

**BUD WELCH, Oklahoma  
Father of Julie Marie Welch,  
murdered in Oklahoma in 1995**

Bud Welch's daughter, Julie Marie, was killed, along with 167 others, in the bomb blast that destroyed the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. Bud was outspoken in his opposition to the execution of Timothy McVeigh in 2001 and to a death sentence for Terry Nichols during his state trial in 2004.

Bud has testified before 22 state legislative bodies, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, the Russian Duma, and the British and European Parliaments, and addressed groups at universities, law schools, and religious organizations across the U.S. and Europe. He serves on the board of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and was a member of the board of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation.

"After Julie was killed, the rage, the revenge, the hate – you can't think of enough adjectives to describe what I felt like. When the President and the Attorney General announced that they would seek the death penalty for the perpetrators, that sounded wonderful to me, because here I had been crushed, I had been hurt, and that was the big fix. It took several months, but I came to realize that McVeigh's execution wouldn't help me. The death penalty is about revenge and hate, and those are the very reasons Julie and 167 others are dead today."

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