REGINA HOCKETT, Tennessee
Mother of Adriane Dickerson, murdered in Tennessee in 1995

Regina Hockett's 12-year-old daughter, Adriane Dickerson, was killed while grocery shopping with her mother. The young men who shot her were 16 and 17 at the time. Although they received life sentences for killing Adriane, they received death sentences for another killing and spent several years on death row in Tennessee before their sentences were commuted to life as a result of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roper v. Simmons*, which ruled death sentences unconstitutional for offenders who were under 18 at the time of the crime.

Regina is active within the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing and speaks frequently to church, school, and university groups. She is president and CEO of Victorious Mothers of Murder, which provides support groups, retreats, and one-on-one counseling to families in the Nashville area. Regina's book *Tragedy and Triumph: God's Anointing Through Death* will be released in 2008.

"When people ask me why I'm against the death penalty, I just tell them I look at those young men who killed my daughter. I look at where they came from and I look at where I came from. Those young men could be my sons. In fact, my own son went to school with them. It's not right that they killed my daughter, and it wouldn't be right if the state killed them, either. Romans 12:21 says, 'Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'"

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