

# Balloon release sends message to loved ones in heaven

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**K**im Fields released a balloon Sunday afternoon and watched as it floated up toward the sky delivering a message to her younger brother, who was shot to death over two years ago in Dothan.

Fields joined over 50 people who attended the National Day of Remembrance ceremony for victims of homicide Sunday at the Wiregrass Angel House in Dothan.

"It's almost like we're sending a message up to our loved ones," she said of the balloon release. "It's just sending him a little message, and letting him know he's not forgotten."

Fields and a dozen of her other relatives attended the ceremony in an effort to help keep the memory of her brother, Daniel Dawsey, alive. Dawsey, 31, suffered a fatal gunshot wound in the 1000 block of Eugene Street on May 6, 2014. Dothan police arrested Emanuel Bryant, and he was later convicted of felony manslaughter, and received a 35-year prison sentence.

"It's important to make sure the memory of my brother stays alive," Fields said. "It's to let people know he was life, he was love, and somebody took that away from us."

Several of the Dawsey relatives wore T-shirts with Daniel's name on them at the ceremony Sunday. Fields wore a white T-shirt, which read Daniel L. Dawsey August 23, 1982 – May 6, 2014 over top of a picture him. The following quotation was listed beneath Daniel



Tom Anderson, the district attorney for Coffee and Pike counties, speaks at the Day of Remembrance ceremony for victims of homicide at the Wiregrass Angel House.

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**Kim Fields,**  
speaking about her brother,  
Daniel Dawsey, a victim of homicide

Dawsey's picture: "I'll tell you all about it when I see about."

Fields said she has found the people at the Wiregrass Angel House, and the other victim of violent crime connec-

tion with Angel House helpful in the wake of her brother's death.

Fields said she has also become an advocate of the Stop the Violence movement that's started locally and nationally.

"We need to come together and show violence does not solve anything," Fields said.

Shelly Linderman, the director of the Wiregrass Angel House, said Sept. 25 marks the National Day of Remembrance for homicide victims.

"You remember them every day, but today we honor them," Linderman said.

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