

#SAYHERNAME

AFRICAN AMERICAN POLICY FORUM

In Memoriam Amber Carr



Today, it is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Amber Carr. Amber was a dedicated member of our #SayHerName Mothers Network, and more than that, she was a devoted mother, sister, daughter and advocate for the lives of Black women everywhere.

Just a few weeks ago, Amber stood before a court and testified to how much she and her family lost when her sister, Atatiana Jefferson, was killed by a Fort Worth police officer. We ache with the knowledge that her family — including her two young sons, Zion and Zayden — has lost another fierce, proud and caring loved one too soon. As we grieve for Amber, we remember how Zion, now 11, witnessed his aunt being killed in their own home and now tragically has lost his mother. His loss and trauma remind us that when Black women are killed by the police, when they are taken from this earth and their families, the hole that is left in their absence is unfillable.

The news cycles may pass, but for families like Amber and Atatiana's, their grief endures, and too often and sadly, grows. It was a privilege to know Amber in life, and an honor to commit the rest of our lives to saying her name until true justice is achieved for remarkable women like her.

Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of January, 2023.

Executive Director

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