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'You Relive It': Loved Ones Of People Killed By Local Police Shared Memories On Eve Of National March



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Singer-songwriter and activist Ayanna Gregory sings Thursday at an event in D.C. where family and friends of people killed by police gathered to remember them.

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On the eve of the [March on Washington 2020](#), Bridzette Lane shared her memories from the day [her 18-year-old son Ralphael Briscoe was fatally shot by a D.C. police officer](#) in 2011.

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She spoke as part of an intimate event on Thursday evening at the Eaton Hotel for the family and friends of local individuals slain by police, which was organized by Black Lives Matter D.C. and hosted by radio personality Poe of WPGC 95.5. Members of Black Lives Matter D.C. spoke briefly about uplifting the family members, but the main focus was hearing from the victims' loved ones in attendance.

Activist and singer-songwriter Ayanna Gregory led the ceremony. Families lit candles and placed them on an altar with photos of their loved ones, amethyst rocks, sage, and oils. [Movement musician OnRaé LaTeal](#) conducted a call-and-response for a healing song she produced. The night ended with a butterfly release.



Kenithia Alston, mother of Marquese Alston, says her son's name. [D.C., police fatally shot the 22 year old in 2018](#). She is still seeking answers.

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Ayanna Gregory, a singer-songwriter and activist, pours water into a plant to honor the memories of ancestors and of those killed by police.

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Attendees gather in a circle to pay homage to their loved ones.

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Ayanna Gregory sings a hymn.

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Dorothy Elliott, center, is the mother of Archie Elliott III, who was fatally shot by police in Maryland in 1993. She is sharing the details of her son's death—officers shot him more than a dozen times while he was handcuffed after a traffic stop.

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Greta Willis, mother of Kevin L. Cooper, shares details of her son's death—[Baltimore police fatally shot the 14-year-old Cooper](#) during an altercation in his home in 2006.

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Attendees join together in prayer.

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Rhonda Dorneus is the mother of Korryn Gaines, a 23 year old fatally shot by Baltimore County police after a six-hour standoff in 2016. In the crossfire, police also shot Gaines' 5-year-old son, who survived.

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Isaac Sterling is the father of Terrence Sterling, who was chased and fatally shot by D.C. police in September 2016. Sterling's death sparked weekly protests and [D.C. police determined his shooting was unjustified.](#)

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An altar with photos, candles, and artwork honors the victims of police brutality.

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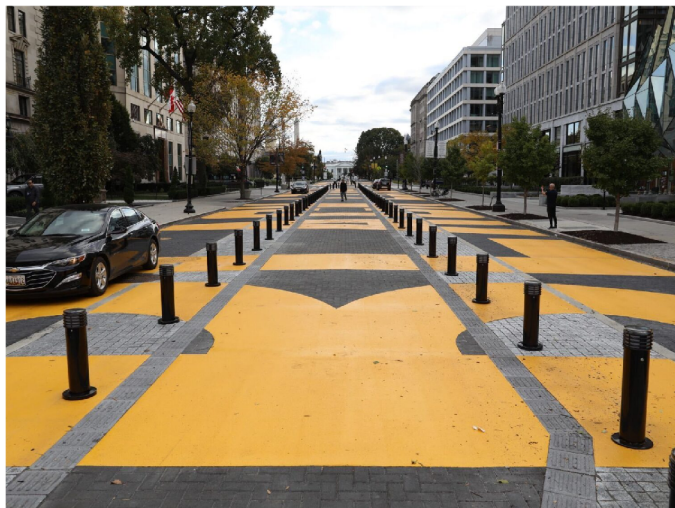
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