

**BARBARA ALLEN, Canada
Niece of Joseph Stanley Faulder,
executed in Texas in 1999**

Barbara Allen's uncle, Stanley Faulder, was executed in Texas after being convicted of the murder of Inez Phillips. Stanley Faulder was a Canadian citizen, and his case attracted international attention because the Texas authorities had not informed him, at the time of his arrest, of his right to seek assistance from the Canadian consulate, and he was in prison for 15 years before the Canadian government was informed. Amnesty International and other groups argued that this was a violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Barbara spoke at a press conference in New York City a few months after Stanley's execution, and since then has spoken to university classes and other audiences. In 2005, she addressed several Texas groups as part of the Journey of Hope's annual speaking tour.

"I had given very little thought to the death penalty – it's not part of the social conscience in Canada. I was aware that it occurred in the U.S., but never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that our family would be involved. Because there was such a long period during which we didn't know where Stanley was, he had to go through his trial and sentencing without any assistance from his family, and he believed that we didn't want anything to do with him. But when we did find out, we did everything we could to help. There is so much collateral damage when someone is executed; for the family members, there are so many levels of pain, and the experience of processing it is lifelong.



Barbara Allen



Stanley Faulder

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