

I wish we'd killed dad before he murdered mum, says grieving teen daughter

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A GRIEVING girl of 13 wishes she had killed her dad before he could murder her mum.

Darcy Cameron's father, Scott Storey, 42, will be jailed for life today for viciously stabbing her mother Bridget, 35. But no sentence will end the agony for the heartbroken schoolgirl, or for Bridget's mum Patsy and dad Alex.

Patsy, 60, said: "Last month, after Storey pled guilty, Darcy asked where he was and we said he was in jail.

"She said 'good'. Then she burst into tears, hugged me and said, 'I wish we'd killed him before he killed mum'.

"We all feel a bit like that."

Storey plunged a knife into Bridget's neck at their home in 2004. Kids playing outside the house heard her dying screams.

It was far from the first time Storey had attacked his slightly built lover. The burly roofer had been savagely battering Bridget for years and even used her as a punchbag while Darcy was desperately ill as a baby.

Patsy said: "Darcy was premature and had two holes in her heart. She was in hospital for weeks and Bridget was going back and forward every day to feed her.

"During that time, Storey broke her nose and gave her two black eyes and she had to look after Darcy in that condition. He is nothing but a coward."

Alex, 60, said: "He is a piece of scum."

Bridget's loved ones have endured a long and painful wait to see Storey brought to justice. A judge gave him bail after he was charged with the murder and he turned tail and fled to Thailand.

He thumbed his nose at the family for three years, soaking up the sun, boozing and blowing cash on hookers while Darcy, Patsy, Alex and Bridget's three other children went through hell.

And even after he was finally arrested - over a £60 hotel bill - it took another year for him to be extradited to Scotland.

Alex said: "The fact that Storey could flee the country prolonged the misery and agony for us all."

Storey cheated on Bridget and put her in hospital several times.

He was charged with attacking her in 2001, then broke a court order to keep away from her. He was arrested for defying the order but got bail and went on the run for nine months.

Storey was eventually jailed for eight months but he didn't learn his lesson. He was charged with attacking Bridget again in 2003 but the case was dropped.

As well as Darcy, who has a mild form of cerebral palsy, Bridget had two sons, Stephen, now 22, and Christopher, 20, and a daughter, Sarah, 17, from a previous relationship.

All four kids watched in horror as Storey brutalised their mum. But no matter how many times Bridget's parents begged her to leave him, she kept taking him back.

Patsy said: "We tried to talk to her but it was pushing a wedge between us. Eventually we had to let her get on with her life."

Patsy and Alex, who are divorced, never stopped fearing for Bridget's safety. And their worst fears came true in April 2004 when Storey murdered her at their home in Pirniefield Bank, Leith.

Two girls playing in the street heard Bridget screaming and a neighbour heard a woman shouting, "You b*****!"

After killing Bridget, Storey dialled 999. Medics found her sitting on a sofa with a gaping wound to the side of her neck.

The killer and his victim had both been drinking and had taken cocaine and diazepam before the murder.

Patsy suspects that Storey killed Bridget after she refused a demand to give him tens of thousands of pounds.

His roofing business was going bust and Bridget was on the brink of a lucrative deal to buy her council house. She was being offered the home for £30,000 and it was worth £135,000 on the open market.

Patsy said: "Alex and I had offered Bridget £5000 towards the house but we made it clear it would be withdrawn if Storey had anything to do with the purchase.

"The police believed Storey saw the chance of a six-figure profit. He put Bridget under pressure to include him in the deal and killed her when she stuck to her guns and refused."

Storey claimed Bridget had stabbed herself but the police didn't believe him and he was charged with murder.

He was kept in custody at first. But then he was freed on bail and vanished.

Storey didn't turn up for his trial in March 2005. His car was found at Edinburgh airport and credit card details revealed he had flown to Thailand.

Patsy said: "We've heard that he did a runner because he was scared that Alex would kill him. He could beat a woman but he didn't fancy taking on a man."

Alex had already taken the law into his own hands once in a desperate bid to protect his daughter.

After Storey broke Bridget's nose in a particularly vicious beating, the furious dad went to confront him.

Patsy recalled: "Storey cowered behind his door but eventually opened it because Alex said he would break it down and it would be worse for him.

"Alex gave him a thumping and warned him. We always tried to keep the worst from him but now we wish he'd killed Storey."

Patsy and Alex knew full well that Storey was living it up in Thailand. Friends would come back from holidays and tell them they had spotted the killer boozing in bars in Pattaya.

But diplomatic efforts to have Storey arrested and extradited dragged on month after month. Patsy said in 2006: "We know where he is and so do the police. Why isn't he being dragged home?"

Storey was finally arrested in February 2007 after failing to pay his hotel bill. He had spent all his money on prostitutes.

Alex, a property developer, said: "I'm not surprised to hear what he was up to - no doubt the younger the better."

It took more than a year of wrangling to get Storey extradited. He finally arrived back in April this year and was sent to Saughton jail to await his day in court.

But he had to be moved to Perth after he found out he was in the same cell block as one of Bridget's cousins, armed robber Dean White, 33.

A jail insider said White quickly "marked Storey's card" and the gutless killer ran to prison bosses and pleaded for a transfer.

The source said: "He couldn't handle the grief he was getting. Dean gave him pelters.

"He was really worried about what was going to happen and begged to be moved."

In August this year, nearly four and a half years after he should have paid for his crime, Storey stood in the dock at the High Court in Edinburgh and admitted Bridget's murder. He also pled guilty to jumping bail.

Patsy said: "Storey took Bridget's life and ruined her children's lives. She was a fantastic daughter and a great mum and our lives will never be the same again.

"Our only comfort is that if he ever gets out, he'll be an old man."

Alex added: "Storey is where he belongs. I hope he stays there for a very long time."