



ANNUAL FEMICIDE LIST NOVEMBER 26th 2024 to NOVEMBER 25th 2025

Femicide is broadly defined as gender-related killing of women and girls by men. OAITH tracks femicide through the use of media reports to bring attention and raise public awareness of gender-related killing in Ontario. Definitions of femicide can be complex and can encompass different relationships, criminal justice charges and motives, leading to evolving and at times, different definitions by those examining and analyzing when women and girls are killed.

OAITH defines femicide as the gender-related killing of women, children and gender-diverse individuals by men that occur in Ontario. Our team reviews and analyzes hundreds of media articles every year to examine relationships between victims and those charged or deemed responsible, prior history of violence, criminal justice charges laid at the time the crime was committed, cause of death, race, geography, age and the location where these crimes occur. This information is used to advocate for change with community members, journalists, government officials and public policy makers because we know that femicides are preventable.

Since 1990 we are aware of over 1,120 femicide victims who have lost their lives to men's violence. Every year we release our Annual Femicide List based on media reporting of women and children killed by men in Ontario. We work to ensure that we remember the lives lost, bring attention to the violence women experience, and take action to move our list to zero.

As we rely upon media reporting to determine when women and children have been killed in Ontario there can be missing information, errors or omissions. The Annual Femicide List captures the femicides and criminal justice charges that we are aware of at the time of publication. We acknowledge that this is a limitation and doesn't capture all killings or where women are found dead who don't receive any justice at all. We do continual media monitoring of these cases and acknowledge that systemic forms of racism and oppression contributes to the undervaluing of those most marginalized who are killed by men.

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DEBORAH ANISHINABIE, 42 DECEMBER 14, 2024 - THUNDER BAY, ON

Deborah was from Sandy Lake First Nation and lived in Thunder Bay with her daughter and extended family. She had been working in the health care sector recently having graduated from Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute and had dreams of pursuing further education. She was described as a role model, an inspiration to other students through her dedication, perseverance and kindness. Her family has said that, "We were her heart, just as she is ours. Deborah had a unique gift – one that left a mark on every soul she touched". A 24 year old man has been charged with 2nd degree murder and indignity to a body in relation to Deborah's death.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported

Cause of Death: Unknown

JOLENE ARREAK, 46 DECEMBER 25, 2024 - OTTAWA, ON

Jolene has been described as loving and always willing to help others in need, devoting a significant amount of her time to volunteering in her local community. Jolene was passionate about film and nature and had created documentaries detailing life in Nunavut before moving to Ottawa. Jolene will be forever remembered for her ability to bring light into every situation. She will be missed by her family, friends and many community members. A 35 year old man, reported to be related to Jolene, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to Jolene's death as well as attempted murder pertaining to a secondary victim.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma

SUSAN BERREZUETA, 61 JULY 31, 2025 - BRADFORD, ON

Susan loved her family and was passionate about helping others. She pursued this passion through her career in the health care system, working as an operating room nurse at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre for 35 years. She loved her family and children deeply and loved vacationing in Algonquin Park where she found peace and joy. A 25 year old man, reported to be Susan's adult son, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to his mother's death. According to media reports, the accused was released on probation the day before Susan was killed.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)











ALISHA BROOKS, 34 DECEMBER 8, 2024 - TORONTO, ON

Alisha was a beloved community advocate, housing worker, and mother to a 16-year-old daughter. She is described by her family and friends as someone who was effervescent and vibrant, who lit up any room she was in. Alisha was passionate about helping others and advocated for children, youth, refugees and against gender-based violence. She was always willing to help anyone who needed it and was described as an inspiration to all around her. A 33 year old man, reported to be Alisha's intimate partner, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death. According to media reports, the accused had a criminal history of intimate partner violence and was on statutory release at the time Alisha was killed.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Shooting

SERENITY BROWN, 21 SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 - TORONTO, ON

Serenity (Yaddie) Sincere Jetta-Mae Brown, Katsitsyu:tu of Oneida Nation, was a kind soul and a beloved member of her family. Serenity loved music and embraced her language and culture at her school TsiNiyukwaliho: on Oneida. She brought sunshine and laughter into everyone's lives and will be forever missed by those who say that "it was a privilege to have her in our lives even for this short time". A 48 year old man, reported to be known to Serenity, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Trauma

SACHA CHARLES, 46 OCTOBER 31, 2025 - BARRIE, ON

Sacha will be forever remembered as a devoted mother and friend to many. She will be missed greatly. A 46 year old man, reported to be Sacha's intimate partner, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. According to media reports, neighbours were at times fearful of the man and described him as wreckless. Local police in Barrie have labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner













SUKHDEEP CHEEMA, 41 NOVEMBER 15, 2025 -ADJALA-TOSORONTIO, ON

Sukhdeep will be remembered as a loving mother and friend. She will be missed deeply by her family, friends and community. A 44 year old man, reported to be Sukhdeep's husband, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown

RENÉE DESCARY, 51 APRIL 1, 2025 - OTTAWA, ON

Renée was a beloved community member, partner, and mother. She was just days away from her 52nd birthday. Renée was a hard worker and had worked for the Canadian Revenue Agency and was dedicated to making her community better for everyone, volunteering her time to support her local housing co-op. She is described by family, neighbours and friends as a loving, kind and compassionate human being who will be missed by all who knew her. A 24 year old man, with no prior relationship to Renée, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. Local police in Ottawa have labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: No Prior Relationship

Cause of Death: Trauma

RACHELLE "FRANCIS" DESROCHERS, 54 MARCH 16, 2025 - OTTAWA, ON

Rachelle, also known as Francis, will be always remembered and missed by her loved ones, family, friends and community. A 35 year old man, with a history of intimate partner violence and who was reportedly on probation, has been charged with 1st degree murder and indignity to a body in relation to Rachelle's death. Rachelle had been reported missing prior to her death and her body has not been located at the time of this report's publication. No relationship details were provided within media reports, however, the killing has been reported to be targeted. Local police in Ottawa have labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported









Remembering Jane Doe Femicide Cases

At times, the identity of victims may not be disclosed. This may be as a result of court publication bans, lack of police disclosure/publication of victim identity or at the request of the families members. While the lack of identification of femicide victims can create additional barriers to collecting data, we wish to recognize and honour the lives of those victims that have not been identified.

JANE DOE (VAUGHAN), UNKNOWN AGE FEBRUARY 6, 2025 - VAUGHAN, ON

The victim will be deeply missed by her family, friends and other loved ones. The victim's identity has not been disclosed publicly. A 15 year old male youth was charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to the victim's death.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported

Cause of Death: Trauma

JANE DOE (KINGSTON), 25 MAY 16, 2025 - PICKERING, ON

The victim will be missed greatly by her family, friends and community. Her identity has not been made public at the time of this report's publication. A 26 year old man, reported to be the victim's intimate partner, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to the victim's death. Local police in Kingston have labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

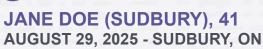












The victim will be missed dearly by her friends, family and community. The victim's identity has not been publicly released. A 44 year old man and a 26 year old man, reported to be known to the victim, are facing charges including 1st degree and 2nd degree murder in relation to the victim's death as well as the death of a secondary victim. Other charges include firearm related offences and breach of probation.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Shooting

JANE DOE (PICKERING), 69 JUNE 11, 2025 - PICKERING, ON

The victim will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community. The victim's identity has not been disclosed publicly. A 34 year old man, reported to be the victim's son-in-law, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to the victim's death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son-in-law)

Cause of Death: Other (Arson)

JANE DOE (SUDBURY), 63 JULY 2, 2025 - SUDBURY, ON

The victim has been described as a beloved mother, wife, family member and as a person who was full of love and cared for everyone. She will be missed and mourned by her family, friends and community. The victim was from Nigeria and was here in Canada visiting her daughter at the time she was killed. The victim's 36 year old son-in-law has been charged with 1st degree murder, attempted murder, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, forcible confinement and strangulation, relating to the victim's death and against his intimate partner who survived the attack.

Femicide Type:

Family (Son-in-law) - IPV Related

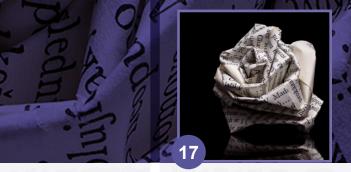












JANE DOE (GUELPH), 80 SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 - GUELPH, ON

The victim will be deeply missed by her family, friends and community. The victim's identity has not been publicly released. A 34 year old man, reported to be known to the victim, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to the victim's death.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Trauma

JANE DOE (PETERBOROUGH), 33 AUGUST 12, 2025 - PETERBOROUGH, ON

The victim will be missed greatly by her friends, family and other loved ones. The victim's identity has not been made public. A 40 year old man has been charged with 2nd degree murder and indignity to a body in relation to the victim's death. The relationship between the victim and accused has not been disclosed.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported

Cause of Death: Unknown

JANE DOE (BRAMPTON), 78 AUGUST 5, 2025 - BRAMPTON, ON

The victim has been described as a kind. wonderful and sociable woman, who would give you the shirt off her back. The victim's identity has not been disclosed by police, however media reports have indicated that some neighbours knew her as June and noted she worked at the local laundromat. The victim will be missed by her loved ones and community. A 64 year old man has been charged with 2nd degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault, relating to the victim's death and two other victims who survived the attack. According to media reports, just 5 days prior he had been charged with wilfully causing unnecessary pain and suffering to an animal.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported













ELEANOR DONEY, 83MAY 29, 2025 - PICKERING, ON

Eleanor was beloved by her family and friends. She was known as a witty, kind and generous person who was dedicated to taking care of her family and many loved ones. Eleanor touched the lives of many people through her years as an elementary school teacher at Peoples Christian School and the Ellesmere Statton Public School. Eleanor's life reflected her faith and her gentle legacy. A 14 year old boy, reported to have had prior police interactions, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Eleanor's death.

Femicide Type: No Prior Relationship

Cause of Death: Trauma

TRACEY DUNCAN, 54 JUNE 2, 2025 - OTTAWA, ON

Tracey Duncan was beloved by her friends and family. She has been described as a loving, resilient, kind and devoted mother of three boys and a loving grandmother. Her laughter was contagious, her kindness boundless. A 57 year old man, reported to be Tracey's former intimate partner, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. He was also reportedly charged with indecent exhibition and assault on a police officer the day prior to Tracey's death and attempted murder, assault with a weapon and aggravated assault for another incident that occurred following her death. Local police in Ottawa have labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma

KAREN MARIE FERGUSON, 65 MARCH 2, 2025 - COBOURG, ON

Karen was described by her loved ones as a kind and quiet person who loved animals. She is remembered as a loving, funny, giving and caring-hearted person; she will be missed by all who knew her. A 41 year old man, reported to be Karen's son, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)













ANITA GOODINGS, 83 MARCH 12, 2025 - LEAMINGTON, ON

Anita has been described as loving, generous and as a woman of kindness and faith. Anita was closely connected with her community and could often be found supporting her church or gathering with her friends to play games like rummikub and euchre. Anita will be deeply missed by her loved ones and community. A 61-year-old man, reported to be Anita's adult son who was living with her, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to Anita's death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)

Cause of Death: Unknown

ANITA JOAN GRAY, 59 AUGUST 1, 2025 - BRACEBRIDGE, ON

Anita was a beloved mother, friend and wife. Anita's warmth, generosity, and ability to make anyone feel at home will be remembered forever. Anita loved gardening and was a Personal Support Worker and the owner of Muskoka's TLC, a business that provided care to seniors throughout the Muskoka region. Anita will be missed dearly by her family, friends and community. A 29 year old man, reported to be Anita's adult son, was deemed responsible for the death of Anita and her husband prior to taking his own life.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)

Cause of Death: Shooting

SHEILA ANN HERCULES, 64 DECEMBER 1, 2024 - PICKERING, ON

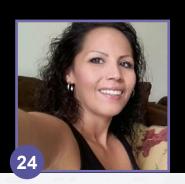
Sheila is described as a loving mother and wife and as a great friend with a tremendously bright spirit and enduring empathy. She had a beautiful ability to connect with people and make them feel seen and heard. Her family and friends say she is "an eternal gift we all get to cherish and share forever more". A 25 year old man, reported to be Sheila's adult son, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)











ROBIN EMILINE KANASAWE, 40 JUNE 13TH, 2025 - SUDBURY, ON

Robin is remembered by her family, her partner, her four children and friends as a kind-hearted, beautiful woman who always put others first. Her family and friends said "She died a hero". Robin will be missed by her family, friends and community in Sudbury and Wikwemikong First Nation. A 19 year old man and a 14 year old, reported to be known to Robin, have been charged with 2nd degree and 1st degree murder in relation to Robin's death. They have also been charged with attempted murder, several other offences including firearm offences and breach of probation. A third man remains wanted by police in relation to Robin's death.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of death: Shooting

LORI KONRAD, 59 DECEMBER 28, 2024 -NIAGARA FALLS, ON

Lori, described as a beautiful soul, will be forever remembered for her kind and loving nature and for her generosity. Lori enjoyed reading, crafting and had a deep love for history. She will be missed greatly by her family, friends and community. A 41 year old man, reported to be Lori's adult son and previously known to the police, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)

Cause of Death: Unknown

SAVANNAH KULLA, 29 OCTOBER 21, 2025 - BRAMPTON, ON

Savannah has been described as a smart, kind and selfless daughter, mother and friend to many. She had worked as a social worker, was passionate about dance and was also a devoted and loving mother to her four young children. Savannah will be missed deeply by her children, family, friends and community. A 38 year old man, reported to be Savannah's former intimate partner, was deemed responsible for her death before being killed in a police interaction following the killing. According to media reports, the man had a history of intimate partner violence towards Savannah and was reportedly released on bail at the time the femicide occurred. Savannah was killed after meeting her ex to drop off their daughter to visit with her father, prompting an AMBER alert to be issued, before the young girl was found safe with family.

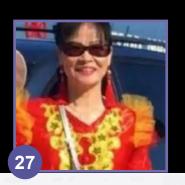
Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Shooting

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YUK KWAN CHU, 67 JULY 9, 2025 - PICKERING, ON

Yuk Kwan Chu was beloved by her family, friends and community. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her. A 60 year old man, reported to be Yuk's intimate partner, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death. She was reported missing to police just days before she was found.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma

RAVINA MAGHERA, 26 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 - WINDSOR, ON

Ravina was a kind and loving friend to many. She was passionate about health, fitness and has been described as a hardworking and dedicated entrepreneur. Ravina will be missed dearly by her family, friends and community. A 29 year old man, reported to be Ravina's intimate partner, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma

PAULA MALLETTE, 57 MARCH 18, 2025 - TIMMINS, ON

Paula was described as a generous person who was always giving. She loved her children, grandchildren, and dogs, and had a big heart and a contagious laugh. A 38 year old man, reported to be known to Paula, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Known











SHELLEY ANNE MARCONI, 54 JULY 15, 2025 - SHUNIAH, ON

Shelley is described as a beautiful human being - wife, sister, auntie, cousin, step-mom, grandma, and friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness and joy. For the past 10 years, Shelley served as the Human Resource Manager for the Ontario Native Women's Association, passionately advocating for Indigenous women. Guided by a strong moral compass and unwavering integrity, she earned the trust and admiration of colleagues and community alike. Shelley will be missed deeply by her family, friends and community. A 26 year old man reported to be Shelley's stepson, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family (Stepson)

Cause of Death: Unknown

BARBARA MORGAN, 71 OCTOBER 5, 2025 - SIMCOE, ON

Barbara was a fun-loving, strong and kind woman. For many years, Barbara ran a home daycare where she acted as a second mother to many children. She has been described as a hard worker, who always wanted to help and often put others before herself. Barbara was also deeply passionate about animals, often caring for and rescuing animals in need of care. Barbara will be missed by her family and friends and community. A 45 year old man, reported to be Barbara's adult son, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family (Son)

Cause of Death: Unknown

BARBARA O'DONNELL, 72 JULY 17, 2025 - BELLEVILLE, ON

Barbara will be forever remembered by her loved ones and community. A 50 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Barbara's death, as well as operation while impaired, occupant of a motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, criminal harassment, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, assault with a weapon, assaulting a peace officer, careless use of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm, and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle. Another woman was also being harassed by this perpetrator at the same time Barbara was killed.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported











SHAHNAZ PESTONJI, 71 JULY 17, 2025 - NORTH YORK, ON

Shahnaz was a retired nurse who worked at Sunnybrook Hospital in geriatrics and with the veterans at K-Wing. Shahnaz Pestonji will be remembered as a loving mother who was devoted to her family and loved every moment she spent with them. Because of her positive spirit and contagious laugh, she was loved by one and all. She is survived by her loving husband, children and grandchildren. A 14 year old boy, with no prior relationship to Shahnaz, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: No Prior Relationship

Cause of Death: Trauma

PHY PUTH, 64 JANUARY 7, 2025 - LONDON, ON

Phy was a hard working, kind and compassionate woman. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and friend to many. Phy enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and colleagues and had a passion for cooking and gardening. Phy will be missed greatly by her family, friends and community. A 48 year old man, reported to be Phy's son-in-law, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandchild all lived at home with her.

Femicide Type: Family (Son-in-law)

Cause of Death: Unknown

NILAKSHI RAGUTHAS, 20 MARCH 7, 2025 - MARKHAM, ON

Nilakshi will be deeply missed by her family, friends and community. A 28 year old man and a 35 year old man have been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Nilakshi's death, attempted murder pertaining to a secondary victim and killing or injuring animals, pertaining to the killing of Nilakshi's dog. According to media reports, police have indicated that this was a targeted killing.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported

Cause of Death: Shooting











BRENDA RUS, 60 APRIL 5, 2025 - OTTAWA, ON

Brenda will be remembered as a loving mother, sister and friend. She was a dedicated and long time employee of the Canadian Department of National Defence and was looking forward to celebrating her 61st birthday. She was a devoted mother to her two sons and her little dog Bear, who never left her side. She loved her family deeply and treasured simple moments of connection and kindness. She had a generous spirit, a warmth, a great laugh, and her presence could light up a room. A 61 year old man, reported to be Brenda's husband, was charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death and he has since pleaded guilty to 2nd degree murder. Local police in Ottawa labeled this killing a femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death:

Asphyxiation/Strangulation



AMANPREET SAINI, 27 OCTOBER 21, 2025 - LINCOLN, ON

Amanpreet has been described as a loving and kind daughter, sister and friend to many. Amanpreet will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community. An arrest warrant for 2nd degree murder has been issued for a 27 year old man. The relationship between the victim and accused has not been disclosed, however, evidence suggests the killing was targeted.

Femicide Type: Relationship Not Reported

Cause of Death: Trauma

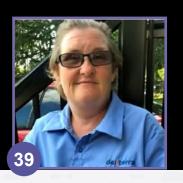
NIESHIA SAM, 42 MARCH 11, 2025 - BRAMPTON, ON

Nieshia was a beloved person, friend, mother and loved by all who knew her, her community mourns a precious life taken too soon. A man in his 30's, with whom Nieshia was reported to be in a relationship, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner









CHARLENE SHELLARD, 49 MAY 5, 2025 - BRANTFORD, ON

Charlene Shellard will be remembered as a kind, giving, and heartwarming person who helped many people when they needed it most. Charlene worked in the food court at the Lynden Park Mall and volunteered with the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. She was beloved by her children, family and friends and was described by family as "big sunshine". A 40-year old Brantford man, who was identified as Charlene's boyfriend, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate partner

Cause of Death: Other (Arson)

SHALINI SINGH, 40 DECEMBER 4, 2024 - HAMILTON, ON

Shalini was a creative, genuine spirit who lit up the room with her humour. She had graduated from Toronto Metropolitan University with a degree in Social Sciences, and worked at the Canadian Mental Health Association, she also volunteered and served as the director of the Suicide Prevention Community Council for Hamilton. Her family, parents, friends, community and loved ones will miss her endlessly. Shalini always said, "Keep living, we all got something to share". A 42 year old man, reported to be Shalini's intimate partner, has been charged with 2nd degree murder and indignity to a body in relation to her death. According to media reports, the man had a history of violence against women and had been released into the community under Shalini's care and supervision.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

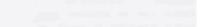
Cause of Death: Unknown

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MARILYN STEVENS, 62 SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 - NEWCASTLE, ON

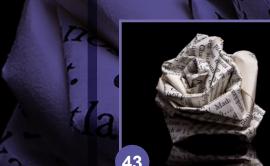
Marilyn was a kind, generous and loving friend to many. Marilyn had a deep passion and love for the arts, and shared her love for music with many through her time working as a piano teacher. Marilyn also had a deep love for nature and enjoyed spending time hiking, canoeing and feeding the nearby birds. Marilyn will be missed dearly by her loved ones and community. A 64 year old man, reported to be Marilyn's husband, has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner











MIKAILA STRAATSMA, 30 JUNE 17, 2025 - SAULT STE. MARIE

Mikaila has been described as a talented artist, singer and musician. Mikaila was witty and smart, and had obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and had also studied to be a paralegal. Mikaila will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community. A 52 year old man, reported to be Mikaila's neighbour, has been charged with 2nd degree murder and indignity to a dead body in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Unknown

VIRGINIA THEORET, 82 MAY 27, 2025 - OTTAWA, ON

Virginia will be forever remembered and missed by her loved ones and community. According to police reports, Virginia was found killed and an 84 year old man, reported to be her husband, was deemed responsible for her death, prior to taking his own life.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Shooting

We know femicide is preventable and there is support available. Please visit mulberryfinder.ca to find services in Ontario and help us prevent men's violence.



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