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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

A CALL TO COURAGE - SAY HER NAME - EMPOWERING WOMEN TO STAND

As we celebrate women's history month, we want to acknowledge Rebekah Grace Rose Barsotti, a woman who embodied courage for inspiring women everywhere to take a stand against domestic violence. Because every woman matters.

Rebekah's Story

33-year-old Rebekah Grace Rose, a vibrant young woman, dared greatly to start a new life after a partner/family member assault charge against her soon-to-be former spouse in March 2021 sealed her decision to leave the abuse behind. Within months of leaving the relationship, Rebekah disappeared in July 2021 after receiving death threats against her and her dog, Cerberus. After an apparent drowning involving suspicious circumstances, Cerberus was found 6 days later. Rebekah's body was found 10 months later in a different location, mostly intact. The autopsy found Rebekah's manner of death is undetermined, but the greatness of her life carries on.

Despite Montana law (Mont. Code Ann. § 72-3-501(2)) disallowing Rebekah's abuser from managing her estate, that has happened in this case. And it should never happen again. For more information on Rebekah's story and to find how you can help, please visit www.rebekahslegacy.com.

Our Story

For all who believe in the dignity of human life, Rebekah's story is our story. 1 in 3 women experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Of the domestic violence cases that result in fatalities, 75% of victims are killed when they attempt to leave the relationship or after the relationship has ended. If a victim passes away (whether at the hands of her abuser or not), an abuser should never have the final say over a victim, in life or in death.

From the courageous women of Big Horn County, Montana, and the countless Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, to the voiceless survivors all across our state, we celebrate the lives of women, because all women, and all lives, are worthy of honor, respect, and our remembrance. As we celebrate women, we also acknowledge our responsibility to ensure every human life is treated with the dignity, honor and respect that is due, from our first breath to our last.

Call to Action

If you or a loved one are a victim of domestic violence, please visit: www.thehotline.org or contact your local YWCA. Make the call. Take your courageous first step today. Thank you for standing up for all women and supporting all survivors.

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