JIM FOWLER, Oklahoma  
Son of Anna Fowler, murdered in Oklahoma in 1986  
Father of Mark Fowler, executed in Oklahoma in 2001

Jim Fowler’s mother, Anna Laura Fowler, was raped and murdered, and a man named Robert Miller was convicted and sentenced to death for the crime. Ten years later, Mr. Miller was exonerated based on DNA evidence and released. In 2001, Ronald Lott was later convicted of Anne Fowler’s murder and sentenced to death. The Fowlers are working to oppose that death sentence. Just three months before Anne Fowler’s murder, Jim and Ann’s son Mark was sentenced to death for the murders of John Barrier, Rick Cast, and Chumphon Chaowasin during a grocery store robbery. Mark was executed in 2001.

Both Jim and his wife Ann are active spokespersons against the death penalty. They have published numerous letters in a large-circulation Catholic newspaper, have met with Oklahoma lawmakers, and have addressed junior high, high school, and university students in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Washington.

“We are definitely not soft on crime but believe we should deal with it in a more civilized and Christian manner. If, in the future, new evidence were to be found showing clearly that a person did not commit a terrible crime, then there can be relief for that person. If we kill them there is no such relief possible.”

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