

The 9-11 Victim

People tend to idealize the loved ones they have lost ... to remember only the best and forget the rest. However, in the case of my son James, murdered by Muslim terrorists on September 11th, there really IS only good to remember.

James was one of the kindest, gentlest people I've ever met. There simply was no cruelty in him. Yet he was no pushover or moral weakling. He went to a college (Washington & Lee University) with the strictest honor code in the Nation. The existence of that honor code, and the school's very high academic standards, were among the reasons he chose it.

When my wife was diagnosed with cancer in 1986 James was only eight. Throughout her three-and-half-year illness he showed astounding strength, stability, and love. In the last moments of her life, James was with me by her side, showing these traits, which were hallmarks of his character.

James died on 9/11 because government officials in the Department of Justice, State Department, Congress, and elsewhere refused to act to prevent dangerous aliens from entering our country.

Although claims that "the U.S. government knew in advance of the impending attacks" are utter nonsense, the fact is that government officials (including Bill Clinton, Janet Reno, Madeleine Albright, and numerous others) were criminally negligent in their failure to enforce

the laws that would, *without question*, have kept the Muslim killers from ever entering our country.

During my eight years as President of 9/11 Families for a Secure America, I have talked to many victims of violent crimes committed by aliens who either came to the U.S. as illegal aliens sneaking across our borders or as 'legal' aliens allowed to enter despite obvious terrorist or criminal backgrounds. Families of those who have been murdered or raped or otherwise destroyed by criminal aliens invariably ask me: "Why was this monster allowed to come to the United States?"

My answer to them is this: "None of our family members would have been harmed, if only officials at all levels of government would enforce our immigration laws."

The blood of these victims is on the hands of Ted Kennedy, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the lobbyists of the Left and Right who have corrupted our government and perverted our Constitution into a document that protects illegal aliens rather than law-abiding American citizens.

The shame should stain the memories of these politicians, but the real pain will be borne by us ... the survivors.

Peter Gadiel has been president of 9/11 Families for a Secure America since its founding in 2003.