STANLEY ALLRIDGE, Texas
Brother of Ronald Allridge, executed in Texas in 1995 and James Allridge, executed in Texas in 2004

When Stanley Allridge was a young boy, two of his older brothers, Ron and James, were arrested for the murder of Brian Clendennen. Ronald was executed in 1995, when Stanley was 18, and James was executed nine years later. Stanley witnessed both executions.

Stanley works with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and he has been involved in numerous anti-death penalty events around the state. In 2005, he shared a podium with Sister Helen Prejean at St. Louis University, speaking to a large audience about James’s life and about the effect of the death penalty on a family.

“After the first execution, I knew my life had totally changed. I had witnessed something most 18 year olds can’t imagine. I didn’t plan on being an activist, but I feel like I’m obligated to talk about the death penalty and what happened in our family. I don’t think we need to be ashamed. We are marching and protesting and trying to put an end to the death penalty, and we shouldn’t be embarrassed to be part of that.”

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