

**November 25th 2018 to November 24th 2019**

OAITH's Annual Femicide List includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death(s) or has otherwise been deemed responsible (murder-suicide). Femicide, most broadly defined, means the gender-based killing of women and girls and the most extreme form of violence towards them. In the Canadian context, the killing of a woman or girl could lead to Criminal Code charges of first or second degree murder (where the killing was intentional), manslaughter, or criminal negligence causing death.

OAITH reviews mainstream media reports of femicides involving women, children, trans women, 2-Spirited Peoples and gender non-conforming individuals. This list includes femicides that have occurred in Ontario during a 12 month period from November 26th through to November 25 of the following year. Annual reports are released on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence. The list relies on mainstream media sources and other publicly available sources. This means the list is not exhaustive and may include errors or omissions. It represents only a snapshot in time of public reports of femicides for the previous year at the time the list is published. This annual report is not updated to reflect criminal justice outcomes after the report has been published.

Evolving definitions of femicide attempt to include and represent the diversity of gender identities, relationships between victims and perpetrators, and motives for the killings. Our Annual Femicide List includes only those femicides where men have been charged with a criminal offence or deemed responsible (murder-suicide) and where there is a media report. OAITH reviews and analyzes hundreds of mainstream media sources (i.e. local and national newspapers and TV clips) every year based on our definition of femicide and the victim/perpetrator relationship. Relationships include a current or former husband or boyfriend, a brother, son or a nephew, a male coworker, neighbour, friend or acquaintance, or another man closely known to them. Where the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is not known (or not released), but media reports indicate that a woman was killed as a result of a violent gendered crime, that woman's name will be included on the list.

Every year we release our Annual Femicide List based on mainstream media reporting to ensure that we remember the victims, bring attention to the violence women, girls and gender-diverse people experience, and take action to move our list to zero through femicide prevention. OAITH works in partnership with Dr Mavis Morton of University of Guelph to track, analyze and educate the community about femicide.



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OAITH ANNUAL FEMICIDE LIST: NOVEMBER 26TH, 2019 - NOVEMBER 25TH, 2020

OAITH FEMICIDE LIST

November 26th, 2018 - November 25th, 2019



1. **Shubangi Amin**, 41, May 1, 2019, Brampton, ON.

Shubangi is remembered as a loving mother and will be missed by her family, friends and community. She was killed in a femicide-suicide by her husband, 47.

Femicide Type: IPF (Femicide-Suicide)
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



2. **Maria Araujo**, 83, December 21, 2018, Mississauga, ON.

Maria was a loving mother, grandmother, friend and neighbour. She is remembered by her community as a kind and generous woman who took great pride in her beautiful garden. She will be missed dearly. Her son's friend, 47, has been charged with first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Known
Cause of Death: Trauma



3. **Firoza Begum**, 70, July 28, 2019, Markham, ON.

Firoza will continue in the memory of those who knew her. Firoza's daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter also lost their lives in a familicide committed by her grandson. The family is remembered by those close to them as wonderful people. Her grandson, 23, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



4. **Momotaz Begum**, 59, July 28, 2019, Markham, ON.

Remembered for her outgoing, hardworking, social and helpful personality, Momotaz was always engaging her community with generous acts such as her work at a community centre. Momotaz is cherished by the Bangladeshi community as a figure of strength and admiration. Momotaz was killed alongside her mother, daughter and husband in their family home. Her son, 23, was charged with four counts of first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



5. **Mariantonia Biunno**, 88, September 3, 2019, Mississauga, ON.

Mariantonia was a mother of three, who lived a quiet life. Mariantonia will be missed dearly by her family and those who knew and loved her. Her son, 52, was charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Trauma



6. **Geraldine "Gerry" Butterfield**, 63, May 25, 2019, Windsor, ON.

Geraldine will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, and aunt. No charges have been laid.

Femicide Type: Unknown
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



7. **Talia Carey**, 30, August 25, 2019, Sheshegwaning, ON.

Talia will be remembered by the members of her community as a loving mother, who's kids were the essence of her life. Her long-time male partner, 37, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Shooting



8. **Rae Cara Carrington**, 51, April 11, 2019, Toronto, ON.

Rae, "Amie", is remembered as a ray of sunshine to those who saw her at work. She was the mother of eight children and will be deeply missed. Rae's son, 19, has been charged with first degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



9. **Chiou-Shuang (Susan) Cheng**, 40, April 3, 2019, Scarborough, ON.

Chiou-Shuang, "Susan" will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Her husband, 53, has been charged with first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Undisclosed



10. **Sara "Sylvia" Cimerman**, 68, March 11, 2019, Richmond Hill, ON.

Sara, "Sylvia", was a beloved mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Her neighbours remember her as a friendly and helpful woman, who loved her two dogs. Sara's husband, 73, was charged with assaulting her the night before the femicide-suicide.

Femicide Type: IPF (Femicide-Suicide)
Cause of Death: Trauma



11. **Amber Cobean**, 30, February 1st, 2019, Grimsby, ON.

Amber was a genuine and caring person and will be missed by her daughter, family and friends. A man, 39, has been charged with second degree murder.

Femicide Type: Unknown
Cause of Death: Unknown



12. **Jane Doe**, 6, March 20th, 2019, Kasabonika Lake First Nation, ON.

She will be missed by her family members and community. Her uncle, 21, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



13. **Jane Doe**, 64, July 24, 2019, Windsor, ON.

She will be missed by her community and all the people, who's lives she touched. Her son, 33, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



14. **Jane Doe**, 50-60, August 9, 2019, Windsor ON.

She was a quiet woman that will be greatly missed by those in her community and all the people, whose lives she touched. A male, 24, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Known
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



15. **Marion Fenwick**, 86, September 14th, 2019, Collingwood, ON.

Marion is remembered as a strong woman and will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community. A man, 30, has been charged with robbery using violence and with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Unknown
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



16. **Helen Fronczak**, 79, March 18, 2019, Etobicoke, ON.

Helen is remembered as a generous and loving mother, with a beautiful and generous soul. She will be deeply missed and remembered for her warm personality, as her children reminisce about her adventurous trips skiing and playing on the beach. Helen's husband, 80, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Trauma



17. **Bethelhem Geleta**, 22, October 26, 2019, Toronto, ON.

Bethelhem will be greatly missed by her boyfriend and family. Bethelhem was killed on her 22nd birthday by a 30 year old male ex-dating partner in a femicide-suicide. He had previously threatened to kill her.

Femicide Type: Known (Femicide-Suicide)

Cause of Death: Asphyxia



18. **Maria Lisa Gorospe**, 53, August 16, 2019, Brampton, ON.

Maria Lisa will be greatly missed by her three daughters, neighbours, and coworkers. She worked as a realtor and was a valued member of her community. Those who knew her will remember her as genuine, kind and polite. Lisa was killed alongside her son in their home. Her husband, 51, killed himself after stabbing Lisa and her son.

Femicide Type: IPF (Femicide-Suicide)

Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



19. **Christian Gorospe**, 13, August 16, 2019, Brampton, ON.

Christian will be greatly missed by his three sisters, extended family, and friends. His mother Maria Lisa Gorospe was also murdered in the encounter. His father, 51, killed himself after stabbing Lisa and her son.

Femicide Type: Family (Familicide-Suicide)
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



20. **Laura Grant**, 57, August 21, 2019, Burlington, ON.

Laura's loss will be deeply felt, and she will be greatly missed. Laura played a role in saving many lives working as a decorated EMS dispatcher in Mississauga. While there, she was able to touch a multitude of lives. She was a caring and passionate individual who took very good care of her crew. Her coworkers and family are deeply saddened and affected by her tragic passing. Her husband, 57, has been charged with first degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF
Cause of Death: Shooting



21. **Tharshika Jeganathan**, 27, September 11, 2019, Toronto, ON.

Tharshika was a role model and will be remembered as a kind-hearted women with a bubbly personality, whose smile brightened the room. She was seen as a hardworking, intelligent, caring and thoughtful women. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends and those who knew her in her community. Tharshika will be remembered for her beautiful soul, who was full of energy and passion. Her ex-husband, 38, has been charged with first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)

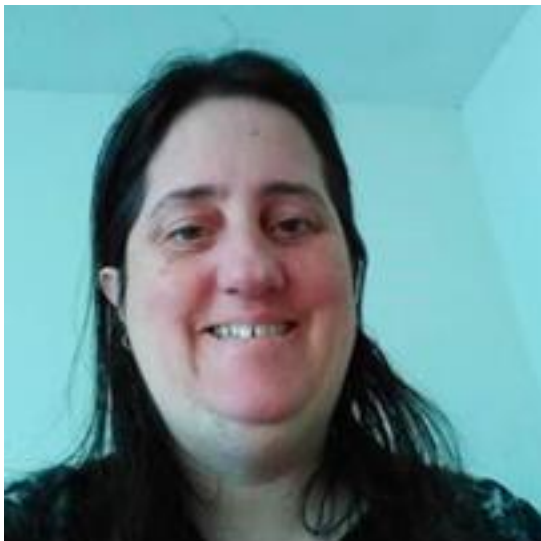


22. **Maryhelen Johnston**, 39, May 13, 2019, London, ON.

Maryhelen will be remembered as a loving mother and friend. She will be missed by her three children, family and friends. Her long-time male partner, 41, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Undisclosed



23. **Jennyfer Lachapelle**, 42, March 13, 2019, Toronto, ON.

Jennyfer is fondly remembered by her colleagues as a great woman who always had a smile on her face. She volunteered at a local food bank which speaks to the kind-hearted soul she had. Her boyfriend, 38, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Trauma



24. **Brenda Lautaoja**, 68, March 23, 2019, Kirkland Lake, ON.

Brenda will be dearly missed by her family members and is remembered as being full of life and involved in her community. Brenda dedicated much of her time to the All Heart Pet Rescue and volunteered to raise funds for the rescue and rehabilitation of animals. Her son, 33, was charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Undisclosed



25. **Bao Lian Li**, 82, May 13th, 2019, Brampton, ON.

Bao lived in her home with her husband, children and grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and will be missed by her community. Her husband, 81, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Trauma



26. **Yvonne Mooney**, 83, May 12, 2019, Oshawa, ON.

Yvonne, “Martin”, was kind, loyal, respectful, and had a ready smile. She was always a consummate host, an avid knitter and generous with her love and time. Her son, 56, who was living with her at the time, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Asphyxiation



27. **Hanh Nguyen**, 41, January 24, 2019, Toronto, ON.

Hanh, “Hana”, was a mother to a 14-year-old daughter and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Neighbours remember her as a nice woman. Her husband, 40, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF

Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



28. **Tan Nguyen**, 74, February 12, 2019, Mississauga, ON.

Tan will be fondly remembered and missed by all who knew her. Tan was found dead in her family home. Her husband, 76, was charged with second-degree murder.

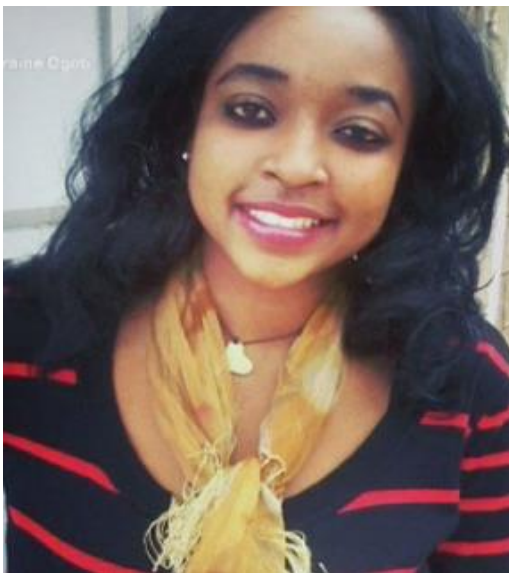
Femicide Type: IPF
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



29. **Kathryn Niedoba**, 36, July 18, 2018, Toronto, ON.

Kathryn, “Katie”, is remembered as a loving daughter, sibling, cousin, niece, and granddaughter. Those who knew her will continue to remember her smile and described her as being “bright and warm as summer sunlight flickering off water”. Her resilience allowed her to overcome obstacles in her life and provided her with the skills to help others going through difficulties. Kathryn’s boyfriend, 43, has been charged with manslaughter.

Femicide Type: IPF
Cause of Death: Trauma



30. **Lorraine Ogoti**, 30, January 11, 2019, Scarborough, ON.

Lorraine is fondly remembered as friendly, warm, and loving. She was the mother of a four-year old son and her family deeply misses her. Lorraine’s mother recounts Lorraine’s love for her son and her determination to make a better life for him. Lorraine’s boyfriend, 40, killed himself after killing her.

Femicide Type: IPF (Femicide-Suicide)
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)



31. **Abigail Ootoova**, 54, April 7, 2019, Ottawa, ON.

Abigail is remembered for her friendly personality, who was always willing to share her wisdom and prayers with others. Abigail was a well-known artist, originally from Nunavut. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Her son, 29, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



32. **Riya Rajkumar**, 11, February 14th 2019, Brampton, ON.

Riya is remembered as a social butterfly, who was always happy and was excited about everything life had to offer. She will be deeply missed by her mother, family and community. Her father, 41, was charged with first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



33. **Helen Schaller**, 58, April 17, 2019, Cambridge, ON.

Helen will be remembered as a kind, loving, and selfless mother, wife, and grandmother. Helen spent most of her time rehabilitating and mentoring individuals with wisdom and kindness. A man, 39, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head in this femicide-suicide.

Femicide Type: Unknown
Cause of Death: Shooting



34. **Terri-Lynn Thompson**, 54, October 15, 2019, Belleville, ON.

Terri-Lynn is remembered as an amazing person and a loving mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed and mourned by many. Her husband, 38, has been charged in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: IPF
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



35. **Verna Traina**, 94, August 20, 2019, Niagara on the Lake, ON.

Verna will be deeply missed by her husband, four children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A man, 74, who resided at the same long-term care home has been charged with manslaughter.

Femicide Type: Known
Cause of Death: Undisclosed



36. **Lucja (Lucy) Wojtalski**, 58, September 18, 2019, Brampton, ON.

Lucja, "Lucy", will be dearly missed by her two sons. Neighbours are devastated and sending their thoughts and prayers to her family. Her husband, 64, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Femicide Type: IPF
Cause of Death: Trauma



37. **Malesa Zaman**, 21, July 28, 2019, Markham, ON.

Malesa is mourned by her close friends who will remember her as a willing listener with a caring heart, always supporting those around her. Her friends recall how Malesa could always be depended on for guidance and strong moral support. She lived her life with the most passion and positivity, a model of care to be admired by all. Her brother, 23, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family
Cause of Death: Trauma (Stabbing)