

**PAT SEABORN, Georgia
Cousin of Ronald Spivey,
executed in Georgia in 2002**

Pat Seaborn's cousin, Ron Spivey, was executed in Georgia in 2002 after being convicted of the murder of Billy Watson.

Pat has served on the board of Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and has been active in working for a moratorium on the death penalty in Georgia. She has spoken about her experience to church groups, and she regularly organizes vigils at the time of an execution.

"Ron was my mother's first cousin, but because he was only six years older than me, I was closer to him than I might ordinarily have been to a first cousin once removed. In many ways, Ron felt like an older brother to me. I was in my twenties when he got arrested, and I had grown up in an area where the death penalty was kind of carved in stone. At first I thought, 'Well, I guess he deserves it.' But in a way I had never really thought about the death penalty until I realized that they were going to kill someone I loved. I call families of the executed the shadow victims; we're the ones nobody wants to see."

Links to more information:

<http://www.geocities.com/gfadp/spiveynews.html>

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Pat Seaborn with Ed Asner, who took an interest in Ron Spivey's case and has been a support person for Pat



Ronald Spivey