

Two red carnations with green stems and leaves are positioned on the left side of the image. A black ribbon is draped across the scene, starting from the top left, looping around the flowers, and extending towards the bottom right. The background is a light, textured surface.

Archive of Abortion Patient Deaths

May we never forget the toll in
human tragedy that abortion inflicts
on mother and child.

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Mothers Killed by Choice: Documented Maternal Deaths from Abortion

This is a permanent historical archive of reports produced by Operation Rescue related to documented cases of abortion-related maternal deaths. In many cases, Operation Rescue was the primary source that uncovered the abortion patient death, researched and reported on it, and filed complaints against those abortionists and facilities responsible.

The actual number of maternal deaths from abortion is unknown, due to inadequate reporting and the fact that the Abortion Cartel goes to great lengths to cover them up so they can pretend to the public that their grisly business is “safe and legal.” We know better.

The Abortion Cartel wants us to forget these women ever existed, or that their deaths are acceptable losses. We reject both those notions. May we never forget the toll in human tragedy abortion inflicts on women, their babies, and society in general, and may that memory urge us in our work to protect human lives until abortion has ended for good.



In memory...

2025

Alexis “Lexi” Arguello, 2006-2025 (Age 18)

Died from abortion complications after delayed transport from Fort Collins Planned Parenthood. ([Read here](#)).

2022

Candi Miller, 1981-2022 (Age 41)

Died from mail-order abortion pill complications. ([Read here](#)).

Amber Nicole Thurman, 1993-2022 (Age 28)

Died from abortion pill complications. ([Read here](#)).

Alyona Dixon, 1997-2022 (Age 24)

Died from abortion complications at Nevada Planned Parenthood. ([Read here](#)).

2020

April Lowery, 1991-2020 (Age 29)

Died from a perforated uterus during an abortion in Alabama. ([Read here](#)).

2019

Tia Archeiva Parks, 1993-2019 (Age 26)

Bled to death the day after her abortion in Ohio. ([Read here](#)).

2017

Kalynda Collins, 1985-2017 (Age 32)

Killed by “negligent, reckless, and outrageous conduct” at Cherry Hill Women’s Center. ([Read here](#)).

Keisha Marie Atkins, 1993-2017 (Age 23)

Died due to sepsis after a late-term abortion on her 24-week baby in New Mexico. ([Read here](#)).

2016

Diamond Williams, 1997-2016 (Age 18)

Died due to an incomplete abortion. ([Read here](#)).



In memory...

Jamie Lee Morales, 1986-2016 (Age 30)

She was killed by a reckless abortionist when he perforated her uterus, tore her cervix, and slashed her uterine artery causing her to bleed out. ([Read here](#)).

Cree Erwin, 1992-2016 (Age 24)

Passed due to a perforated uterus during an abortion at Michigan Planned Parenthood. ([Read here](#)).

2014**Lakisha Wilson, 1991-2014 (Age 23)**

Died due to a hemorrhage not detected in time after an abortion. ([Read here](#)).

2013**Jennifer Morbelli, 1983-2013 (Age 29)**

Died from a late-term abortion (lethal injection) on her 33-week-old baby by the late Dr. LeRoy Carhart. ([Read here](#)).

Maria Santiago, 1975-2013 (Age 38)

Died from abortion complications. ([Read here](#)).

2012**Tonya Reaves. 1988-2012 (Age 24)**

Died due to an incomplete abortion on her 16-week-old baby, a perforated uterus, and neglect from Planned Parenthood staff delaying a call for an ambulance for four hours. ([Read here](#)).

2010**Rebecca Carey Charland, 1974-2010**

Died due to a perforated uterus at a late-term abortion clinic run by Cesare Santangelo. ([Read here](#)).

Alexandra Nunez, 1972-2010 (Age 37)

Killed by “negligent, reckless, and outrageous conduct” at Cherry Hill Women’s Center. ([Read here](#)).

2009**Roselle Owens, 1991-2009 (Age 17)**

Died due to medical malpractice and negligence at Planned Parenthood New York. ([Read here](#)).



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Atonesha Ross, 1991-2009 (Age 18)

Died due to abortion complications (difficulty breathing, coughing up fluid and blood), and the Women's Aid Clinic in Illinois failed to perform CPR. ([Read here](#)).

Ying Chen, 1979-2009 (Age 30)

Died due to being given the wrong amount of anesthesia during her abortion, which triggered a toxic reaction. ([Read here](#)).

Karnamaya Mongar, 1968-2009 (Age 41)

Died at the hands of Kermit Gosnell when he administered a 'lethal cocktail' of painkillers and sedatives during the second-trimester abortion of her child. ([Read here](#)).

2008

Sherika Mayo, 1985-2008 (Age 23)

Died after the abortion of her 25-week-old child, where she went into cardiac arrest after being transferred to the hospital for a hysterectomy and bowel repair. ([Read here](#)).

2007

Kawaida Espenrace, 1980-2007 (Age 27)

Died due to excessive blood loss caused by a laceration of her vein and artery by Dr. Adam Levy and negligence at the A-Z Women's Center. ([Read here](#)).

Laura Hope Smith, 1985-2007 (Age 22)

Died due to hemorrhaging after the abortion of her 13-week-old child. ([Read here](#)).

2005

Christin Gilbert, 1985-2005 (Age 19)

Died due to cardiac arrest after an abortion performed by the late LeRoy Carhart. ([Read here](#)).

Detoria Nicole Brown, 1978-2005 (Age 27)

She suffered from sickle cell anemia and several other ailments but the abortion proceeded. Brown was a frequent patient at LAC+USC and had been admitted on December 1, 2005, for a therapeutic abortion. On December 3, it was determined that Brown needed an exchange transfusion. The transfusion never occurred, and Brown died on December 5, 2005, at Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center (LAC+USC). ([Read the court document here](#)).



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2004

Tamiia Russell, 1989-2004 (Age 15)

Died due to uterine infarction with sepsis after her second-trimester abortion of her child. ([Read here](#)).

2003

Regina Johnson, 1971-2003 (Age 32)

Died due to negligence when she went into cardiac arrest after the abortion of her 5-week-old child. ([Read here](#)).

Holly Patterson, 1985-2003 (Age 18)

Died after taking the Abortion Pill regimen to abort her 7-week-old child. ([Read here](#)).

Kimberly Ihde, 1966-2003 (Age 37)

Died due to fulminant sepsis following a diagnosis of acute endometritis caused by her abortion procedure. ([Read here](#)).

2001

Cynthia Quintana-Morales, 1971-2001 (Age 30)

Died due to anoxic encephalopathy from cardiac respiratory arrest after not waking up when she received anesthesia for her abortion. ([Read here](#)).

Melissa L. Heim, 1987-2001 (Age 14)

Died after respiratory and cardiac arrest following an abortion procedure. The abortion clinic staff failed to perform CPR, and when emergency medical services resuscitated her, she suffered severe brain damage and died four days later. ([Read here](#)).

2000

Semika Shirelle Shaw, 1978-2000 (Age 21)

Died at the hands of Kermit Gosnell after he perforated her uterus during the abortion procedure. ([Read here](#)).



In memory...

1996

Carolina Gutierrez, 1975-1996 (Age 21)

Died due to a life-threatening infection after her abortion. Several parts of her body were amputated to attempt to save her life, but she succumbed to the infection. ([Read here](#))

Chivon Williams, 1979-1996 (Age 17)

Died after a suction abortion was performed on her child by Alberto Hodari. ([Read here](#))

Sharon Yvonne Hampton, 1969-1996 (Age 27)

Died in the car while returning home after the procedure as a result of a botched abortion performed by a doctor who was already on probation for a previous botched abortion.

Naikwa Nurullah, 1976-1996 (Age 20)

Died a day after her abortion procedure from sepsis from a hysterectomy following her abortion. ([Read here](#))

1994

Magdalena Ortega-Rodriguez, 1971-1994 (Age 23)

Died due to cardiac arrest and “massive” internal hemorrhaging after Suresh Gandotra performed a third-trimester abortion on her baby, punctured the uterine wall, and pulled out her bowels. ([Read here](#))

1993

Guadalupe Negron, 1960-1993 (Age 33)

Died at the hands of David Benjamin due to drowning in her vomit because he failed to get her oxygen, and then left her bleeding out for over an hour after her 19-20 week abortion. ([Read here](#))

1992

DaNette Perguson, 1992 (Age 19)

Died at the hands of Robert H. Tamis. While undergoing an elective abortion procedure, she sustained a large pulmonary embolus and died several hours later. Her parents filed an action in February 1994 claiming that medical negligence by Dr. Tamis and his PA Steve Nunn caused her death. She had a rare condition called Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency, a hereditary blood disorder making her a high-risk patient for an abortion. ([Read the court document](#))



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1989

Marla Cardamone, 1970-1989 (Age 18)

Died due to septicemia (a fast-acting blood infection) after a botched abortion. [\(Read here\)](#).

1988

Erna Fisher, 1970-1988 (Age 18)

Aspirated on her vomit - a consequence of her not having an empty stomach before receiving anesthesia. Dr. Dennis W Miller proceeded with the abortion, unaware of the emergency. He was unable to assist her even with CPR. With her mother holding her hand, she died on the table in the office of the flustered, incompetent Dr. Miller. [\(Read here\)](#).

1985

Dawn Ravenell, 1972-1985 (Age 13)

Died due to choking on the cheap plastic airway inserted into her throat to help her breathe and vomiting into her lungs, resulting in cardiac arrest. [\(Read here\)](#).

Ellen Williams, 1947-1985 (Age 38)

Died due to peritonitis caused by uterine and bowel perforations. [\(Read here\)](#).

1975

Kamala Reddy, 1975

During her abortion, she allegedly had a violent reaction to the local anesthetic. She was then transferred from Sigma Reproductive Health Center, Inc. to the Washington Adventist Hospital where she died the following day. [\(Read the court case document here\)](#).

1974

Janet Blaum, 1937-1974 (Age 37)

Abortionist Sidney Knight. Underwent abortion in New Orleans on March 6, 1974. Five days later she died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Janet's ex-husband sued the abortionist on behalf of the surviving children. [\(Read Here\)](#).



In memory...

1970

Kathleen Kilpatrick, 1955-1970 (Age 14)

Died from septic shock five days after a therapeutic abortion and became infected at the City of Roses Hospital (Dr. George H. Lage). ([Read here](#)).