

# Lisa Marie's memory kept alive

Family, friends hold vigil for woman, missing since 2002

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Fraik also keeps a teddy bear Young gave her one Christmas over her daughter's crib.

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Young's family and friends know there is someone out there that knows something about her disappearance and still live with the hope every day that person will come forward with information to give them some type of closure.

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