

JOE BRUCE, Maine
Husband of Amy Bruce, murdered
in Maine in 2006

Joe Bruce's wife, Amy, was killed in 2006 by their son William, who had been suffering from mental illness for several years. William was found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity and was committed to a Maine psychiatric hospital – the very hospital from which he had been released just two months prior to murdering his mother.

Joe is a participant in MVFHR's "Prevention, Not Execution" project, and his story has been covered by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Anderson Cooper 360*, *CNN Presents*, *Newsday*, *Psychiatric Times*, the *Portland Press-Herald*, and ABC's *Primetime*. He has testified before Maine lawmakers in support of legislation that would improve mental health treatment in the state.

"A death sentence would have compounded our tragedy. To have lost my wife and then to spend years going through appeal after appeal and death watches – adding that to the scenario would be degrading to our family and to the memory of my wife and the love that she had for Will. It would be a constant reminder of the worst thing that happened in our lives, over and over again."

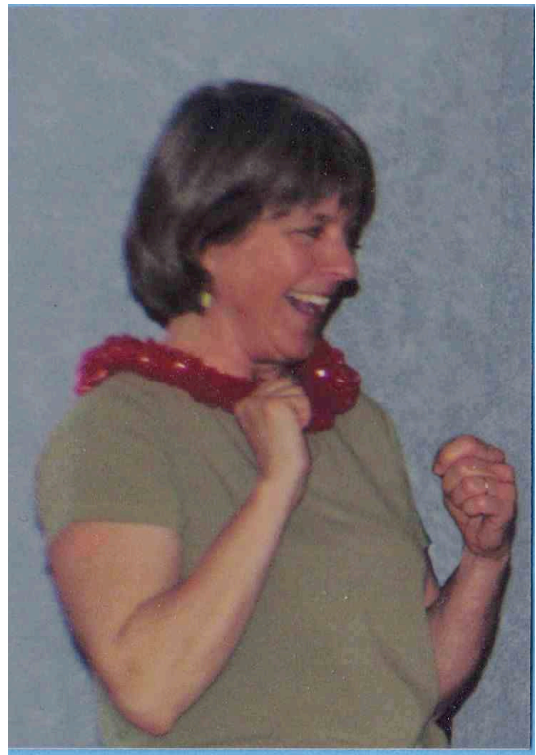
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