

**MARIE VERZULLI, New York  
Sister of Catherine Marsh,  
murdered in New York in 1996**

Marie Verzulli's 29-year-old sister was one of eight women murdered by serial killer Kendall Francois in Poughkeepsie, New York during 1996 and 1997. Francois is serving eight life without parole sentences.

Marie works as the Victims' Family Outreach Liaison for New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty and has spoken about her opposition to the death penalty to university groups and at a press conference in connection with the recent imposition of a federal death sentence in Vermont.

"I had never thought much about the death penalty until the day in 1998 when the District Attorney asked me how I felt. I told him that I had never really thought about it. I couldn't imagine what, if anything, could bring me comfort or lessen my pain and despair, but I knew it wasn't that. The most perverse part of this unfair and costly death penalty process is that the murderer achieves a kind of celebrity while the pain and anguish of the murder victim's family members is forgotten or just seems to fall between the cracks."

**Links to more information:**

<http://www.nyadp.org/main/enews606>

<http://www.francesfarmersrevenge.com/stuff/serialkillers/juiz.htm>



*Marie Verzulli (center) with Catherine Marsh, their mother Marguerite Marsh, and their children*

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