



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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# Annual Femicide List

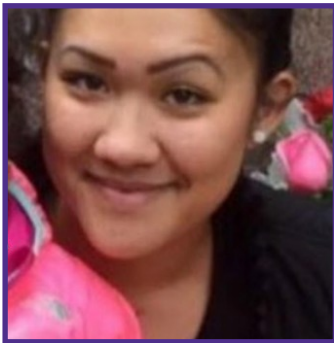
November 26th 2019 to November 25th 2020



## **1. Catherine Ambrose, 63** **November 14, 2020, Hamilton, ON.**

Catherine will be remembered as a wonderful mother and wife. She will be missed dearly by friends, family and the rest of the Hamilton community. Her 30-year-old son was charged with second degree murder and aggravated assault.

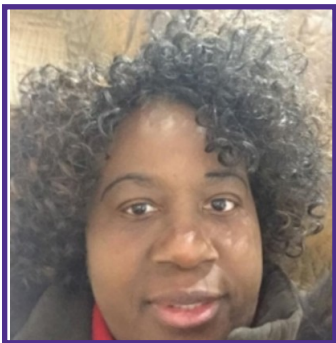
**Femicide Type:** Family  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



## **2. Ashley Noell Arzaga, 24** **February 24, 2020, Toronto, ON.**

Ashley was a loving mother, daughter, sister, cousin and friend. Ashley was an outgoing, positive, kind, loving and genuine young woman, and she will be missed. A 17-year-old male was charged with first degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



## **3. Yvonne Bachelor-Vassell, 61** **December 11, 2019, Etobicoke, ON.**

Yvonne's caring attitude was demonstrated through her work as an addictions and mental health nurse; her second job was being a single mom. She will be missed by her friends and family. Her 24-year-old son was charged with first degree murder and arson.

**Femicide Type:** Family  
**Cause of Death:** Other (fire)



**4. Iva Barcelos, 59**

**September 12, 2020, Etobicoke, ON.**

Iva will be dearly missed. She was the mother of five children and will always be remembered by many friends and family. Her 28-year-old son had been connected to the femicide, before being struck by a train.

**Femicide Type:** Family  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**5. Julie Berman, 51**

**December 22, 2019, Toronto, ON.**

Julia will be remembered by her friends as an outspoken advocate for transgender rights and a strong voice against the violence that impacted her community. A 27-year-old male has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**6. Shannon Burnside, 37**

**March 11, 2020, Brantford, ON.**

Shannon was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She was very loved and will be greatly missed by all. Her case is still under investigation.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**7. Margaret Cameron, 66**

**December 21, 2019, Toronto, ON.**

Margaret will be missed by her friends and family. A 49-year-old male, known to her was charged with first-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known  
**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **8. Hang-Kam Annie Chiu, 64**

**February 21, 2020, Scarborough, ON.**

Hang-Kam Annie will be remembered by the entire community, friends and family as someone who helped others. Hang-Kam Annie was planning to retire in September. A 30-year-old male was charged with first degree murder terrorist activity.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **9. Cara Cochrane, 37**

**June 7, 2020, Kingston, ON.**

Cara will be remembered by family, friends and coworkers as a beautiful and loving soul. She will be missed dearly by her coworkers, her parents, her sister and her four-year old son. Her ex-boyfriend, 35 years old, was charged with aggravated assault, and assault causing bodily harm.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **10. Jane Doe, 45**

**August 22, 2020, Belleville, ON.**

She will continue to be remembered by close friends and family as well as her community. A 24-year old male has been charged with second degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **11. Jane Doe, 69**

**October 25, 2020, Sarnia, ON.**

She will continue to be remembered by her community as her loved ones and family will cherish her memory. A man, 42, has been charged with second degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**12. Jane Doe, 60**

**May 29, 2020, St. Catharines, ON.**

She will be remembered as a very nice and welcoming woman in her community. A publication ban is in effect and her identity remains confidential. A 60-year-old male living in the same residence was charged with first-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



**13. Debbie Fardella, 60**

**December 18, 2019, Kingston, ON.**

Debbie will be remembered in the Hillendale community as a loving mother of two boys. Her 59-year-old husband was charged with second degree murder. He died while in custody.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**14. Karen Gottschalk-Millar, 63**

**July 24, 2020, Ottawa, ON.**

Karen will be remembered in her community of North Grenville as a valued and respected not-for-profit home worker. She will be missed by her family, friends and colleagues. A 32-year-old resident of the home has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



**15. Amy Hager, 20**

**September 21, 2020, Hamilton, ON.**

Amy will be fondly remembered by her classmates, friends and family as a beautifully kind soul that was taken too soon. Her 39-year-old boyfriend was charged with second degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **16. Darian Hailey Henderson-Bellman, 25**

**July 28, 2020, Brampton, ON.**

Darian was a beautiful, big-hearted person who cared greatly about other people. Darian had many close friends and family who will miss her immensely. Her 27-year-old boyfriend has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Shooting



### **17. Audrey Hopkinson, 33**

**April 1, 2020, Brockville, ON.**

Audrey was a loving mother of her two children, who would do anything for them. She was a dedicated nurse and loyal friend who always put others before herself. She will be missed by her friends and family. Audrey was pregnant at the time of the shooting. Her 44-year-old boyfriend turned the gun on himself after killing Audrey.

**Femicide Type:** Femicide-Suicide

**Cause of Death:** Shooting



### **18. Kayliegh Ivall, 14**

**April 27, 2020, Thunder Bay, ON.**

Kayliegh is remembered as having a big heart who only saw the best in people. She was a gifted singer, a natural storyteller and was talented in visual arts. Kayliegh loved animals, especially dogs. A 21-year-old male and a 14-year-old girl have been charged with first degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



### **19. Keira Kagan, 4**

**February 9, 2020, Milton, ON.**

Keira was a young child that was taken too early. She is missed dearly by her mother. She was killed in a murder-suicide by her 35-year-old father.

**Femicide Type:** Femicide-Suicide

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



**20. Sharanjeet Kaur, 27**

**December 9, 2019, Brampton, ON.**

Sharanjeet was a highly educated web developer. She obtained a master's degree in digital multimedia from Humber college in 2017. She will be deeply missed by co-workers and family. Her 35-year-old ex-boyfriend killed Sharanjeet and himself at the time of the crime.

**Femicide Type:** Femicide-Suicide

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



**21. Belynda Kerelchuk, 50**

**October 6, 2020, Mississauga, ON.**

Belynda was a proud mother of two children. She was also an appreciated daughter, stepdaughter, cousin, granddaughter, niece, and aunt. She was the Vice President of Aon Benfield. She was also a talented figure skater. She will be deeply missed by her friends and colleagues as she was very kind and great to work with. Her 53-year-old husband was charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**22. Maryna Kudzianiuk, 49**

**January 13, 2020, Scarborough, ON.**

Maryna will be remembered by her friends and family as the most caring and loving individual. She was like a second mother to many and a very kind person who was always quick to help anyone in need. She will be missed by many. A 37-year-old male was charged with first degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



**23. Giulia Matthews, 54**

**January 20th, 2020, Toronto, ON.**

Giulia will be remembered by her family, friends, and neighbours who knew her to be a positive light in her community. She was known for extending kindness and compassion to everyone she met. She will be missed dearly by everyone who knew her. Her 17-year-old son has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Family

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



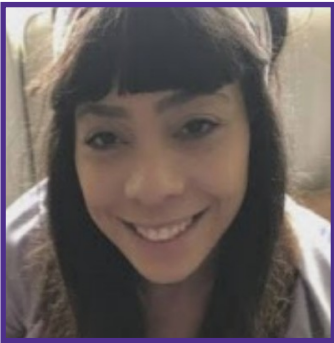
#### **24. Judy Neddo, 75**

**October 11th, 2020, Temiskaming Shores, ON.**

Judy was a generous, nurturing, and empathetic woman who loved spending time in her flower garden or taking care of her family and home. She will be dearly missed by her three daughters and six grandchildren. Her 77-year-old husband killed Judy and then himself.

**Femicide Type:** Femicide-suicide

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



#### **25. Brittney Newman, 25**

**February 9, 2020, Mississauga, ON.**

Brittney was the mother of two children, who will be remembered as a caring and loving daughter and granddaughter. She will be missed dearly. Her ex-boyfriend, 27, was charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Intimate Partner

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



#### **26. Margaret Nishikawara, 95**

**October 20, 2020, Toronto, ON.**

Margaret was a mother and grandmother. She will be missed dearly by friends and family that knew her as a gentle soul with a love for art and cooking. Her 66-year-old son has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Family

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



#### **27. Heeral Patel, 28**

**January 13, 2020, Brampton, ON.**

Heeral will be remembered as a hard-working personal support worker who was known for her commitment to her job. She will be missed dearly by her friends and family, as well as her co-workers. A first-degree murder charge was planned for her ex-husband before his death.

**Femicide Type:** Femicide-Suicide

**Cause of Death:** Asphyxia



**28. Teresa Santos, 75**

**August 11, 2020, Toronto, ON.**

Teresa will be remembered as a dear friend to many. She will be missed by many of her friends who live in the same apartment complex as her. A 40-year-old male was charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



**29. Helen Sedo, 61**

**July 29, 2020, Aurora, ON.**

Helen was a wonderful mother, and her son will miss her dearly. Neighbourhood friends will also miss her kind presence. A 61-year-old male has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Unknown



**30. Theepa Seevaratnam, 39**

**March 13, 2020, Scarborough, ON.**

Theepa was a proud Indo-Canadian. Theepa will be remembered lovingly by her family and friends. A 29-year-old male has been charged with second-degree murder and two other males, 27 and 42-years-old were each charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Shooting



**31. Sangita Sharma, 56**

**August 13, 2020, Brampton, ON.**

Sangita will be missed dearly by those whose lives she has touched with her kindness. She was a pharmacist and known to all as hard working and a great woman. She will continue to live on in their hearts and memories. Two suspects have been identified; however, no arrests have been made.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Shooting



### **32. Tammy Stuart, 29**

**December 7, 2019, Welland, ON.**

Tammy was a beloved mother to her young son. She will be deeply missed by her family, extended family, and friends. Information about the perpetrator and charges laid have not been reported.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Unknown



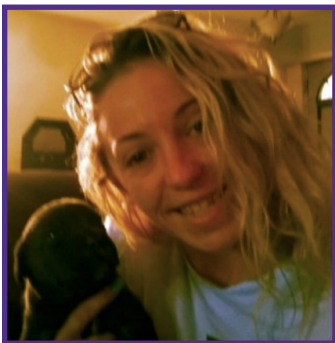
### **33. Tigist Takle, 31**

**November 18, 2020, Toronto, ON.**

Tigist will be deeply missed by family and loved ones. She was known in her community as a hard worker with a kind heart. A 36-year-old male has been charged with first degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **34. Sarah Marie Thwait, 29**

**March 13, 2020, Sarnia, ON.**

Sarah will be remembered by family and friends as a kindhearted person. She will especially be missed by her two young boys who were the light of her world. A 34-year-old male acquaintance was charged with first degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Known

**Cause of Death:** Trauma



### **35. Adelaide Traynor, 15**

**September 4th, 2020, Oshawa, ON.**

Adelaide will be remembered as a firecracker and flower wrapped into one. She was known to radiate joy wherever she went. She was killed in her home by a male relative along with her father and two brothers. Her mother and brother survived. She will be deeply missed by her numerous friends and family.

**Femicide Type:** Family

**Cause of Death:** Shooting



### **36. Marion Wallace, 81**

**August 18, 2020, Mississauga, ON.**

Marion was deeply loved. She was found by a care provider in her home. Very few details have been released. Her 86-year-old husband was charged with first-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** IPF

**Cause of Death:** Undisclosed



### **37. Arlene Wapoose, 26**

**July 8, 2020, Eabametoong First Nation, ON.**

Arlene will be remembered as a loving mother to her three children and as a loving spirit to her loved ones. Her legacy will also continue to live on in the Eabametoong First Nation. A male youth has been charged with second-degree murder.

**Femicide Type:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Trauma