

**Loretta Filipov, Massachusetts
Wife of Alexander Filipov, killed in
New York in 2001**

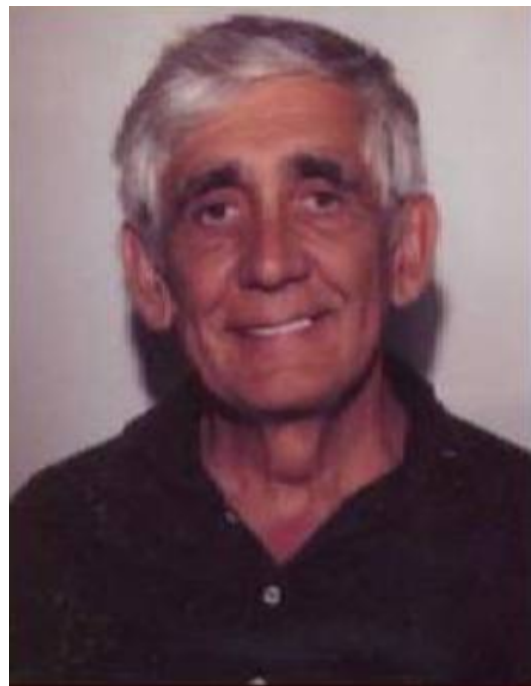
Loretta Filipov's husband, Alexander, was killed on September 11, 2001, when terrorists the plane he was aboard, American Airlines Flight 11, into the World Trade Center towers. Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person tried in the United States in connection with the September 11th terrorist attacks, faced a possible death sentence but was ultimately sentenced in 2006 to life in prison without parole.

Loretta has twice testified against reinstatement of the death penalty in Massachusetts. A member of the group September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, she has spoken widely throughout New England and Europe, focusing on peace and against wars and retaliations.

“My husband was on the Human Rights Council in our town and we often talked about the death penalty. We didn't think that the government should be in the business of killing people. After Al was killed, some thought we would feel differently and want revenge. My family and I would have liked nothing better than to have Mohammed Atta and the other terrorists from Flight 11 brought to an open trial and given 92 life sentences; one sentence for each person aboard that flight. But they and the other terrorists also killed themselves on that day. What kind of a world do we want for future generations? We can see from the present course we are following that violence only begets more violence and killing only leads to more killing. It is possible to have justice without revenge and hate. The death penalty is not the answer.”



Loretta Filipov



Alexander Filipov

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