

In Memoriam

March 10 was set aside in 1996 as the National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers to honor the life and work of NAF member Dr. David Gunn, the [first provider murdered](#) by an anti-abortion extremist.

In the early 1990s, anti-abortion extremists concluded that murdering providers was the only way to stop abortion. In total, there have been 11 murders and 26 attempted murders due to anti-abortion violence, including the most recent attack at a NAF member clinic in Colorado Springs, CO, in 2015. Some of the providers who were murdered were attacked in their own homes or churches.

On Abortion Provider Appreciation Day, we especially honor those whose lives were taken far too soon and those who continue to provide care at great risk and personal sacrifice.

March 10, 1993



Dr. David Gunn



Dr. David Gunn was shot to death by Michael Griffin in Pensacola, Florida. Griffin is serving a life sentence for murder.

July 29, 1994



Dr. John Bayard Britton and James H. Barrett



Dr. John Bayard Britton and his escort, James H. Barrett were shot and killed in front of a clinic in Pensacola, Florida, by Paul J. Hill. June Barrett was also shot and injured in the incident. Hill was executed by lethal injection on September 3, 2003.