

## (Re)Learning Moment

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### Transgender Day of Remembrance

Content Warning: Violence; Transphobia


Every November 20th, we observe **Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR)** as a day to memorialize those lost from violence fueled by transphobia over the past year. In 1999, a small group gathered in response to the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender African American woman, on November 28, 1998. The outpouring of grief and anger resulted in a candlelight vigil with 250 participants. Her death inspired both TDoR and the “Remembering Our Dead” web project. A TDoR memorial typically includes community members reading the names of those trans people who died from October 1st of the previous year to September 30th of the current year. The community may also participate in candlelight vigils, dedicated church services, marches, food drives, and film screenings.

#### (Re)Learn About TDoR

- [Remembering Rita Hester, Who Changed What It Means to Remember Trans Lives](#) - article by Samantha Riedel (2022)
- [Trans Awareness Week](#) - brief video explaining Trans Awareness Week
- [Trans Day of Remembrance](#) - Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD) webpage
- [Understanding the Transgender Community](#) - resource guide from the Human Rights Campaign

### Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

Join the Pride Center for our annual candlelight vigil in honor of the lives taken from us in 2022 due to transphobic violence.

 Thursday, November 17  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET

 Student Union, Cumberland Plaza