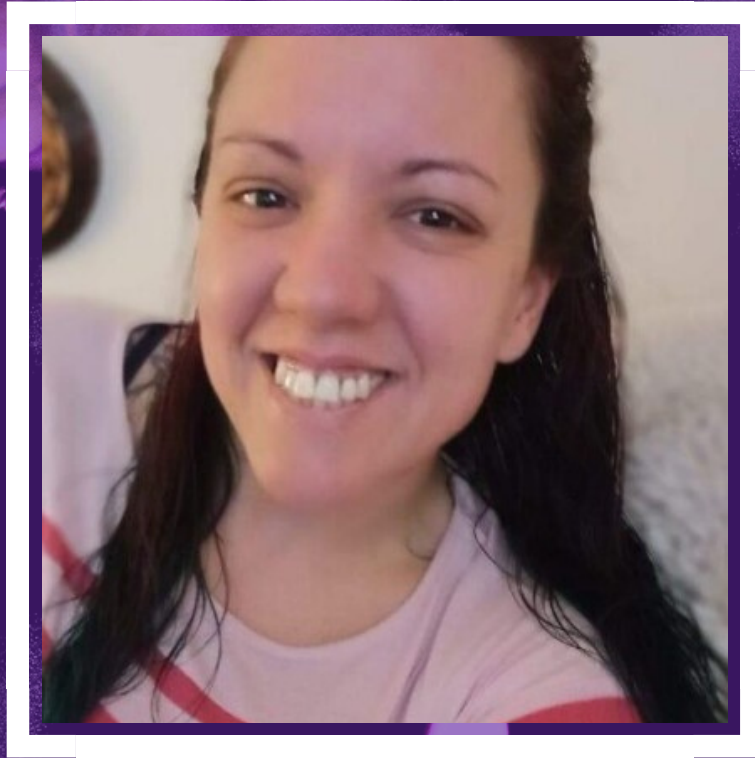


# WE REMEMBER SAMANTHA KOEHNE



## THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE REMEMBERS **SAMANTHA KOEHNE** MINNESOTA'S 17TH CONFIRMED VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE IN 2024

Samantha Koehne, 38, died as a result of probable asphyxia on November 2, 2024 in a home in Edgerton. Joseph Benson, 35, described as Samantha's boyfriend, is charged with second-degree murder. Police were called to the home in Edgerton on November 2nd, where Samantha and Benson were housesitting, after Benson told the homeowner he had killed Samantha. Police found Samantha with a cord wrapped around her legs and across her body. They also found a video of Benson following Samantha, in which she showed the camera bruises on her face that she stated were from him beating her.

**Samantha Koehne, also known as "Panda," was from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was described by many people as an "amazing friend" who "brought light and joy into a room no matter what." Multiple people described her as having a beautiful laugh. We remember Samantha Koehne.**

