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Last month a friend revealed the disastrous effects abortion had on her life. Here is her story.

When she was 17, she became pregnant and told her parents. It was my friend's desire to keep the baby. Her parents disagreed, put her in their car, and they drove to an abortion clinic. At 21 weeks' gestation, she wanted to keep her baby, but her parents would not listen.

She lay on the operating table and the saline solution abortion began. She remembers the unborn child thrashing in her womb, fighting desperately for life. The baby lost the battle.

She gave him the name Phillip, and my friend still mourns his loss. As she told the story, fresh tears flowed down her cheeks. You would guess that the abortion occurred this year. In fact, the abortion took place 47 years ago.

Abortion not only takes an innocent human life, but it also causes life-long trauma in the woman. My friend also stated that her mother regretted her part in the violent act and drank herself to death.

Abortion is not health care. It takes a human life and harms women physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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