



# David Hobson

## Died Age 25

### Heroin

My son, David Hobson, died March 11, 2000, age 25, of an accidental drug overdose—heroin. All our “stories” are different but the end result is the same – our child is dead and our family’s life is over as we once knew it.

David died the second time he tried heroin. He “sniffed” -- he did not “inject.” I too have the memory of “the call.” I was working on a Saturday. The phone rang, never expecting it would be for me because when I left home I didn’t even know where I would be working. But those calls can find you anywhere! Anyway, it was my husband. He said, “There’s been an overdose.”

I asked, “What does that mean?” since there were many people standing around me. He said, “Dead.” I screamed, ran out to my car, drove home—45 minutes—crying, not believing what I heard. For months—I mean months—that is what rang through my head.

~ Anne & John Shattuck



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