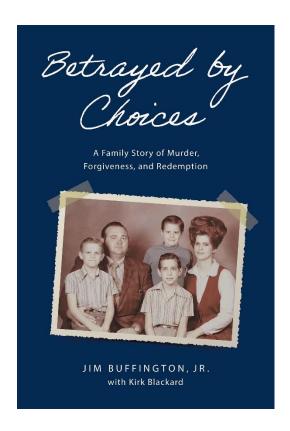
## Betrayed by Choices - A Family Story of Murder, Forgiveness, and Redemption



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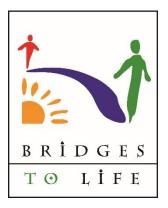
When Jim Buffington was only twelve years old, he suffered a tremendous loss due to an execution style murder in his family. The devastation was indescribable. A year later, while still working through his grief, he was dealt another adversity and the family entered the criminal justice system. Jim journeyed a long road of pain and betrayal that would lead most to a life of withdrawal, depression, and bitterness. However, Jim chose another path, one of healing and forgiveness and has helped many crime victims, as well as offenders in prisons.



## **About the Author**

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