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In 1979 while I was taking an experimental drug for a tumor on my bladder, I became pregnant. My doctor told me I could not have the baby because my life could be in danger and that my baby could be a monster. He said I must have a D & C (dilation and curettage) quickly before the baby's heart started beating. I was seven weeks pregnant, 25 years old and a healthy “mother's health exception” candidate for an abortion, although the doctor never used that word. I was married to my husband Dail, now of 33 years, and we had a three-year-old son. I felt pressure to choose between my three year old I could see and the “blob of tissue” that was the unknown.

We were active church members and a Christian family. We called our parents and close family. We prayed and decided to take the doctor's advice. I honestly thought I had to have this “cleaning out” or I would not be around to raise my three yr. old son.

My doctor sent me to a Planned Parenthood facility in Little Rock. I wonder now why I was sent there if my pregnancy was at risk. I remember the cold table and the almost empty room. The nurse told me it would be over quickly, wouldn't hurt, and that I could return to work in a couple of days. She was absolutely wrong! I remember hearing the machine and beginning to wonder, “What is happening to me?”

After coming home I felt excruciating pain and immediate mental anguish. I tried to walk and began hemorrhaging. More body parts came out as I went to the bathroom! I cried myself to sleep and the depression began. I couldn't even say the word abortion and I wanted to punish myself. I repressed the event for over 12 years before I could admit the truth thanks to another woman's testimony. And had it not been for my relationship with God, I would have lost my mind. I continually had many pelvic infections, endometriosis, and had to have a hysterectomy at an early age.

I believe the question that was not answered by the United States Supreme Court in 1973 of “**What is it?**” must be answered. We have given our daughter, Jill Allison personhood and honor in order to grieve her loss and begin to heal. Her size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency did not justify her death.

Abortion took the life of our daughter. After all, we don't kill dead things. In 1979 the nurse said, “This will be over quickly,” but that has not been true in my experience. **I will have regret for the rest of my life and so will my husband. Abortion hurt us and was a very poor choice.**

If you have had an abortion, I want you to know that you are not alone. Research says 44% of all American women will have an abortion at some point during their lifetime. **Please call the National Helpline for Abortion Recovery at 866-482-LIFE and find help today.** Shame is the ultimate silencer, but the truth will set you free.

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*Millie & Dail are founders and directors of **Concepts of Truth, Inc.**, a non-profit professional counseling and care pregnancy center since 2001. Millie is the professional counselor and Dail is active in working with program development, pastor relations and business administration. The center also offers weekend retreat Bible studies for post-abortive men and women and directs the **National Helpline for Abortion Recovery** at 866-482-LIFE. [www.nationalhelpline.org](http://www.nationalhelpline.org) The National Helpline number is offered as a resource on Norma McCorvey's “**I was Wrong**” documentary, “**Beyond the Dark Valley**” documentary, various books, websites and other resources.*

*Concepts of Truth, Inc. originated the **Pastor's Guide to Heal Our Nation** to help pastors in all denominations understand that women and men are hurting from abortion, have a need to find healing and a need for the church to reach out to them. Visit [www.conceptsoftruth.org](http://www.conceptsoftruth.org) to view the guide. Please call 870-238-4329 for questions or scheduling information.*

*After teaching junior high science for seven years, Millie received her master's degree in counseling education and was employed as a school counselor for four years. She worked in private practice as a licensed professional counselor before founding Concepts of Truth as a ministry in 1998. Millie is a speaker, singer, songwriter and author who is active in her profession and passionate about her work and her love for Jesus Christ. Dail & Millie's dramatic testimony reveals the truth about abortion and the shame that silences men and women. They have interviewed on TV and radio and their skills enable them to help churches and others with counseling needs. Their audiences are moved as men and women are coming forward for help and healing as they minister.*

*Dail & Millie's abortion story was recently included in the devotional book, **Sisterhood of Faith: 365 Life-Changing Stories about Women Who Made a Difference** by Howard Books and **Real Abortion Stories**, edited by Barbara Horak. Also, Millie testified as an expert witness and entered excerpts from the National Helpline to the S. Dakota Legislative Task Force, conducted workshops at the United Nations and presented at the Watchmen on the Wall Pastor's Briefing in Washington, D.C. Millie has served as the Arkansas state leader for Operation Outcry and is also past president of the Arkansas Mental Health Counselor's Association.*

*Born and raised in Eastern Arkansas, Millie & Dail have been married since 1974, have two living sons and are active in the music ministry at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Dail and Millie enjoy riding their Gold Wing motorcycle.*