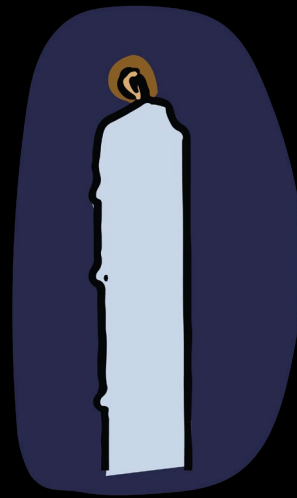
## Za'niyah Williams

HOUSTON, TX

Za'niyah was a 21-year-old Black transgender woman.



# By The Numbers



21 States	Total
TX	7
FL	5
MI	4
PA	4
CA	3
WI	3
GA	2
IL	2
MO	2
MS	2
TN	2
VA	2
DE	1
IN	1
NC	1
NM	1
NY	1
SC	1
SD	1
VT	1
WA	1

Race/Ethnicity	Total
Black	30
Latine	6
Indigenous	1
AAPI	2
White	8

Gender	Total
Trans Woman	40
Trans Man	5
Nonbinary	1
Two Spirit	1

Additional Data	Total
Gun Violence	31

# Ask For Help

The topics presented in this report can be difficult to process. For our community, grief has negatively affected us in many ways including our mental health. According to the US Trans Survey in 2015, 39% of transgender people have experienced serious psychological distress and 40% of transgender people have attempted suicide in their lifetime. This is why we encourage you, especially if you are transgender and/or nonbinary, to talk to your primary care provider or another health provider if you are experiencing any mental health distress. If you are currently experiencing any emotional distress and would like to talk to someone immediately, please contact one of the resources below.

*Trans Lifeline recognizes that most crisis hotlines in the U.S. use **nonconsensual law enforcement referrals**, which can decrease trust in crisis hotlines and cause more short-and long-term trauma, particularly to people of color, trans people, minors, undocumented people, and people living with mental health disabilities. For more information on Trans Lifeline's #SafeHotlines campaign, please visit: [TransLifeline.org/safe-hotlines](https://TransLifeline.org/safe-hotlines)*



## Trans Lifeline

*(peer support phone service run by trans people for trans and questioning peers)*

**Call 877-565-8860**

Learn More: [TransLifeLine.org/hotline](https://TransLifeLine.org/hotline)

## The Trevor Project

*(provides 24/7 crisis support services to LGBTQ young people)*

**Call 866-488-7386**

**Text 678678**

Chat online: [TheTrevorProject.org/section/get-help](https://TheTrevorProject.org/section/get-help)

## SAGE LGBTQ+ Elder Hotline

*(connects LGBTQ+ older people who want to talk with friendly responders who are ready to listen)*

**Call 877-360-LGBT (5428)**

Learn More: [SageUSA.org/what-we-do/sage-national-lgbt-elder-hotline](https://SageUSA.org/what-we-do/sage-national-lgbt-elder-hotline)

## Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

*(formerly the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)*

**Call or Text 988**

**Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

Chat Online: [988LifeLine.org/talk-to-someone-now](https://988LifeLine.org/talk-to-someone-now)

For TTY Users: Use your preferred relay service or Dial 711 then 988

## Veterans Crisis Line

*(for veterans, military personnel, and their families)*

**Call 988 and Press 1**

**Text 838255**

Chat Online: [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net)

## National Center For Transgender Equality

*(advocacy blog and resources for trans people)*

Learn More: [TransEquality.org](https://TransEquality.org)