Mother regrets giving state custody of son

"Jeremiah is not getting better; he's worsening. I feel like they lied to us."

By Dave Ranney

No one has ever accused Leslie or Shane of abusing their kids, but they're treated like they're bad parents and they're not.

- Katherine Darolf, a family friend who helps overseen Jeremiah Sharp's visits

Parents forced to give up child so medical care would continue

The Sharp family was forced to give up their son, Jeremiah, because of the lack of care and inattention. The parents have been struggling to keep their son healthy and happy, but the system has failed them.

By Richard Boudreaux

Church shifts into mourning, preparation

Vatican City—The body of Pope John Paul II was on Saturday in the Vatican's St. Peter's Square, where a large crowd gathered to pay their respects and offer prayers for the late pontiff.

By John L. Mone

KU fans split on whether to root for Roy

At Downtown Barber Shop, 823 Mass., "Roy's room" is another name for the bathroom.

By Eric Heidenreich

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In Cold Blood: A Legacy

By Suzanna Adam

What people notice about 67-year-old Walter Hickock isn't his comfortable demeanor, his arthritis-pained hands or the way he's prone to withdrawal.

People remark about Walter's last name because they've heard about his brother, a notorious murderer.

Because of a horrific, bloody act his brother committed many years ago, Walter has learned to retreat from inquiries into his life like a hand recoiling from a flame. Even after 45 years, he isn't much closer to coming to grips with the fact that his brother was executed for a brutal crime.
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In 1996, Richard Hickock and a friend from prison, Perry Smith, slaughtered four members of the Clutter family in Holcomb after a fruitless robbery attempt. The Clutters, a mother and son, lived in the small town of Holcomb, Kansas, which was known for its 1965 hanging. The Clutters, Herbert, and wife, were not related to the murder victims.

"I think maybe some people on the face of this earth would like to know what happens to criminals," family members told the author.

- Nan Hickok
Sisters, family
Surviving Clutter daughters hope to preserve their parents' legacy

By Bethle Melko

In Cold Blood: A Legacy

It was his sister who they wrote about, don't people understand that? In her lifetime, anonymity was the only thing of value in an anonymous town where death is an accomplished fact. It was Hiram Clutter's friend, the son of his sister, Bonnie, older by three years, who loved playing with toys as a child and studied nursing in college. He was murdered at age 45 and died without a chance for notification sensation.

The Clutter family's legacy is forever tainted by the bodies of their children in "In Cold Blood." The story of the 1959 Clutter family murder in Holcomb, Kansas, by Herbert Clutter, and their two teenage children, Nancy and David, is well known in the farmhouse and beyond.

"In Cold Blood" is the book. That's what Bonita, who died 80, wrote just before she died in the early 1970s. "I know who she was. Other people don't want to know who she was. She was a farm girl.

In life, friends and family of Bonnie Clutter were in a state of shock: the description of the woman as the incantation of a soul, the woman who was murdered at age 45 and died without a chance for notification sensation.

Once she was murdered, her family was left to mourn her loss, to struggle with the loss of their beloved daughter.

Bonnie was one of the few people who knew the truth about what happened to the Clutter family. She was a nurse and was involved in the recovery of the bodies of the Clutter family.

Bonnie died of a heart attack in 1974, just two years after the murder of her family. She was in her early 60s when she passed away.

But the story of the Clutter family and their fate continued to captivate people for generations.

Bonnie's daughter, Bonita, wrote a book about her mother's life and the events surrounding the Clutter family murder. In "In Cold Blood," she revealed the truth about what happened.

Bonita's book was a bestseller and helped bring attention to the Clutter family's story.

Today, the Clutter family's legacy is still felt in the tiny town of Holcomb, Kansas. The family's farm is now a tourist attraction, visited by thousands of people every year.

But the Clutter family's story is not just about the farm and the farm family. It's about the family's struggle to survive and to find the strength to overcome their tragedy.

The Clutter family's legacy is a powerful reminder of the resilience and strength of the human spirit.