

## Consent law deadly

Chuck McLaughlin and his "experts" would never make their claims face to face with Karen and Bill Bell. In *Woman's World*, August 1991, Bill said, "Early Saturday morning we received a call from the coroner's office. They said Becky had died from a result of complications from an unsterile abortion." Money, 15 seconds of fame, or both, McLaughlin's "experts" are Monday night quarter-backing. The parental consent law forced Becky into an unsterile abortion to solve an unintended pregnancy. She died from the complications rather than be forced by law to hurt parents she loved.

In 1995, I spoke to Karen. She was outraged. Anti-choice fanatics distorted the horror she, not they, witnessed. Karen's discussion with them revealed, circumstances notwithstanding, they would deny their daughter's consent, because "they" didn't believe in abortion. They equated consent with denial and consent was one step closer to doing away with choice.

What about three-fourths of Americans favoring such laws? Karen said, "We would have voted for the parental consent law without a second thought because it sounds good. What parent wouldn't want to know. I would. But ever since Becky died, we feel that though we would have wanted to know, we would much rather have her alive today than have known about her abortion then."

McLaughlin didn't support my resource list as one way to be there for daughters without endangering their health and life. That speaks volumes about these fanatics and their real agenda.

"They don't want to come to you embarrassed, ashamed, forced to acknowledge a huge lapse of good sense, or simple error in judgment, or a horrifying sexual experience. No law will break down that proud, scared girl. The parental consent law killed my daughter. It is a deadly law. I can never hold my Becky in my arms again."

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