

Rest in Power

Our annual *Rest in Power* tribute honors those our Seattle family has lost during the year. While this dedication focuses on our local family and public figures, we cannot let the national epidemic of violence against our Black transgender family go unacknowledged. We denounce these despicable acts and call on those in power to take serious actions to end this violence.



Nikki Kuhnhausen*
June 2019 (17)
*Aspiring designer
and make-up artist*



Shaun Knittle
Dec 30, 2019 (39)
*Navy veteran and
community leader*



Terrence McNally
March 24, 2020 (81)
*Prolific playwright
and librettist*



Lorena Borjas
March 30, 2020 (59)
*Transgender and
immigrant rights activist*



Larry Kramer
May 27, 2020 (84)
*Author, playwright, and
LGBTQ+ activist*



George Bakan
June 7, 2020 (78)
*Advocate and editor of
Seattle Gay News*



Summer Taylor
July 4, 2020 (24)
*BLM and LGBTQ+
social justice activist*



Naya Rivera
July 8, 2020 (33)
*Latinx actress
and fierce ally*



John Lewis
July 17, 2020 (80)
*Civil rights leader
and fierce ally*



Jin-Ah Kim
July 24, 2020 (30)
*Photographer and
political activist*



Lady Red Couture
July 25, 2020 (43)
*Drag artist
and entertainer*



Chi Chi DeVayne
Aug 20, 2020 (34)
*Drag artist and
television entertainer*

*Legacy: On March 5, 2020, Gov. Jay Inslee signed into the *Nikki Kuhnhausen act* which removes the legal strategy, known as the “Trans Panic Defense,” making WA the 10th state in the country to do so. It outlaws the use of force against another based on the discovery, knowledge, or potential disclosure of the victim’s gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.