April-May 2013



Tampa Bay Chapter

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33508
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MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays, April 14 & May 12, 2013

6:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Arts Building, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-907-1441 for directions or information.

Regular Monthly <u>DAYTIME</u> Meeting

Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Fridays, April 12 & May 10, 2013 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511 Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-907-1441 for directions or information.

Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting

(Normally held the first Wednesday of each month)

Wednesdays, April 3 & May 1, 2013 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

South Florida Baptist Hospital

301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City in the Community Conference Room Call Janice Falcon at 813-997-1709 for directions or information.

This month's newsletter is lovingly sponsored by the family of:

Michael David Holmberg

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Brandon Daytime Meeting will be Held At a Different Location Beginning in JUNE.2013. We will be meeting at:

First United Methodist Church 120 N Knights Ave Brandon, FL. 33510

(north of 60 just west of Parsons)

Chapter News

Angel of Hope Information

www.angelofhopetampabay.com

<u>Located at:</u>

Riverside Park

201 Riverhills Drive,

Temple Terrace

<u>Mailing Address:</u>
P. O. Box 2573, Lutz, FL 33548

813.495.7539



www.angelofhopetampabay.com/index.html

Telephone Friends

Need to talk? Having a bad day? Call one of our Telephone Friends. They're here to lend a knowing ear because they've been there. Don't hesitate to call, we understand.

Debbie Nemitz (General Information

and Long Term Illness) (813) 907-1441
Sue Bowditch (Adult Child) (813) 390-9734
Theresa Farmer (Homicide) (813) 994-0707
Sandy Boehning (Grandparent) (813) 989-3255
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death) (813) 335-7628
Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of (813) 340-9120
an Only Child)
Julie Woofter (Suicide) (813) 754-4848

Serena Graves (Sibling Contact) (813) 754-4848

Rita Zvada (Se Habla Espanol) (813) 961-1011

Crisis Center 211



Love Gifts-A Thoughtful Way to Remember

Love Gifts are a beautiful and loving way to remember a loved one. Through Love Gifts, we are able to reach out to others with our brochures and newsletters as well as obtain books and other information for our library. We truly appreciate every Love Gift, donation and sponsorship. Our Chapter work is done by volunteers and these donations help us reach out in many ways.

Sponsor A Newsletter Page

Anyone can sponsor a page in this newsletter in memory of their child. The price for a full page is \$55 or 1/2 page for \$30.00. This can include photograph(s) and your tribute to your child. If you need help you can send what you want included and Debbie will design the page for you. Your contribution helps to supports the chapter.

To sponsor a newsletter page, contact Debbie Nemitz @ 813-907-1441 or at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com. She will give you the address to send the check to. Please note that sponsorship pages are <u>due by the 20th of the month BEFORE the publication month. We will begin to do the newsletters every 2 months.</u>, <u>Try to have anything for March or April to her by the middle of February.</u>

Address Change

If you have an address change, the Postal Service will NOT forward! They return to us—FOR A FEE, SO <u>PLEASE</u> LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS. **At this point**, we are not able to mail the newsletter unless special arrangements have been made, however we still need you to keep us informed of any e-mail address changes.

Refreshments

Some of us like to remember our child's birthday or the anniversary of his or her death by bringing a cake or cookies to the meeting that month. We would appreciate having you bring a special treat to any meeting. You may also want to bring and share a picture of your child.



Thanks to Dave and Patti Wilson for their generous contribution in memory of their daughter Lisa who was "a beautiful person and a precious daughter inside and out". We also appreciate your kind words and are happy that Bereaved Parents has been helpful to you.

I wish to apologize for an error made in the January to March Newsletter. The anniversaries for February were not correct. Those of January were accidentally repeated again under February. The anniversaries for February are therefore listed before beginning the birthdays and anniversaries for this newsletter.

We will soon be adding a new page to our website. It will be for ongoing fund raisers. There are already a couple of companies who will have an ad and will be making a donation to Bereaved Parents when their items are purchased. If any of you have businesses and would like to participate, please get in touch with Debbie by calling 813-501-9567 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com.

Newletter Articles or Contributions

Have you written a poem or article about your bereavement process? Would you like to share it in the newsletter? We are looking for article submissions every month from members of our chapter. Articles will be edited if needed. Please contact Debbie Nemitz @813-907-1441 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT / REQUEST

Many of you have already been getting this newsletter delivered to your e-mail address. We began offering it several years ago as our way of "going green". However, at this point, we are asking that EVERYONE who has access to a computer provide us with their email address or go to our website online @ http://www.bpusatampabay.com/Newsletters.html. It is very costly to have these printed and mailed. We are unable to continue to print, at least for the time being. We have to get caught up on some bills before we can hope to print again. If you do not have access to a computer, then please contact us and we will try to get you a copy for a small donation. We appreciate your understanding our situation.

Send all information to Debbie Nemitz by e-mail at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com.



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February Anniversaries

Asci, Jason 8/19/1979 - 2/7/2008 F - Brian Asci Children - AJ & Adriana

Castellano, Lina 9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004 P - Sam & Jean Castellano

Engdahl, Andrew 07/15/87 - 02/05/94 P - Rick & Vicky Engdahl S - Stephanie Engdahl B - Joey Engdahl

Feanny, Jonathan 2/22/2005 - 2/22/2005 M - Elham Feanny

Hadley, Katrina 11/17/1961 - 2/4/2006 M - Grace Therman

Harris, Charlotte Marie 1/23/2004 - 2/3/2004 P - Tony & Debra Harris

Jacobson, Nathan 11/8/1994 - 2/16/2008 P - Amy & Pete Jacobson

Lane, Matthew Alexander 6/22/2001 - 2/13/2003 M - Mary Ann Muschick S - Nikol B - Devvin

GP - Hieu & David Muschick

Loadholtz, Glenn Edward 11/25/1969 - 2/15/2005 P - George & Jackie Loadholtz S - Gwen Walkowiak

Murphy, Mark Lawrence 12/22/1968 - 2/21/2000 M - Rosalie Baum B - John Murphy

Nadir, Peter 4/6/1971 - 2/8/2003 M - Barbar Nadir S - Sue McFowan

Owens, Kenny Dwayne 6/27/1961 - 2/25/2005 P - Jimmy & Sylvia Mingo S - Tina Jernigan & Donna

Parrish, Randy 08/22/57 - 02/10/97 M - Juanita Bodiford B - Dough Parrish

Pittman, Cynthia Marie 1/25/1978 - 2/23/2003 P - Charles & Joan Pittman

Shemela, Kenneth 6/24/1964 - 2/19/2009 P - Bill & Barbara Shemela B - Bill Shemela, Jr.

Short, Kimberley 10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993 P - Terrance & Sue Short Supple, Bart Patrick 07/25/59 - 02/14/94 P - Bart & Toni Supple

Thomas, Carol 12/16/1955 - 2/16/2003 M - Betty Thatcher S - Deb Waldfoge, Ellen Williams, Fran Thatcher, Gerri Huston

Willis, Melody 8/10/1971 - 2/27/2010 F - Martin Willis

Wisner, James R. 2/20/1982 - 2/24/1999 P - Wayne & Sharen Wisner S - Crystal Wisner



You must contact us to have your child's name added to the newsletter, they are not automatically added.

If we have omitted your child, misspelled your child's name, or listed incorrect dates or other information, please accept our apologies and contact Debbie Nemitz at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com or 813-907-1441 to correct the information.

Please bear with us as we are transitioning the newsletter. Any errors are unintentional and we sincerely apologize in advance. Call any of our telephone friends if you are having a hard time on these days or even other days if you need to talk.

We truly understand your pain; for we, too, remember our own children.

April Birthdays

Alvarez, Dean 4/28/1965 - 6/12/2000 M - Diana Stenglein B - Nadie Alvarez

S - Athena & Lynette Alvarez

Bliss, Lindsay Rebecca 4/26/1977 - 12/1/1991 P - Jim & Mary Beth Bliss S - Shannon Bliss

Buckley, Deja' 4/26/2001 - 4/26/2001 P - Lisa John & Wade Buckley

DeRoche, Cameron Gaines 04/11/89 - 01/25/95 P - Peggy & Karl DeRoche S - Mary Amber DeRoche

Geiger, Jacob 4/9/2003 - 4/9/2003 M - Darla Geiger B - Jared Geiger S - Brooke Geiger GP - Kenneth & Barbara Dykes

Gladen, Renee' Rose 4/21/1961 - 11/17/1999 Sister - Diana Gladen

Hamm, Rusty 4/23/1960 - 4/2/2004 P - Ramon & Rita Hamm Spouse - Joy St. Martin Daughter - Sydney Hamm

Heath, Austin Noah 4/6/2000 - 7/4/2000 P - Isaac Heath & Regina Jacobs GM - Gigi Schools

Hines, Heather 4/28/1975 - 11/25/1998 M - Sue Hines

Holdren, Scott 4/10/1986 - 5/31/2007 M - Donna Henry

Horst, Trey 4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000 P - Art & Linda Horst B - Todd & Thad S - Trisha & Tammy

Jakenbowski, John 4/18/1968 - 1/15/2008 M - Marsha Shemela B - Jason Jakenbowski

L'Homme, Ryan 4/16 /81 - 3/23/00 P - Charles & Teresa L'Homme S - Cortney L'Homme

Littlechild, Will 4/6/1979 - 7/4/2008 M - Lula Richardson S - Patricia Littlechild

Martinez, Joseph D. 4/23/1972 - 10/13/2007 M - Josie Martinez S - Patty Camunas

Mohammed, Ian Roger 04/19/73 - 08/02/92 P - Judy & Rick Mohammed S - Alison Mohammed B - Cameron Mohammed

Nadir, Peter 4/6/1971 - 2/8/2003 M - Barbar Nadir S - Sue McFowan

Nelson, Bella 2/4/2004 - 4/26/2010 M - Cyndi Nelson

Noriega, Aiden 4/4/2001 - 6/18/2001 P - Rick & Ethal Noriega

O'Connor, Ashley Lauren 4/12/1991 - 4/8/1996 M - Pamela Hite-Bocchino B - John O'Connor GM - Victoria Hite

Pegram, Baby Boy 4/1976 - 4/1976 P - Earl & Susan Pegram S - Jodi & Robin Pegram B - Scooter & Craig Pegram GP - Betty Jennings

Pegram, Jodi E. 04/06/70 - 07/22/01 P - Earl & Susan Pegram S - Robin Sue Pegram B - Scooter & Craig Pegram GM - Betty Jennings

Rardin, Kelly Rose 04/17/1993 - 04/17/1993 M - Lori Rardin

Regis, Chad 4/7/1971 - 3/22/2005 P - Ray & LaRae Regis GP-Bea Forbes

Roark, Kelli Colin 4/30/1990 - 8/30/1998 P - Joe & Angel Roark B - Kyle & Kaleb Roark GF - Ron Ellington

Rusnack, Tamara 4/6/1972 - 7/23/2004 M - Donna Johnson

Rutkowski, Eric John 4/11/1981 - 7/16/2003 P - Linda & Ron Rutkowski GP - Ray & Doris Pomorski

Sluder, Keith Joseph 4/25/1964 - 5/11/2006 P - Tom & Judy Sluder Children - Keith II and Miranda Grandaughters - Kali & Ella Mae S - Theresa & Kathryn B - Tom III N/N - Israel, Brandon & Brandy

Spellman, Zavier Lane 4/17/2006 - 4/17/2006 M - Veronica Lane

Todd, Joan 4/22/1960 - 3/12/2004 M - Mary McCord

Wilson, Lisa A. 4/14/1978 - 7/5/2010 P - David & Patti Wilson



April Anniversaries

Baker-Dixon, Lori Kathleen 10/29/1975 - 4/12/2001 Mother to Ryan & Wife of Rusty Dixon ${\rm M}$ - Cecelia Burger P - Donna & Ron Budd and Marie & Bill Baker

S - Tracy Goodson & Phylicia Baker B - Jamey Baker

Berry, Michelle 3/8/1967 - 4/2/2003 P - Joanne & Lawrence Ouellette B - Russ, David, Scott & Joe S - Denise Volo

Blazowich, Anthony Michael 2/20/1984 - 4/5/2006 P - Daniel & Marianne Blazowich

Son - Bobby

Buckley, Deja' 4/26/2001 - 4/26/2001 P - Lisa John & Wade Buckley Burger, Jeffrey Robin 02/05/61 - 04/20/97 B - Hal & Curt Burger

Cason, Todd 10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003 P - Earl and Kay Cason

Clark, Kellen William 3/16/82 - 4/15/02 F - Bill Clark

Corbett, Shaun 7/8/1985 - 4/23/2003 M - Ellen Corbett

Daniel, Michael John 8/19/1990 - 4/1/2010 P - Paul & Nadine Daniel B - James Daniel GP - Lewis John Daniel and Steve & Margaret James

Decosta, Brittany 11/19/87 - 04/07/91 M - Kay Decosta

Dixon Jr., Anthony Howard 11/27/1978 - 4/1/1996 M - Brenda & Toney Dixon B - David Dixon

Geiger, Jacob 4/9/2003 - 4/9/2003 M - Darla Geiger B - Jared Geiger S - Brooke Geiger GP - Kenneth & Barbara Dykes

Hafford, Lauren Elizabeth 2/17/1977 - 4/13/1999 P - Gwen & John Hafford S - Lindsay & Lesley Hafford Hamm, Rusty 4/23/1960 - 4/2/2004 P - Ramon & Rita Hamm Spouse - Joy St. Martin Daughter - Sydney Hamm

Jones, Sherry 1/18/1971 - 4/27/2000 M - Brenda Copeland

Langford, Todd Allen 01/05/78 - 04/27/01 P - Fred & Janice Langford B - Robbie Langford S - Kathy Peterson G/P - Betty Williams & H.P & Ruby Langford

Leyde, Darek 7/17/1967 - 4/23/2003 P - Vern & Julie Leyde S - Traci Gainforth



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April Anniversaries cont'd

Makowski, Anthony 5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005 M - Cathy Makowski

Muse, Jennifer Lee 08/07/71 - 04/04/92 M - Gretchen Muse F - Robert Muse, Jr. GP - Bob & Gladys Muse GM - Dorothy Deisch

Nelson, Bella 2/4/2004 - 4/26/2010 GM - Cyndi Nelson

O'Connor, Ashley Lauren 4/12/1991 - 4/8/1996 M - Pamela Hite-Bocchino B - John O'Connor GM - Victoria Hite

Pegram, Baby Boy 4/1976 - 4/1976 P - Earl & Susan Pegram S - Jodi & Robin Pegram B - Scooter & Craig Pegram GP - Betty Jennings

Boyd, Anastasia "Nicole"

Rardin, Kelly Rose 04/17/1993 - 04/17/1993 M - Lori Rardin

Shockey, Ann 11/08/56 - 04/26/70 P - Dick & Connie Shockey

Spellman, Zavier Lane 4/17/2006 - 4/17/2006 M - Veronica Lane

Stallard, Judy Lynn 02/28/1981 - 04/24/1981 M - Patricia (Stallard) Bass F - Joe Stallard

Thomas, Destiny Jean 10/1/1990 - 4/24/1998 F - Craig Thomas B - Braxton and Justin GP - Betty Thatcher and Marty & Carol Thomas Thornton, Jeremiah 8/29/84 - 4/13/01 M - Tim & Sue Thornton B - Jason

S - Amanda

Tucker, Vince 3/8/1972 - 4/26/2005 M - Glenda Tucker A - Judith Gude

Valdez, Joseph Martin 6/3/1974 - 4/24/2007 M - Carolyn Aviles

Waller, Lauren Marie 12/12/1990 - 4/16/2000

M - Kristine Colding & Bryan Strahan

B - Christopher S - Faith

GP - Joyce & Gene Waller

GM - Josie Varselona

Wallowicz, Michael (Mikey) Kevin 10/23/1981 - 4/28/1990 P - Jim & Judy Wallowicz B - Jimi Wallowicz Webb, Eric Richard 7/1/1985 - 4/2/1999 P - William & Kathleen Webb B - David Webb

Williams, Travis Aaron 9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000 P - Bill & Linda Williams

GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers & Edna Williams

Wynne, Adam Charles 10/13/1971 - 4/24/1993 P - Chuck & Gloria Judson S - Lori Wynne Father to Morgan Wynne

Young, Billy 7/14/2003 - 4/17/2006 P - Bill & Sandy Young



May Birthdays

5/4/1998 - 7/8/2004 5/24/1976
P - Anita Dennert & Thomas Boyd P - John & Sibs - Tara Lewis, Mike Boyd, Alan Boyd S - Dawn & GP - Huey & Marie McDonald, Angus & B - Dustin Jewell Howell & Angus Grace GP - Clark GP - (Preceded in Death)Arthur & Vivian Boyd Alice Pugh

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - essica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Collum, Brian H. 5/11/1965 - 3/7/2005 M - Diana Reams B - Reid Collum

Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman

Holton, John William 05/20/52 - 08/10/94 M - Ann Holton

Holmberg, David Michael 5/15/1976 - 3/02/2011 M - Mary Ellen Holmberg B - Kristian and Stephen Keithly, DeAnne
5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993
P - John & Peggy Keithly
S - Dawn & Karen
B - Dustin & Kevin
GP - Clark & Frances Keithly and
Alice Pugh

Kinchen, Kevin
5/18/1985 - 3/16/2008
P - Eugene & Cynthia Kickner
W - Chelsey Kinchen
D - Kaylee, Tessa
S - JoyKay & Hailey Kinchen
B - Robert Kinchen

Lavalee, Grace 5/3/2009 - 7/17/2010 P - Natalia Lavalee

Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M - Misty Lampp GM - Harriet Lampp

Makowski, Anthony 5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005 M - Cathy Makowski McKaughan, Michael 5/19/1989 - 11/3/2000 P - Darlene Lack Sibs - Andrew & Lauren GP - Virginia Dosci

Metallo, Armando 5/3/1984 - 9/15/2005 P - Angelo & Luisa Metallo S - Ana, Angelo, Luisa, & Joe Metallo GP - Armando & Ana Metallo and Graciela & Dorotheo Martinez

Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P - John & Joan Morrow

Pfister, Megan Lynn 5/2/1990 - 3/3/1999 P - Frank & Stephanie Pfister

Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M - Ann Roberts Mitchel GP - Merle H. Brunson

Robinson, Ashley Lauren 05/20/94 - 01/16/96 P - Sara & Tim Robinson S - Morgan Ashley Robinson Shye, John David 05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994 P -Betty Jean & Charles Shye S - Lydia and Mary Shye B - Chuck Shye Father of J.D. and Justin Shye

Thompson, Kimberly Karlin 5/5/1976 - 12/6/1999 P - Sam & Ingrid Thompson

Turner, Devon 5/2/1986 - 7/28/2005 M - Marie Lawson

Waller, Albert Marcus 5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000 P - Marc & Charlotte Waller

Williams, Alec Michael
5/17/1996 - 7/27/1996
P - Kathy & Michael Williams
B - Chad & Chase
G - Frank & Robbie Edwards

G - Dwight & Melvalene Williams



May Anniversaries

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevach 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Buchanan, Sierra Lan 03/07/96 - 05/25/96 P - Kim & Bryan Buchanan S - May Linh Buchanan

Caldwell - Faught, Thomas E. 2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003 M - Shannon Caldwell

Casey, Ryan 10/15/86 - 5/4/12 F - Mike Casey

Colla, Aaron Dante 11/15/01 - 05/24/02 P - Amanda Colla GP - Jana & Frank Colla

A - Danielle B - Dylan

DeLosSantos, Ailen 1/6/1975 - 5/5/2009 M - Elena Franklin B - Orlando DeLosSantos Jr.

Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman Dixon, Austin Ryan 03/18/97 - 05/18/98 P - Carrie & Robert Dixon

Domzalski, Kristin 3/8/1974 - 5/6/1982 F - Bob Domzalski

S - Sara Ryan Dixon

Ellington, Timothy 03/06/62 - 05/25/91 F - Ron Ellington

Finchum, Tommy 07/10/75 - 05/06/94 P - Pete & Joyce Finchum B - John Finchum

Goldman, Ariel Nicole Rothschild 8/30/1989 - 5/15/2001 P - Steve and Lynn Goldman

Harless, Jessica Nicole 11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000 M - Heather Harless

Holdren, Scott 4/10/1986 - 5/31/2007 M – Donna Henry

Howard, Christopher L. 3/27/1975 - 5/18/2000 M - Cay Pelaez Hughes, Jessica Alexis 1/13/86 - 5/11/02 F - Michael Hughes

Keithly, DeAnne 5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993 P - John & Peggy Keithly S - Dawn & Karen B - Dustin & Kevin GP - Clark & Frances Keithly and Alice Pugh

Knight, Arleen Diane 10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004 P - Arthur & Ethel Fernandez S - Elaine Rogers Daughers - Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz, and Katie Tuclula

Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M - Misty Lampp GM - Harriet Lampp

Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P - John & Joan Morrow

Pike, Taylor 11/9/1985 - 5/14/2007 P - Bob & Connie Pike S - Megan Pike Shelton, Emma Victoria 7/8/2003 - 5/8/2005 M - John & Jennifer Shelton Sibs - Jacob & Hannah GP - Peg & Jim Bishop, Tom Musolin, Art & Sam White, Rober & Judy

Sluder, Keith Joseph 4/25/1964 - 5/11/2006 P - Tom & Judy Sluder Children - Keith II and Miranda Grandaughters - Kali & Ella Mae S - Theresa & Kathryn B - Tom III N/N - Israel, Brandon & Brandy

Stoeltzing, William (Bill) W. 01/02/57 - 05/09/02 P - Bill & Elvira Stoeltzing S - Cecille Parido Father to Eaton & Brent



With Time

by Callie Sanders Thornton

"The pain will go away, with time"
"It won't be so bad, after awhile"
So say these friends of mine...
But they have never lost a child....

The pain will never go away Yet it softens some, with time My child is gone, it hurts to say I'll never be "just fine"

Tho another year has come and gone I hold your memories in my heart They dance there, as if to song From that I know I'll never part

As time goes by year after year And the pain begins to soften I know that it's alright to tear And live with my memories, more often..... The National Gathering is being held July 26-28 in Sacramento, CA Please see the other attachment for the registration or http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/

When you feel Lonely

When You feel Lonely
When a person you love passes away
Look to the night sky on a clear day.
The star that to you, appears to be bright,
Will be your loved one,
Looking upon you during the night.
The lights of heaven are what shows through
As your loved one watches all that you do.
When you feel lonely for the one that you love,
Look to the Heavens in the night sky above.

Author unknown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL!



We miss you every second of every day.....



Dandelions From Heaven

Mothers Day is coming...and I wanted to send you a sign...
Something you can tell others..."Is from an angel of mine".
So I searched the Heavens high and low for that perfect thing..
And low and behold I found it....and a smile I hope it will bring.

So when you look to the Heavens...and see the yellow stars in the sky...
Just think of me...your angel... in the Heavens way up high...
And just imagine those stars...are dandelions up above...
Yes! Dandelions are also in Heaven...,which you know how much I love.

So on this Mothers Day... when you awake and feel blue...
You will notice those yellow stars...are no longer in view...
So just look to the meadows and the dandelions you see....
Are the ones I've tossed down this Mothers Day from me!

And when you find a dandelion that has turned from yellow to white...
You're supposed to make a wish...and then blow with all your might.
For you will be blowing kisses... to me in Heaven above....
And I will be catching them and blowing them back...sent with all my love.

Please know that I am with you...on this Mothers Day...

And also in the days ahead...God and I will never stray...

We will be with you in the morning...when you wake and see the sun..

We will be with you when you say your prayers...when the day is done.

For God and I will never be...very far from your side...
For I can now be everywhere...and God will be your guide...
So...remember when you see dandelions...its your guarantee...
That I am always close to you....
For dandelions are free to roam.....now just like me.

I will always be with you Mom.... Happy Mothers Day Love, Your Angel in Heaven.







Our Credo

We are the parents whose children have died. We are the grandparents who have buried grandchildren. We are the siblings whose brothers and sisters no longer walk with us through life. We come together as Bereaved Parents of the USA to provide a haven where all bereaved families can meet and share our long and arduous grief journeys.

We attend monthly gatherings whenever we can and for as long as we believe necessary. We share our tears, confusion, anger, guilt, frustrations, emptiness, and feelings of hopelessness so that hope can be found anew. As we accept, support, comfort and encourage each other, we demonstrate to each other that survival is possible.

Together we celebrate the lives of our children, share the joys and triumphs as well as the love that will never fade. Together we learn how little it matters where we live, our color, our affluence, or what faith we uphold as we confront the tragedies of our children's deaths. Together, strengthened by the bonds we forge at our gatherings, we offer what we have learned to each other and to every more recently bereaved family.

We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA. We Welcome You.

Remembrance

Remembrance is a golden chain
Death tries to break,
but all in vain.
To have, to love, and then to part
Is the greatest sorrow of one's
heart.

The years may wipe out many things But some they wipe out never. Like memories of those happy times When we were all together.

Authur Unknown

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