

**BONNITA SPIKES, Maryland  
Wife of Michael Spikes, murdered in  
New York in 1994**

Bonnita Spikes's husband Michael was killed during a robbery of a convenience store where he was a customer. The perpetrators have never been caught.

Bonnita has testified against the death penalty in Maryland and works as an organizer for Maryland Citizens Against State Executions (CASE), which does outreach to murder victims' and prisoners' families and conducts trainings on the death penalty for religious and other organizations. She has addressed the National Black Policemen's Association and is working on meeting with leaders in the Black Church.

"From my personal experience struggling for good mental health care for my son, who suffered tremendously following my husband's murder, I believe family survivors of murder victims would be much better served if the resources wasted on the death penalty were used to provide quality mental health care for the victims and survivors of violence."

**Links to more information:**

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-md.baker27nov27,1,5509663.story?c>

<http://www.cathstan.org/news/03-17-05/3.shtml>

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*Bonnita Spikes*



*Michael Spikes with Bonnita*