

# Mother shares story of her daughter’s drug overdose

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in November 2017 and she started keeping notes in February 2018. She started looking into Casey’s Law, a law that allows someone to petition the court to force someone who is abusing alcohol or drugs into treatment.

When she told Cally that she planned to file Casey’s Law, Cally responded, “I’ll run.”

At the time Stacey began looking into the 2004 law, there were no cases in Adair County. Now, because she has shared her story, parents and other loved ones are actively using Casey’s law to get people with addiction into treatment.

Stacey often gets calls or visits from parents who have an adult child who is addicted to drugs.

The first one came two weeks after Cally died. They all are at a loss of what to do, and they know Stacey will understand their pain.

Each time, Stacey gives them a copy of the Casey’s law petition she filled out but never filed. On the top page in red letters, she has written, “My Biggest Regret is ‘Not’ Filing this Petition.”

There have now been 11 cases of Casey’s law filed in Adair County since Cally’s death. One of them was a close friend of Cally’s and she wrote to Stacey after spending some time in a treatment facility. She said she was at first angry with her mother for putting her there.

“Not going to lie, at first I was so mad that she did it, but I understand now and honestly

I’m glad she did. I need this for myself and everyone else and I’m really sorry that I didn’t come help you with Cally, and I regret that,” she wrote.

Stacey has monitored closely as Casey’s law becomes a tool in the county, and she noted that many doctors in the area would not see someone who has been ordered to be evaluated by a doctor. She finds that disconcerting.

“They’ve helped contribute to the addiction,” she said.

When she hears parents’ concerns about their child getting angry at them for filing the petition, she reminds them that it is better for them to be angry and alive than gone forever.

“Do you want to bury your child? I buried mine,” Stacey said.

Casey’s Law Comprehensive Screening Questionnaire

PRINT AND FILL OUT THIS FORM

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner’s Name *My Biggest Regret is ‘Not’ Filing this Petition.* *Stacey Hatcher Wilson*

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile *270-250-4798* Text: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Relationship to person being petitioned *Mother*

County where petition will be filed *Adair*

Payment options – insurance, cash, or assistance needed *Cash*

Person’s Name being petitioned (Respondent) *Cally Wilson McFall*

Age *22* Birth Date *10/24/95*

Respondent’s address or homeless *120 Guthrie St, Columbia, Ky 42728*

Is person in jail ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, where \_\_\_\_\_

Pending court dates, state, county *6/13 + 7/11 Circuit / Kentucky / Adair – Divorce – EPD-Custody*  
*8/1 Pretrial + 8/15 Trial – Kentucky / Metcalfe – DUI*

What drugs are being used *At the time admitted to hospital it was marijuana, percocet + oxycodone. At this time I am not sure.*

How long has person been using *6 years +*

**Stacey Wilson gives parents who come to her asking about Casey’s Law a copy of her petition for Cally with red letters saying, “My biggest regret is ‘not’ filing this petition.”**

When they voice concerns about the potential cost of treatment, she reminds them of the cost of a funeral.

She also encourages parents to file the petition before their adult child gets into trouble and faces felony convictions.

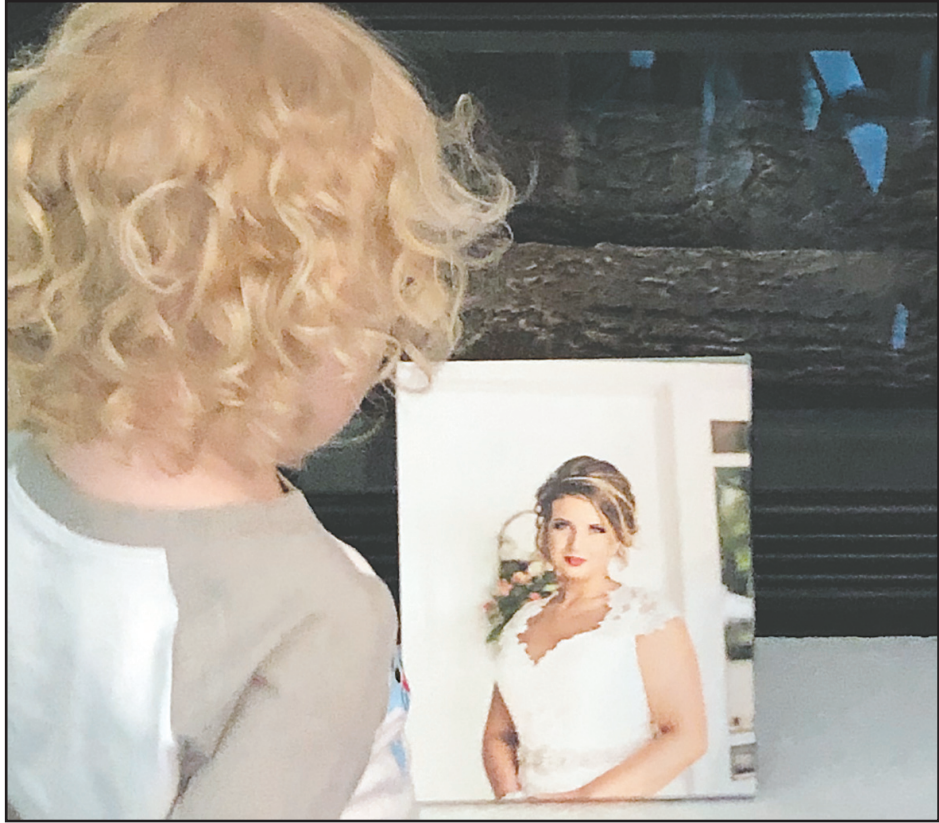
“If they are in active addiction, number one, they’re selling drugs, right? If you aren’t handling them money, they are selling to foot their habit. So why would you wait until they are a felon to get them help? Because that’s what’s happening,” Stacey said.

While Casey’s law forces someone into treatment who has not been convicted of a crime, supporters consider the process a chance for intervention to help someone who is not capable of making the right choices on their own behalf.

“The can’t quit on their own. These kids are so addicted they can’t quit on their own,” Stacey said. “It’s here. The pills are here. The drug dealers are here. Don’t wait until you get the call like I did.”

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“My biggest regret is ‘Not’ filing this petition.”



Stacey Wilson makes sure Cally’s son, Briggs, will grow up knowing his mommy loved him.

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