



**26th Annual
International Transgender
Day of Remembrance
Candlelight Vigil**

November 16, 2024 @ 6:30pm

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Welcome and Introduction

We welcome members of the Sacramento community, our families, friends and allies as we join in this solemn candlelight vigil in observance of the 25th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The Speakers

Dr Francie Milazzo

Dr Milazzo is the chair of the Sacramento Trans Day of Remembrance Committee. Dr Milazzo has been a pioneer in service to the gender community.

Ayotunde Ikuku and Jenesis Diwa

Ayotunde Ikuku is a black, Queer, Trans-Woman who identifies as neurodivergent. She is proudly Nigerian-American and was raised in South Sacramento. She is a founder of Sacramento's Trans Defense and Empowerment Program "S.P.I.C.E." (Street Pride Intersectional Community Empowerment). She is the Youth Equity and Events Coordinator at Trans Queer Youth Collective.

Sabrina Naves

Sabrina B. Naves, a woman of trans experience, an atheist but also a self-described "friend of the faithful", veteran of the US Air Force, and she is the current President of the Sacramento chapter of PFLAG.

Ebony Harper

An activist in the trans community. Founding Executive Director of California TRANScends. A first-generation American of Jamaican descent, born in Prince George's County, Maryland, and raised in Los Angeles. Having come out as a Black trans woman at an early age, Ebony began working as an activist in the trans community, emphasizing the importance of the intersectionality between her racial and transgender identity.

Lauren Pulido

Lauren Pulido is a dedicated transgender activist and advocate based in Sacramento, California. Known for his impactful work, Lauren made history by helping raise the Transgender Pride Flag over Sacramento's City Hall and the California State Capitol in 2019. As former Co-Executive Director at the Gender Health Center, he championed healthcare access and fought for the rights of transgender individuals facing discrimination. Now with the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Lauren continues to create empowering spaces for the transgender community.

Miles Harris. FNP

Miles Harris (he/him) is a trans and nonbinary identified family nurse practitioner and the Director of Gender-Affirming Care for UC Davis Health. He is also an assistant clinical professor at the UC Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, and was previously the Lead Provider for Gender-Affirming Care at One Community Health, a federally-qualified health center in Sacramento, CA. He is an advocate for the integration of gender-affirming care with primary care and has trained healthcare students and providers across the United States.

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have suffered violent deaths due to their actual or perceived gender identity or expression. The first candlelight vigil in San Francisco was held in 1999 to honor Rita Hester, murdered on November 28, 1998. Since then, annual memorials have been observed around November 20 in countries around the world.

Officiants

The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward
Dean of Trinity Cathedral

Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas
Assistant Pastor, A Church for All MCC in North Highlands

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Senior Pastor, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

Music Leadership: Alex Heetland
Artistic Director, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Piano: Heather Waid
Principal Accompanist, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Order of Memorial

Slide Show

As you enter we will view a slide show of those who have lost their lives within the US over the last year. There are 69 people represented in these slides. Worldwide, the number of those who have lost their lives is 411.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and WELCOME

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Invocation and Memorial Candle

The Very Rev Matthew Woodward
Dean of the Cathedral

Song

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why can't I?

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Opening Reflection

Dr Francie Milazzo

*Trans Day of Remembrance Sacramento Committee
Chair*

Speakers

Sabrina Naves

President, PFLAG Sacramento

Ayotunde Ikuku and Jenesi Diwa

Volunteers with the Trans and Queer Youth Collective.

Musical Reflection

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

A Million Dreams *The Greatest Showman*

Speaker

Miles Harris. FNP

*A family nurse practitioner with UC Davis, working
with their Gender Affirming Clinic.*

A Blessing

Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Musical Reflection

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Love Shine a Light *Katrina and the Waves*

Speakers

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With the Rainbow chamber of commerce.

Ebony Harper

An activist in the trans community.

Song

Lean On Me - Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise,
We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus: Lean on me, When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

Just call on me sister when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Chorus

Just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load
If you just call me

Call me (If you need a friend)...

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Reading the List of Names

Attendees

Candlelight Circle

Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas

Closing

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

*Senior Pastor, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, San
Francisco*

Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Remembering Our Dead

Twenty one years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and fifteen years ago Ruby Molina was found floating in the American River. In 2010 Sacramento's own Carol Ann Byers and Carina Paige Holleran and many young people were numbered among these victims of fear, hatred and violence or who despaired and ended their own lives. These brothers and sisters of ours chose to engage and live their lives as they knew how, braving the scorn and ridicule of those who would not understand them. Finally they paid the ultimate price.



Their tragedies touch us deeply. Their lives inspire admiration and impress the urgency and need for all our brothers and sisters to be allowed to be themselves without fear and danger.

We shed our tears for the loss of these brothers and sisters, for the grief of their families and our community, for the grief of all of us who have long suffered pain from uncaring individuals. May their memories live in our hearts and inspire all of us to commit to the struggle for a loving and accepting world for all.

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