

I never thought after being pro-life since I knew what abortion was, that my 15 year old daughter would do the unthinkable.

I was 19 and pregnant with my first child, unmarried, and scared. When I went to my first doctor appointment, I never thought I would be given "choices". I was told right away by a nurse that I had other choices than carrying my baby. My first reaction was "No! There is no other choice but to have this child." I just kept thinking after that day "What nerve she had..."

I had a beautiful baby girl and I named her Mysti.

I had three other children later, and have always been very up front about my stand on abortion.

So it was very irritating and confusing to me when my oldest daughter's ex boyfriend came to me and told me that she had an abortion.

I cannot even explain how I felt. I felt hurt, sad, mad, and I felt like I had failed her. I just kept thinking to myself, "Why would she not have come to me? I would have helped her". I remember asking her about it. We argued. I said some very hurtful and mean things to her. Looking back, I didn't mean any of it. It was just my anger and hurt talking.

With the help of God, I got rid of the anger and I talked to Mysti about the issue again. She told me she was truly sorry and she regretted having the abortion. I assured her that God forgives her and she should learn to forgive herself.

We never really talked about exactly what happened to her that horrible day. She did say she was able to get the abortion without me being present by going through a judge. This made me very angry. How can a judge make a life decision for someone else's child at the age of 15 when high schools cannot even give a student a Tylenol without parental consent? This makes no sense to me.

I do know that parental notification should be mandatory. I do not think a judge should be allowed to grant an abortion request to a minor when they have no idea what the family is like in the first place. It is very important that we stop this madness.

Yes, my daughter is ultimately the one who has to live with this every day the rest of her life. But as a Grandparent of the aborted baby, I too will always wonder what it would be like to have that baby in our lives. Now I am blessed with a Grandson, and another Grandson on the way. I am so glad my daughter now chose life! Children are a gift from God, and a blessing. They are not piece of tissue!