

## SOFFA Victims of Anti-Trans Violence

**Trans people are not the only ones hurt and even killed by transphobia -- so are SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies). Here are a few snapshots of their stories....**

### **Jacqueline Julita Anderson**

Location: Portland, Oregon

Cause of Death: Shot in the head with a shotgun by Eric Walter Running

Date of Death: February 24, 1998

Stories of this case call Anderson a "bearded woman," which is not uncommon in articles of FTM murders. Anderson was killed at the same time as her lover of 10+ years, Barbara J. Gilpin.

### **Brandie Coleman**

Location: Indianapolis, Indiana

Cause of Death: Shot to death by Paul Anthony Moore

Date of Death: July 22, 2003

18-year-old Brandie Coleman, while not a transgendered woman herself, was a close friend to Nireah Johnson, who was also shot in the head while sitting in Coleman's mother's SUV with Ms. Johnson. She had become a mother just two months prior to the murder. Paul Anthony Moore was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 120 years in prison.

### **Phillip DeVine**

Cause of Death: Shot to death by John Lotter and Marvin Thomas Nissen

Date of Death: December 31, 1993

Phillip was in the house the night Brandon Teena was killed.

### **Darryl Fearon**

Location: New York, New York

Cause of Death: Stabbed

Date of Death: July 16, 2004

The 17 year old victim had come to the aid of three transgender individuals who were being harassed by Christian Soto-Ruiz. Soto-Ruiz stabbed this victim to death with a kitchen knife, and slashed one of the transgender individuals.

### **Maryline Grenier**

Location: Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

Date of Crime: February 16, 1982

Roommate of Dianne Aubert who was killed, Maryline survived 30 stab wounds.

### **Willie Houston**

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Cause of Death: Shot, allegedly by Lewis Maynard Davidson III

Date of Death: July 29, 2001

Houston was not himself transgendered, but faced anti-transgender and (and anti-gay) violence because he was carrying his wife's purse, and assisting a blind male.

### **Lisa Lambert**

Cause of Death: Shot to death by John Lotter and Marvin Thomas Nissen

Date of Death: December 31, 1993

Lisa was in the house the night Brandon Teena was killed.

### **James Jerome Mack**

Location: Buffalo, New York

Cause of Death: Beaten with beer bottles, sexually assaulted with a broom handle, strangled with an electrical cord and then drowned in a bathtub. His body was later set on fire in a trash can behind a church

Date of Death: January 21, 2001

Mack was not himself transgendered, but was the lover of a transgendered woman.

### **Pebble**

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Cause of injury: Shot several times and left for dead (but survived)

Date of Crime: July 27, 1999

Pebble was a friend of Barretta Williams who was shot 16 times, pistol whipped, tied up with speaker wire, and gagged with a sock taped into her mouth.

### **Yancey-Lisa R.**

Location: San Francisco, California

Cause of Death: Stabbed once in the abdomen and four times in the back

Date of Death: Easter, 1975

Yancey-Lisa was the neighbor of Barbarella (Joe V.), who was killed within weeks of Yancey-Lisa.

### **Pvt. Barry L. Winchell**

Location: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Cause of Death: Beaten to death, allegedly by Pvt. Calvin N. Glover

Date of Death: July 5, 1999

Though Mr. Winchell himself was not transgender-identified, his lover was. He is believed to have been killed because he was in a relationship with a transgender person.

**...and hundreds (if not thousands) more, go unidentified, unrecorded.**

