

Kathleen Marie Galvin, my sister, was born. February 9, 1955, daughter of John and Barbara Galvin. She was their first born of four girls.

Our home was the gathering place for the entire family and extended families. Our front door was always open to anyone, whether it be dinner or just a visit.

My older sister Kathleen always knew how to lighten up a room. Her looks, great personality, and quick wit made her one of the popular and well liked kids. People always seemed to gather around Kathy. She was a hard working and well disciplined with a strong moral background.

Life went along as usual for all of us; Kathy was soon engaged and was preparing for her new life, one that was never to be. Involved with her plans and busy work schedule, she realized it was time to reconnect with her friends, get together and catch up. That was the beginning of the end..... We did meet, but not for long - Kathy forgot something in the car, she said she'd be right back, walked out the door and that was the last time I saw my sister alive. She was hit by a drunk driver who left the scene and whose identity was unknown for years.

I remember hearing lots of commotion, people screaming, the timing was too close, I knew something had happened to my sister. We all ran outside, sure enough, there she was lying in the roadway. I remember seeing her lifeless body on the ground, and saying to her she would be okay. Soon after I remember hearing those dreadful words, she is gone.

For many years after, my father spent much of his time searching for the coward who killed and left his daughter for dead in the roadway. Unfortunately, my dad died, mostly of a broken heart never knowing who committed this crime.

Years went by (21) when we learned that a person came forth and admitted he was the driver of the vehicle who struck and killed my sister Kathy. My mother was now at peace knowing justice would be served. He would pay for the crime he committed. But in the summer of 2001, George Gaylord walked into the police station, confessed and walked out a free man with a clear conscience. Very soon after, we were informed that George Gaylord would not be charged with any crime due to the Statutes of Limitations. Stricken with many ailments due to this tragedy, my mother passed away never seeing this man pay for taking the life of her daughter.

How can this be?

How can someone who knowingly killed a person, get away with it only because it was too long ago?

Our intent here today, hopefully with your support, is to engage in the process of having the Statute of Limitations on Vehicular Homicide rescinded. I realize it is too late for my family, but if this can save other families from going through an ordeal like ours, our goal would be accomplished.

I thank you in advance for your support and hope you will do all you can to revise this bill.

Respectfully,

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Sister of Kathleen Marie Galvin

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