SisTers PGH mourns loss of Ambridge trans siblings, hosts virtual space for grieving

(PITTSBURGH) -- Once again, we at SisTers PGH are left grieving and angered as we’re forced to say goodbye to two siblings whose lives were taken too soon.

We are heartbroken by the murders of Jasmine Cannady and her younger brother Jeffrey "JJ" Bright by their mother this past Monday in Ambridge, Pa., and we send our love and condolences to all who were blessed to know them.

JJ has been repeatedly misgendered and deadnamed in the wake of his tragic death, and we implore the Pittsburgh media to do better and to recognize the dignity of the people they cover.

This epidemic of violence against Trans people must end. It will take everyone, from journalists to parents, from students to community leaders, from pastors to physicians, to deliver justice, equality, and safety for the TLGBQ+ community.

In light of these recent losses, SisTers PGH will be opening a virtual space tonight, February 24, at 6 PM for Trans and Gender-Nonconforming folks to gather and grieve. This space will be open for 2 hours to hold conversations and unpack emotions, if needed.


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