



# Brandon Lee Hardesty

## Died Age 27

## Methadone

May 18, 1977-February 14, 2005

My 27-year-old son, Brandon Lee Hardesty, took an accidental overdose of methadone.

We had been trying to help him and worrying about his life since the age of 15. He had taken many other pain meds and overdosed, but always knew what to do. He had never heard of methadone and did not realize that it was not a quick high and is designed to stay for a long period of time in the system.

By the time he had reached his "normal" high, he had already consumed a deadly amount.

I am his mother. In my lifetime I have survived rape, cancer, and abuse but I am not sure I can survive the loss of a handsome, talented, loving part of myself.

In Memory of Brandon Lee Hardesty

~ Eliza Hendrickson



*Remembering Lost Promise*