

**PAM CRAWFORD, North Carolina  
Sister of Edward Horsley,  
executed in Alabama in 1996**

Pam's brother Ed Horsley was executed in 1996 after being convicted of the murder of Naomi Rolon. Ed was 16 at the time of his arrest.

Pam and her husband Calvin have been involved with the Alabama organization Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, through which they have spoken to church congregations about the death penalty's effect on families and communities.

"When my brother was sentenced to death, none of us in the family were familiar with capital punishment – we had no idea of the process or what to expect. Gradually we learned more about it, but I still kept hoping the law would change before my brother was executed.

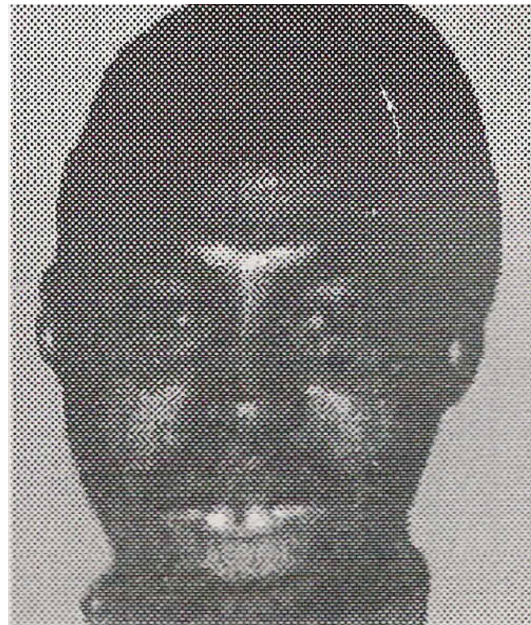
We definitely took a blow from the community. There were times when I felt guilty, like I had actually done something wrong, when all I was guilty of was loving my brother. I remember my children coming home from school and asking, 'Mama, what did we do?' They ended up ashamed to be who they were, ashamed to be connected to their uncle. And my granddaughter, who was 8 years old at the time of the execution, is still struggling with it to this day. She would always ask, 'If it's wrong to kill somebody, which it is, then how is it right for the state to kill uncle Ed?'"

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