

**CELIA McWEE, Georgia
Mother of Joyce Brown, murdered
in Florida in 1979
Mother of Jerry McWee, executed
in South Carolina in 2004**

Celia McWee's daughter Joyce was murdered in 1979; her husband was charged with the murder but did not serve prison time. Fifteen years later, Celia's son Jerry was executed after being convicted of the murder of John Perry.

Celia is active in working against the death penalty in Georgia and South Carolina, and she spoke to many church and school groups through her participation in the Texas Journey of Hope in 2005. With Elizabeth Beck, a professor at the Georgia State University School of Social Work, Celia is working on a handbook for families of people on death row.

“When they call you and say your child has been murdered, you don't know anything about what happened. You don't know if she suffered or if she tried to get help. That's how it was with my daughter. But with my son, I knew that the day was coming. I knew that he was going to be killed. I don't know how to explain to you that when the state executes someone, they are killing someone's child.”

Links to more information:

<http://www.goccn.org/stc/articles/article.cfm?article=457>

<http://www.willsworld.com/~mvfhr/nsstate.ments.htm>



Celia McWee with photos of Jerry and Joyce