ABA GAYLE, Oregon
Mother of Catherine Blount,
murdered in California in 1980

Aba Gayle’s 19-year-old daughter
Catherine was shot and killed in
California in 1980. Douglas Mickey was
convicted of the murder and sentenced
to death. He is currently on death row
in California.

In addition to traveling every year with
The Journey of Hope, Aba Gayle has
spoken against the death penalty
throughout California and Oregon and
has been a guest speaker of anti-death
penalty organizations in France and
Italy. She works with several
organizations, including Oregonians for
Alternatives to the Death Penalty,
Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation, the
Alternatives to Violence project, and the
Catherine Blount Foundation, which she
founded after her daughter’s murder.

“Before Catherine’s murder, I had never
thought one way or the other about the
death penalty. The district attorney
assured me that the execution of the
man responsible for Catherine’s murder
would help me heal, and for many years
I believed him. But now I know that
having someone murdered by the
government will not give me what I
need. I beg our government not to
murder in my name and, more
important, not to tarnish the memory of
my daughter with another senseless
killing.”

For more information:
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