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Llewelyn Crooks

[Brenda Banks](#) was 35 years old and 13 weeks pregnant when she went to [Hillcrest Women's Surgi-Center](#) in Washington, DC, for a [safe, legal abortion](#).

The abortion was performed by Llewelyn Crooks on September 30, 1989.

Brenda went into shock, and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Doctors performed an emergency hysterectomy and transfused Brenda with 20 units of red blood cells, to no avail. She died the following day, October 1, 1989.

Brenda's uterus had been perforated and several major blood vessels had been cut or severed entirely.

Her survivors were unable to collect damages from Crooks and Hillcrest because Crooks' insurance company was insolvent, and Hillcrest carried no insurance.

I have been unable to determine if the Hillcrest where Brenda had her abortion is affiliated with the Hillcrest in Pennsylvania where [Kelly Morse](#) had her fatal abortion.

Crooks, an ob/gyn still practicing in Sandy Spring, Maryland, was married to nurse Barbara Y. Crooks until her death in 2011. He graduated from Howard University School of Medicine in 1973.