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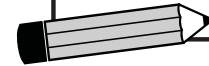
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Join Us To Make A Difference

A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.

*Our Monthly
Meeting will
be on
Sunday,
January 10th
2010*



Joseph "Joey" Ross



JOSEPH "JOEY" ROSS
(June 13, 1978 - July 5, 2006)
By: His Mother, Nancy Ross

No words can adequately express the devastation we experienced upon receiving the news that our youngest son, Joseph "Joey" Ross had been murdered on July 5, 2006. Our lives were forever transformed by the brutal stabbing death of our son. Joey was 28 years old at the time of his death. We, his family and friends, began a journey that no one should ever have to experience.

Joey was stabbed to death while walking home around midnight from "The Dugout", a business he co-owned with us. Joey and a friend first opened The Dugout sports bar in Oakdale, in March of 2004. We, Joey's parents, had loaned them the money, and had helped them remodel the old building to start this business.

Both boys had experience in working and managing restaurants and sports bars. They had hoped this would be a venue for young adults to watch sports events and on the weekend they would provide a DJ and occasional live bands for dancing. There was also a pool table, video games, and juke box that was popular as well. After a few months, their partnership experienced problems. In order to secure our investment, we bought out his partner and operated the bar with Joey, until we sold it in November of 2006. The bar was for sale at the time of Joey's death. Joey managed the bar, doing the ordering, hiring of employees, setting up entertainment and he worked the bar most weekdays during the day. We were in charge of the financial aspects, keeping the books and records, and also helped with the cleaning and maintenance. We ran the bar successfully for almost two years, with the occasional problems on encounters in running a sports bar.

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- ◇ Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- ◇ Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- ◇ Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- ◇ Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 302 4th Street, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

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A FEW WORDS FROM JAN

Happy New Year to everyone - the Holiday Season now officially over and we are in the clean up mode. As we look back over the last month many wonderful memories have been captured in our minds and on the photo's that we have taken. These thoughts and photos are there for us to document the events of our holiday and our life. Be sure to keep these memories in a safe place and plan to do something wonderful and useful with them. Share them with other family members and friends.

In our own family just hours after the photos, the hugs, the good-byes and plans for the next visit were made - a dear one, a family matriarch was quietly and quickly taken from her loved ones.

Dorothy Jarmicki (the mother of my son-in-law) died on January 1, 2010. Dorothy was a great supporter and friend to CAH. Her loss was not the way her family would have ever thought would be the way they would remember New Year's Day 2010. Yet if they all look back at this Holiday Season and the days spent with Dorothy and the rest of her family and friends they will realize they have wonderful memories to share with each other and they know that the last week of her life was spent with a wonderful exchange of love and caring all around her. Dorothy's husband, their children, grand children and great grand children were all together. Each in their own way was giving to her their love and warmth. Each of these family members and friends will have these recent thoughts along with the memories of years past with them as they gather again with week to rejoice in their celebration of Dorothy's life.

There are many at CAH that are with the Jarmicki Family spirit. We hope that our spirit will be felt this week as they celebrate the life of Dorothy.

Dorothy, you were loved by many and you will be missed by many.

Happy New Year!
2010

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On July 4, 2006, the bar was closed for the holiday. It was our experience that most people spend this holiday with family and friends out of doors, and it wasn't cost effective for the bar to be open. Early in the evening Joey and his roommate at the time, Steve Olives, went to the bar to play pool, use the juke box, and have a few drinks. Steve was someone who Joey had only know a short time. Joey was helping him out by letting him stay at his apartment until his job with a local construction company resumed. (To this day, we have never heard or talked to Steve again. He left town the day after the funeral.) Sometime after midnight the two boys started walking home. Sometime during this time they became separated. Steve arrived at the apartment and Joey was later found murdered. He made three calls to me from his cell phone shortly before his death. His first call said he was at the Community Center. He didn't seem alarmed at all, but he hung up, and I heard some type of commotion. On the second call he said that he was at a used car lot and that he had seen a windshield broken. He seemed almost alarmed.

His third call he said he was at the USA Gas Station and for me to come and get him at once. I left immediately, a trip which took only about three to four minutes. I rode around and around in the vicinity of USA Gas Station but was unable to find him. I called him over and over on his cell phone but it went right to voice mail. I then drove to his apartment and saw the light on and assumed he had come home and gone to bed. His friend Jeremy, who was also trying to find him, followed me and assumed that I had just dropped Joey off, so he too went home. I called him again, but it went right to voice mail. I arrived home and his dad and I waited until 2:30 a.m. to see if he called again, then went to bed assuming that he was at home and that we would talk to him in the morning.

That morning I got up at around 6:45 a.m. Shortly thereafter, two Oakdale Police Officers arrived and said they wanted to talk to us. I went in and woke Bob up and told him. The wait seemed forever, and I finally asked, "Is Joey in trouble?" "Is he in jail?" I was imagining what I thought was the worst from the grim looks on their faces.

Moments later they just blurted out that he had passed away. I knew that they must be wrong because I had just talked to him a few hours ago. They then proceeded to tell us the news that is every parent's worst fear. We both were completely immobilized by this horrendous news. To this day, I really don't know how we made it through those days, and the terrible days that followed. In my wildest dreams, I did not think that something this horrendous was survivable. I think my plan was basically to survive this long enough to find justice for my son. I always thought that I could survive any challenge that life threw at me, but if anything happened to one of my sons all bets were off. The only solace one can find from experiencing something like this is that nothing worse could ever happen to you; losing a child in such a senseless manner is the worst thing that anyone could ever experience in a life time. After you bury a child, your perspective on everything changes forever.

The support we received from our family, friends, Joey's wonderful friends

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009 Yakima County, Washington had 25 homicides, the highest since 1987. It is believed the increase is due to Gang - linked gunfire that is reported every week. Drugs and Domestic Violence make up the other portion. Of the 25 homicides they have made an arrest or have identified the murderer in 12 of the cases.

In San Francisco - A World War II veteran Isaac Hudson was killed in a hit-and-run "accident". It was Arthur Lee Clark, Jr. age 20 whose County Jail bracelet was found inside of the stolen car that was used in the killing of Isaac Hudson. Clark is a repeat offender who was FIRST caught dealing drugs with a loaded gun at age 16. Ever since, he has been in and out of group homes and jail.

I thought we passed a law 10-20-life that said if you have a gun on

you and commit a crime you went to prison for 10 years. Period. I guess San Francisco did not know about that law.

A jury recommended death for the man convicted of murdering two Riverside police officers in 1982, Dennis Doty and Phil Trust were the two officers murdered by Jackson Chambers Daniels Jr. who is now 71 years old. "I feel very grateful for the courage of this jury" said Donna Doty Michalka (ex-wife of Dennis Doty) who had attended the first trial in 1983-84. Our murderer Jackson Chambers Daniels was in a wheelchair when Officers Doty and Trust came to arrest him at a La Sierra home for failure to appear for sentencing the some 1980 crimes. Daniels pulled out a gun and shot them both. He was convicted and sentenced to death for the crimes by 1984 and that

started 21 years of appeals. The appeals finally resulted in a retrial that was extremely difficult on the families of the two murdered police officers.

It is shameful the amount of money that is spent (your and my tax dollars) wasted to be more exact in the shameful appeals process that we have for those on death row here in California. We need to put some pressure on Chief Justice George to identify what it is that can be done to stop abuse of the system. When talk of budget cutting comes up this is were the cuts should start.

Thank You!

During the Holidays CAH received many notes, cards, emails etc wishing us well and expressions of thanks for the many works we do. Also there were wonderful words of encouragement for us to continue in our efforts of helping victims and their friends and families. There were many shared thoughts about missing Jane and how she had touched their lives. We want to thank you for all your kind words and encouraging thoughts. It is always wonderful to hear more "Jane" stories as it is the way we have of extending our memories of her. THANK YOU all so much. We appreciate you for reading our Newsletters.

PAROLE HEARINGS

These parole hearings are imminent.
Send letters in support of these families today.

Parole # 1

On January 21st 2010, my family and I will be attending the parole hearing of William Earl Nolte, Jr., convicted murderer at Avenal State Prison in California.

Nolte is the convicted murderer of Alexandra Nolte (Aldridge) our mother. Her violent death was at the hands of Nolte, several weeks prior to their divorce becoming final.

Following an argument, Nolte emerged from the bedroom with a handgun and fired it pummeling several bullets into our mother's small 100 pound frame. Nolte then turned the gun on Alexandra's youngest daughter Jil and young friend.

While Jil and her friend were on their knee's begging for their lives, Nolte discovered that his gun was out ammunition. At that point he demanded that the young girls shut up, get up off their knees and leave the house. He also ordered them to leave Alexandra's, grandbaby behind in her crib crying.

It is hard to imagine the horror of watching your mother being brutally murdered and then to be ordered to leave your baby daughter in the house with that same murderer is beyond belief.

As our mother lay bleeding on the floor, taking what would be her last breath, Nolte simply stepped over her purse and fled.

Nolte was sentenced to 25 years to life. That should mean

serving just that – 25 full years minimum or until the end of his life. A mere 19 years of prison is an insult for the cold hearted killing of our mother. On the reverse-side, 19 years without our mother, our children never knowing their grandmother is like a life sentence for our family.

We wish to relay the importance of our Mom's life and the impact of her death. We ask for your support by writing letters of opposition of William Nolte, Jr's release from prison.

Below is a sample letter for your use. Please send your letter today!

Thank you, on behalf of our family and our mother, Alexandra.

Sincerely,
Julie Adiutori

Parole Hearing Date:
January 21, 2010

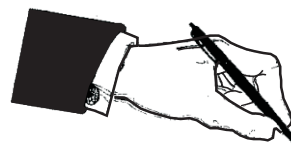
MURDERER:
William Earl Nolte, Jr.
CDC#: H - 10040

SEND LETTERS TO:
California Dept. of Corr. and Rehab
Office of Victim and Survivor Rights
P.O. Box 942883
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001
Fax #916-445-3737

COPY TO FAMILY:

Julie Adiutori
P.O. Box 6931
San Jose, CA 95125

Write Today!



*Sample parole
opposition letter.*

For California Only

<p>Today's Date</p> <p>California Dept. of Corr. and Rehab Office of Victim and Survivor Rights P.O. Box 942883 Sacramento, CA 94283-0001 Fax #916-445-3737</p> <p>Re: (Convict's Name) (Case Number)</p> <p>Please DO NOT grant a parole date to the aforementioned convicted murderer. The heinous nature of this crime should preclude this prisoner any consideration.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Your Name Address City/State/ZIP</p>



ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY SOME OF OUR OWN

Jacque MacDonald

Jacqueline “Jacque” MacDonald as you all know as the Mom that never gave up looking for the murderer of her daughter Debi Whitlock.

Jacque has some of that same tenaciousness that we always found in “our Jane”. Her latest accomplishment involves her TV show “Victims’ Voice”. Jacque has been on local programming for 13 years and through this TV show she has helped many people. Many of the people you see on her TV show also become involved with CAH where we will assist in the Billboard program or do a Victim Profile or Parole assistance. Since June 6, 1996, Jacque has hosted and produced the show Victims’ Voice, a Greson based show where victims and the families of the victims can tell their stories. After 8 years the show is being cancelled. The word went out and on September 2009, Modesto Junior College television professor Carol Lancaster-Mingus, decided to take on the project with her students as a community effort to bring justice to murder cases. The Victim’s Voice can be seen on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. and Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 26.

Jacque keep up the good work you are doing - everyone at CAH thanks you!

Ora Knowell

Ora Knowell has lost two sons and that is how we at CAH came to know her. Ora, has been involved in her local neighborhood for many years. She has done all that one person can do in an effort to make change. She attends meetings and shares her own experiences from the neighborhood. Ora lives in Alameda County - one of the highest crime rates in the state of California.

Ora has found a way to express herself and to assist the many victims in expressing themselves through her quilting. Ora is involved with *Crafted Lives, Stories and Studies of African American Quilters*.

The last two years Ora has brought many of her Quilts to the March on the Capital, in Sacramento. She shared these amazing works of art, that are inspired through the grief experienced from losing a child or other family member.

Ora keep up the wonderful work you are doing - everyone at CAH thanks you!

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and acquaintances was phenomenal. Joey had so many diverse friends, all ages, from all walks of life. He touched the heart and soul of many different people. He had a deep empathy for those less fortunate. He often gave money, food, clothes, etc. to homeless people who came to collect recyclables behind the bar. While basically a very shy person, he was always surrounded by people. He had a contagious laughter, and wonderful sense of humor. If you spent time with Joey you were never bored. I think it is safe to say that he was the "sparkle" in many lives.

Joey was born on June 13, 1978. He completed our family when he joined his older brother, Michael, in our family. Joey was plagued by illness early on in his life. He experienced numerous ear infections, two ear surgeries, strep infections, meningitis, mononucleosis, all thought to

have been caused by severe allergies to milk and other foods. Even at the age of 28, if he ate food with milk or cheese he would often endure migraines and intestinal problems. The serious bout of viral meningitis at the young age of 5 years left him plagued by bouts of anxiety that at times were almost crippling. Throughout all his illnesses he was cheerful, and seldom complained, even though he had to be on a strict diet most of his childhood. It is troubling to think he endured all this, only to be slain on the streets of our quiet town that was thought to be relatively safe.

The days, weeks, and months that followed became a blur of the worst sadness and despair that one could ever experience. we tried to turn our immense grief into action and seek justice for Joey. In September 2006 we held a Candlelight Vigil to announce a \$20,000 reward that we had

in the case. We hired a Private Investigator and established a confidential website. We put up flyers all over town, in neighboring towns, and on car windows. To date, no one has been arrested in this case. We, his family and friends, would like to one day grieve for our loss without feeling like we have to fight for justice for him.

Recently, we acquired \$50,000 from the governor's office as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for killing Joey. We once again have established a website, www.JoeyRossTips.com, and a confidential phone line 209-996-8477 (TIPS). Anyone with information regarding this case please contact Marc Burrell, Stanislaus County DA Investigator at 209-525-5550 or Police Chief Marty West at 209-847-2231.

Remember you can go to our Website at any time

www.citizensagainsthomicide.org

Where you can suggest a friend to go to learn all about what we do. You can find old Newsletters, if you are trying to remember a specific article. We have an emergency Parole Letter page...and much more. Thank you for being a supporter of CAH, remember we are an all volunteer group that relies on your help and support. THANK YOU

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Membership/Contribution Form

(please print)

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Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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