

**JAMES STAUB, Tennessee
Son of Patricia Staub,
murdered in Georgia in 1985**

Patricia Eileen Andrews Staub was murdered during the summer of 1985 in the small town of Griffin, Georgia. She was apparently struck in the back of the head with a tire iron; her death certificate indicates she lived for a few minutes after the fatal blow. Patricia's body was left in an abandoned lot and was not discovered until it had decomposed. Her murder remains unsolved.

James was twelve at the time of his mother's murder. Nearly fifteen years later, he began attending sign holdings and meetings of the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK) chapter in Chattanooga. He later became an active volunteer in the Knoxville and Nashville chapters, and has served as the Vice Chair and Secretary of the TCASK state board. James helps coordinate technology for the TCASK state office. James and several other murder victims' family members are currently working with TCASK activists to tell their stories and their opposition to capital punishment to schools, churches, and civic groups.

"We need to tell stories about our murdered loved ones, and we need to voice our opposition to the death penalty. Public support for the death penalty hinges on the widespread assumption that no survivor can find justice or closure until another person dies for the crime committed against our families. Our stories, our testimony, our witness, and the ways we lead our lives are proof that victims do not need the death penalty."



James Staub



Patricia Andrews Staub