

**Augsburg Morning Chapel
November 20, 2020**

**Transgender Day of Remembrance/
8 Minutes 46 Seconds of Silence**

Welcome to Campus Ministry's morning chapel service at Augsburg University.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

What is the Transgender Day of Remembrance?

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.

"Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. I am no stranger to the need to fight for our rights, and the right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people -- sometimes in the most brutal ways possible -- it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice."

Transgender Day of Remembrance founder [Gwendolyn Ann Smith](#)

- 2020 has already seen at least 37 transgender or gender non-conforming people fatally shot or killed by other violent means, the majority of which were Black and Latinx transgender women. We say at least because too often these stories go unreported -- or misreported.
- [The Human Rights Campaign](#).
- Today's 8:46 seconds will silently participate in Transgender Day of Remembrance...to honor all those transgender people whose lives were lost to anti-transgender violence that year and in addition to all BIPOC people who lost their lives as a result of law enforcement abuse of power.

Today we offer prayer and silent meditation for people lost in the past year:

Malia Abdullahi
Dustin Parker
Naulisa Ruiz
Yampi Arocho
Scott/Scottlyn Devore
Monika Diamond
Lexi
Johanna Metzger
Serena Ramos
Layla Sanchez
Reneope Ramirez Nina Pop
Helle O'Regan
Tony McDade
Dominique Rem'mie Fells
Raih Milton
Jaye Thompson
Selena Reyes-Hernandez
Brian "Egypt" Powers
Brayla Stone
Merci Mack
Shaki Peters
Bree Black
Summer Taylor
Marilyn Cazares
Dior Hova
Queasha Hardy
Aja Rhone-Spears Lea Daye
Kee Sam
Aerrion Burnett
Mia Green
Michelle Ramos Vargas
Felycya Harris
Brooklyn Deshuna
Sara Blackwood
Angel Unique
Yunieski Herrera