



## Joshua James Duvall Heroin

This picture is of my nephew, Joshua James Duvall, with his mother, Rosemary. Josh died on February 9, 2004 alone in his apartment in Florida. Josh had a heroin habit. That isn't what killed him; he died from an enlarged heart. They said that the amount of heroin in his system wasn't enough to kill him, but his heart wasn't strong enough to endure even that small amount he thought he could handle. We had no idea that his heart was enlarged and neither did he.

My son Max did drugs with Josh for years—heroin was his down-fall also. I am one of the lucky ones: Max is clean and strong 2 years, 7 months 15 days as I am writing this. Max is married now and about to become a father. I can hold him and hug him and look into his face every day.

My brother and my sister-in-law and my nephew Korey will never know the joy of seeing Josh married with children—they will just know the pain of a young life lost too early.

I cherish every precious moment with my sons now, and I pray every day for all who have been lost to this demon. My prayer is that no other family ever has to know the pain and emptiness that drugs leave when they get done with you. They change your life forever. Nothing is ever the same and our club keeps growing.

God have mercy on all of us, Kim Scott



*Remembering Lost Promise*