



Tampa Bay Chapter

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MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sunday, August 12, 2012

6:30 pm

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts Building, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Call Linda Delk at 813-661-0680

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, August 10, 2012

10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511

Please call Linda Delk at 813-661-0680

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting

(Normally held the first Wednesday of each month)

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

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.

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In memory of Calyx Schenecker

Strange little running girl,
So kind, So simple, So sweet,
And If you knew this running girl,
She swept you off your feet
The life of this strange running girl
was short, but fun and pure,
The life of this strange running girl
was stolen, the shot was sure
But everyone she loved,
all quirky, odd, unique,
were blessed to know this running girl,
tears streaming from their cheeks
For those who knew this running girl,
the news struck them with grief,
but she would not want them to worry,
embarrassed beyond belief
So on to you I say one thing,
strange innocent pure soul,
Just keep on running, running girl
Keep running toward your goal
- By Jacob Gassen

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Chapter News

Angel of Hope Information

www.angelofhopetampabay.com

Located at:

*Riverside Park
201 Riverhills Drive,
Temple Terrace*

Mailing Address:

*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.

Linda Delk (General Information)	(813) 661-0680
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Sue Bowditch (Adult Child)	(813) 390-9734
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Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813) 994-0707
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Traci Cooley (Drowning)	(813) 464-4525
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Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent)	(727) 410-2308
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Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813) 335-7628
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Debbie Nemitz (Long Term Illness)	(813) 907-1441
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Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of an Only Child)	(813) 340-9120
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Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	(813) 810-7169
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Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez (Se Habla Espanol)	(813) 996-4281
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Love Gifts

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, including the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

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 which includes one black and white scan of one photograph and your tribute to your child, which can include poems, stories or whatever you like. Your contribution supports the chapter and helps pay for the printing of the newsletter.

To sponsor a newsletter page, contact Traci Cooley at 813-464-4525 or coolfamily6@verizon.net. Please note that sponsorship pages are *due by the 15th of the month BEFORE the publication month.*

Address Change

If you have an address change, the Postal Service will NOT forward! They return to us—FOR A FEE, SO **PLEASE** LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS.

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.

Newsletter 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 Traci Cooley at 813-464-4525 or coolfamily6@verizon.net if you have any questions.

The Princess and the Paperback – Toni Martin

In memory of Amanda Louise Martin 12/31/1971 - 06/19/2008

When my daughter, Amanda, was seven years old we took a vacation to Casa Loma, a castle in Toronto. She'd led me on a merry chase through the stone hallways. She was beautiful, dressed in pink satin, lace and tulle, shimmering in the sunlight streaming through the narrow windows piercing the dark walls.

Amanda would pause to pirouette in the warmth of the sun, kicking up a flurry of dust motes that spilled around her like cascading sunbeams, but then, caught me off guard when she turned and waved, giving me a quick smile before racing off down the hall. She seemed to disappear before my very eyes.

Panic swept over me. I was always so afraid of losing her. From the day she was born, I could never imagine living without her. Then I heard her singing. Following the sound, she called out to me as I drew close. "Look at these dolls," she motioned to the floor to ceiling shelves lining an entire wall of the room and beckoned me to join her.

"Oh, I know where we are," I explained. "This is the Girl Guides exhibit."

"Girl Guides?"

"You know, like the Girl Scouts. Only Canadian Girl Scouts."

"I'm going to be a Girl Scout next year," she informed me nodding emphatically searching my eyes for confirmation. "I hope my uniform will be as pretty as some of the ones on these dolls."

"You'll make a beautiful Girl Scout when the time comes. But first you will be a beautiful Brownie."

Her face scrunched in an effort to hold back tears.

"All Girl Scouts are Brownies first," I assured her. "Don't worry; you have all the time in the world." Neither realizing that she would die young from complications to Lupus.

She trusted in my confidence as we spent the rest of the day exploring the decorated suites, twirling across the conservatory's pink and black marble dance floor in imaginary ball gowns, and traipsing through the underground tunnel that eventually spilled out into the stables. Running past the stalls, we imagined grand stallions still housed there. She whinnied, tossing her long, thick hair imitating a majestic horse's mane. I snorted in reply, stamping and pawing the ground before we galloped outside to lose ourselves in the maze of the five-acre estate garden. Dwarfed by colorful, flowering plants, we were cut off from the world; content to just be together.

Pointing to the spires topping the castle's turrets, she said "Let's go up there."

The spires appeared to pierce the clouds. "How?" I asked.

"There's no stopping a princess," she called over her shoulder leading the way back to the castle's main entrance. We dashed up flight after flight of narrow, winding stairs, our progress slowing considerably by the time we pushed through the corner tower door. Standing at the rampart, we stared out over the city, a strange, contemporary backdrop just beyond the stone cornice and gargoyles where our hands rested. She was at home in her castle.

Many years later, after she passed away, Casa Loma would become a bittersweet memory. I found a yellowed, dog-eared, spine-cracked paperback of *The Lost Treasure of Casa Loma*. I keep it within easy reach on my bedside table. Before drifting off to sleep, I retrace our footsteps on the castle floor plan inside the front cover reliving our trip. I know we will be together again in God's Heavenly castle. Until then, my princess, keep singing so I can find you.





Our Children . . . Remembered

So long as we live, they too shall live ... For they are a part of us as we remember them.

August Birthdays

8/18/1967-12/9/2006
M-Susan Antinora
S-Tina Baxter
GP-Joseph Harnishfeger

Bishop, Krystal Lee
8/1/1988 - 12/24/2001
P-Pam & Rick Bishop
S-Angie Valente & Missy Bishop
B-Greg Bishop
GM-Marilyn Eddy

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

Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic
08/11/94 - 08/11/94
P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo

Faber, Nicholas (Nicky) Paul
08/13/89 - 06/08/95
P - Paul & Kathy Faber
S - Danielle Faber
GP - Esther Kubler and Anna & Bobby Banks

Ferrera, Alex
8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997
P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera
B - Paolo Ferrera
GM - Magda Alvarez
Aunt - Mirta Diaz
Uncle - John Ferrera

Ferrera, Crista J.
8/23/1975 - 03/11/1997
P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera
B - Paolo Ferrera
GM - Magda Alvarez
Aunt - Mirta Diaz
Uncle - John Ferrera

Gallian, John Charles
8/8/1963 - 3/21/1998
M-Virgian Gallian
S-Paige Mask

Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr.
8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000
P - Gary & Janelle Gardner
B - Jacob Gary Gardner
GP-Betty Thatcher, Marty Thomas

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

Graves, Matthew Regan
8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000
M - Linda Graves
S - Serena Graves
B-Dutch & Allen Jr.
GF-Wilson Harmison

Harrington, Zachary Michael
Evans
8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992
P - William & Barbara Evans-Harrington
GP Wm. & Barbara Evans

Harrison, Leigh Ann
08/11/84 - 08/11/84
P-Trudy & Tim Harrison
GP-Bobbie & Jerry Meeks

Hoskins, Lauren Grace
8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004
M-Kim Hoskins

Howard, Steven T.
8/11/70 - 6/30/1999
M-Cay Pelaez

Marchetti, Katie
8/4/1989 - 3/4/2006
P-Vin & Laura Marchetti
B-Andrew Marchetti

May, Philip
8/1/1975 - 1/1/2000
P-Deryl & Jennifer May

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

Orsi, Kristen McCall
8/5/1980 - 6/27/2002
P-Kimberly & Leo Orsi
GP-Wm. & Jeanne Armiger and Stephanie & Rich Orashen

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

Parrish, Scott Douglas
8/9/79 - 1/1/02
P - Doug Parrish and P - Karla & Rick Brown
S-Sabrina Lee Shannon
GP - Juanita Bodiford & Ada Smith

Parrish, Tyler Stephen
8/6/1991 - 10/24/1991
P - June & Terry Parrish

Peel, Lee Anna Campbell
8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992
M - Patricia Campbell
S - Beth Biggs
B - Eddy Biggs
GP - Estele & James Carleton

Rose, Kailyn Dyann
8/22/2000 - 3/4/2003
M-Evelyn E. Rose
Sampson, Charles Roy
8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998
P - Paul & Susan Sampson
GP - Margaret & Clayton
Sampson and Shirley & Charles Osborne

Scragg, Keith Joseph
8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008
P-Richard & Lori
Son-Macklin
B-Matthew
S/O-Emily Popke

Shearer, Shane
08/03/73 - 12/05/89
M - Linda Shearer
SF - Keith Gregory
S - January Shearer

Sluder, Kathryn Elizabeth
8/31/1966 - 3/16/2002
P-Tom & Judy Sluder
Son-Israel
S-Theresa
B-Tom III & Keith
N/N-Brandon & Brandy, Keith II & Miranda

Steen, Michael Anthony
8/4/1956 - 6/20/2003
M-Nancy Holdren
B-Rick, David & Donald
Father to Jessica, Christine & Michelle
Married to Doreen

Thornton, Jeremiah
8/29/84 - 4/13/01
M - Tim & Sue Thornton
B - Jason
S - Amanda

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.
Author Unknown





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August Anniversaries

Blanchard, Eric Anthony
2/19/1976 - 8/3/1998
P - Barbara & Wayne Blanchard
S - Lisa, Tammy, Dawn
B - Chris & Michael
Daughter - Samantha

Cash, Christopher
9/13/1977 - 8/23/2004
M-Rita & Thomas Zvada
F-Charles & Mika Cash
Child-Leah Cash
B-Charles Cash II
GP-Gustavo & Ida Arencibia

Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic
08/11/94 - 08/11/94
P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo

Fernandez, Karen Irene
03/08/68 - 08/23/88
M - Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez
B-Rik Fernandez

Flynn, Philip
12/17/1977-8/8/2002
M-Roseanne Flynn

Gilliam, Hayden Charles
6/20/1999 - 8/4/2001
P - Sean & Marion Gilliam
Sibs - Sara & Cole
GP-Joe & Nancy Gilliam, and
Rosemarie Presbrey
GGP-Mary Gilliam & Lora
Flowers

Graves, Matthew Regan
8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000
M - Linda Graves
S - Serena Graves
B-Dutch & Allen Jr.
GF-Wilson Harmison

Harrington, Zachary Michael Evans
8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992
P - William & Barbara Evans-Harrington
GP Wm. & Barbara Evans

Harrison, Leigh Ann
08/11/84 - 08/11/84
P-Trudy & Tim Harrison
GP-Bobbie & Jerry Meeks

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

Hoskins, Lauren Grace
8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004
M-Kim Hoskins

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

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

Sampson, Charles Roy
8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998
P - Paul & Susan Sampson
GP - Margaret & Clayton Sampson
and Shirley & Charles Osborne

Shye, John David
05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994
P - Betty Jean & Charles Shye
S - Lydia and Mary Shye
B - Chuck, Mary, Lydia Shye
Father of J.D. and Justin Shye

Slaven, Minnie Leona
7/10/1972 - 8/11/2000
M-Della LaGrone
P-Delbert & Catherine Slaven
S-Charlotte, Della, Betty, Lynn,
Amelia & Sue
B-Ronnie, Jack, Del, & Delbert Jr.

Varga, Jozsef
6/11/1988 - 8/4/2007
M-Carmen Varga
B-Kiel & Bruce Senra
GP-Dorothy & Gerald Senra

Welch, Kimberly Michelle
10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003
M-Nancy Welch
Child-



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, please accept our apologies and contact

Traci Cooley at coolfamily6@verizon.net or 813-464-4525 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.

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

Time, Talk, Touch, Tears, Trust ~ Tom Sluder

Time

The hands of the clock go forward without restraint, never stopping. The clock always ticking. Hours, days, weeks, months and then years pass. Things are different now. Time by itself does not heal. **Time.**

Talk

At first words are difficult, often spoken through sobs and with a struggle in the crushing agony of expression. Somehow the story is told, grief is revealed. Other voices begin to respond with empathy and care, with compassion, understanding and comfort. Words are spoken, voices reply. **Talk.**

Touch

The comfort of a gentle touch, a hand to hold. A loving reassuring pat, a sincere hug. The silent messenger, a touch that brings quiet peace. **Touch.**

Tears

The tears of anguish flow freely, often in a fierce unstoppable gush, a rush that releases the pent up agony of grief. Tears cleanse the body, the mind, the emotions of the soul that suffers. Tears lead to the breath of relief that revives the spirit. **Tears.**

Trust

The tacit one, the one unspoken ~ **TRUST!** Trust is hopeful, humble, expecting, seeking security. Trust longs for a safe harbor, a haven of protection from the raging storm and turbulence, of tragedy. Trust seeks care, concern, compassion, peace, kindness, gentleness and love. Trust believes, trust is sincere and trust is good.

Trust is fragile, vulnerable and easily shattered. Trust, when violated, withdraws and removes itself from community. Without trust community no longer exist. **Trust.**

Helping your Child Grieve When They Go Back to School

Traci Cooley

Going back to school after the death of a sibling can be overwhelming to a child, no matter how old they are. Parents can help with the transition using some of the following tips.



~ **Talk to the teacher about what your child needs.** It is up to you to give as little or as much information as you think is beneficial to your child's bereavement process and education. If you think the teacher will judge your child because he/she is grieving, give less information.

~ **Make their teacher(s) your ally.** Ask them to talk to you about your child's experiences, behavior and academics. Keep an open line of communication.

~ **Talk to your child about how they are feeling.** It is important for your child to know they can talk to you about their feelings.

~ **Take time to play with your child or get involved in their activities.** Children are more likely to talk when they are not sitting face to face with you. If you sit with them and play a video game, do a puzzle or read together they are more likely to talk. Getting involved in their activities allows them to realize they are still important to the family even though a sibling has died. Join the PTA, volunteer in the classroom or offer to come in just to make copies for their teacher, most children enjoy having their parent around school even if they don't acknowledge them.

~ **Watch your child's behavior and grades.** Major changes in either may be a sign that your child needs to talk to someone about their grieving process.

~ **Keep your routine and expectations the same as they were before your child died.** Children crave normal, they feel safe and a sense of security if they know what to expect. If a rule was a rule before their sibling died try to keep them the same. If your house rules were homework as soon as they come in the door, that should be the same. If they participated in after school activities before encourage them to participate again (even if it is hard for you).

~ **Ask for help.** It is easy to become overwhelmed with back to school: shopping, new schedules and all the things that are necessary to get back into the routine. This is the time to ask for help from friends, family and neighbors. If it is too hard to shop for school supplies because you miss your child who died: ask someone who is already shopping to take your list and shop for you.

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.

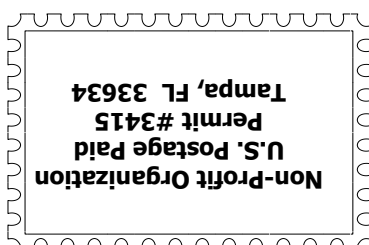
Together we celebrate the lives of our children, share the joys and triumphs as well as the love that will never fade. Together we learn how little it matters where we live, our color, our affluence, or what faith we uphold as we confront the tragedies of our children's deaths. Together, strengthened 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.

*May the stars carry your sadness away,
May the flowers fill your heart with beauty,
May hope forever wipe away your tears,
And, above all, may silence make you strong*

~ Chief Dan George

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