



Tampa Bay Chapter

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

*Michael David Holmberg
and
Matthew Cory Gallagher*

MEETING INFORMATION

Special Candle Lighting SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sunday, December 9, 2012

7:00 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 DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, December 14, 2012

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)

Wednesday, December 5, 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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**Wishing all of you a
Happy Holiday Season.**

Happy Chanukah,



Merry Christmas

and a



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.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Linda Delk has stepped down from being the leader of the Tampa Chapters of Bereaved Parents. At the present time Debbie Nemitz and Lori Scragg are sharing the responsibilities of the leadership position. If anyone is interested in being a part of the steering committee, please get in touch with us. You may call Debbie @ (813) 907-1441 or e-mail debbie.bpnews@gmail.com or lscragg@verizon.net.

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.

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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 an Only Child)	(813) 340-9120
Julie Woofter (Suicide)	(813) 754-4848
Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	(813) 810-7169
Rita Zvada (Se Habla Espanol)	(813) 961-1011
Crisis Center	211

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 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 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 due by the 15th of the month BEFORE the publication month. We will begin to do the newsletters every 2 months so both Jan & Feb will be due in December. Due to the lateness of the publication at this time, we will extend the time it is due until the 20th of December.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS MICHAEL!



Your family misses you every day.....
The Holmbergs



Our Children . . . Remembered

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

December Birthdays

Baker, Jennifer
12/13/1973 - 10/15/1995
P-Terry & Susan Baker

Barnes Hannah D. M.
12/28/94 - 12/28/94
P - Alfred & Sabrina Barnes

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

Gonzalez, Miriam
12/10/1948 - 7/26/1995
P-Fernando & Paula Lespier
S-Maria , Aida & George

Hidalgo, Christopher
12/14/1989 - 7/5/2004
M-Tammy Hidalgo

Horton, Ryan
12/21/1980 - 1/23/2005
M-Sue Horton

Libby, Josalin Katherine "Josie"
12/20/11 - 1/30/12
M- Katelin Abney
F- Joseph Libby
S - Sebrie Aronson

Lingefelt, Fiona
12/20/1989 - 10/15/2000
P - Karen & Douglas Lingefelt
B-Alexander & Andrew

Lovett, Sandra Sandy
12/3/1968 - 10/4/1997
M - Barbara Bryant

Martin, Amanda Louise
12/31/1971-6/19/2008
M- Toni Martin

Montagano, Anthony J. "Tony"
12/02/91 - 01/02/01
P-Luli and Jim Montagano
S-Alessandra Montagano
GP-Henry and Eloisa Valenzuela

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

Nemitz, Robyn Michelle
12/28/82 - 06/16/98
P - Debbie & Bill Nemitz
B - John Nemitz
GP - Laura Nemitz

Patet, Nathan Gabriel
12/18/88 - 06/10/90
P - Maritza & Jeff Patet
S - Mallory Patet & Gina Patet
GP-Gus & Lourdes Arenas and
Don and the late Betty Patet

Pitts, Joseph David
12/8/1971 - 7/16/1998
P - Ruth & Richard Pitts

Robertson, Kristi Lee
12/15/1969 - 7/29/1994
M - Janice & Joe Robertson
S - Kathy Sanchez & Karen Demeria
GM-Mildred Trigg

Rucys, Elliott Joseph
12/19/2007-1/18/2008
P-Pete & Libbie Rucys
S-Sydney & Aiden Rucys
GP-Wynn,Cheryl,Jodi Elliott and
Joe & Sandra Rucys, Nancy Alvis

Ruiz, Marcus Nelson
12/29/1996 - 11/12/2000
P - Alcida & Nelson Ruiz
S - Illana

Sasnett, Debbie Powell
12/14/1956 - 03/31/2000
P-Jackie & Billy Powell
B-Debbie & Tony
S-Penny

Thomas, Carol
12/16/1955-2/16/2003
M-Betty Thatcher
Sibs-Deb Waldfoge, Ellen Williams, on
Fran Thatcher & Gerri Hust

Waller, Lauren Marie
12/12/1990 - 4/16/2000
M - Kristine Colding & Bryan
Strahan
B-Christopher
S-Faith
GP-Joyce & Gene Waller

Williams, Paul X.
12/2/1986-12/24/2005
P-Amber & Tracy MacDonald
Sibs-Molly & Daniel Williams
GP-John & Rosemarie Binder



December Anniversaries

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

Barnes Hannah D. M.
12/28/94 - 12/28/94
P - Alfred & Sabrina Barnes

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

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

Booker, Michelle Elizabeth
3/25/1987 - 12/1/2004
P-Michael & Bonnie Booker
B-Justine & Dillon Booker
GP-Betty Nichols and Ed & Janice Falcon

Daly, Cole
9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001
M-Katie Brock

Darby, Marc Steven
3/25/1986 - 12/12/1998
P - Steve & Lori Darby
S - Cody, Austin, Benjamin
GP - John & Linda Darby

Delk, Melissa Ann
11/13/72 - 12/09/77
M - Linda Delk
B - Louis Delk
S - Meronda Brown

Donnarumma, Sophia Marie
9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004
P-Benjamin & Diane
S-Olivia
GM-Pat Donnarumma

Douglas, Christopher
11/4/1977 - 12/22/1997
M - Laren & Michael
S - Stacy & Leigh
B - Clinton

Durr, Jacob Nathaniel
7/16/1982-12/14/2009
M-Karen Durr
S-Danielle Roberts
GP-Samuel & Margaret Minton

Ellis, Douglas William
01/09/62 - 12/17/83
M - Alicia Ellis West
B-Harry Jr. & Edward Ellis

Gallagher, Matthew
8/18/92 - 12/12/11
P- Kelly & Jim Gallagher
B-Tim

Hinchey, Ronald
11/17/1974 - 12/10/1999
P - Ronald & Donna Hinchey
S - Tracy Foster

Knight, Matthew A.
9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001
P-Ron & Sandy Knight
GM-Jack & Mary Griffin &
Doris I. Knight

Lespinasse, Bryan
3/8/1991 - 12/27/2004
M-Margarett Lespinasse



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O'Berry, Michael Sean
09/13/94 - 12/15/97
P - Mike & Valerie O'Berry
B - Christopher O'Berry
GM - Linda Hoffman
A - Joyce Weil
U - Mike Kasrich

Pegram, Robin Sue
03/13/73 - 12/05/93
P - Earl & Susan Pegram
S - Jodi Pegram
B - Scooter & Craig Pegram
GM-Betty Jennings

Ramirez, Arthur, Jr.
6/10/1951 - 12/30/1997
M-Helen Ramirez

Schlechtty, Michael
2/5/59 - 12/4/01
P - Nancy & Vernon Schlechty
Children - Michael Leann & Morgan Lynn
B - Mark
S - Amy

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

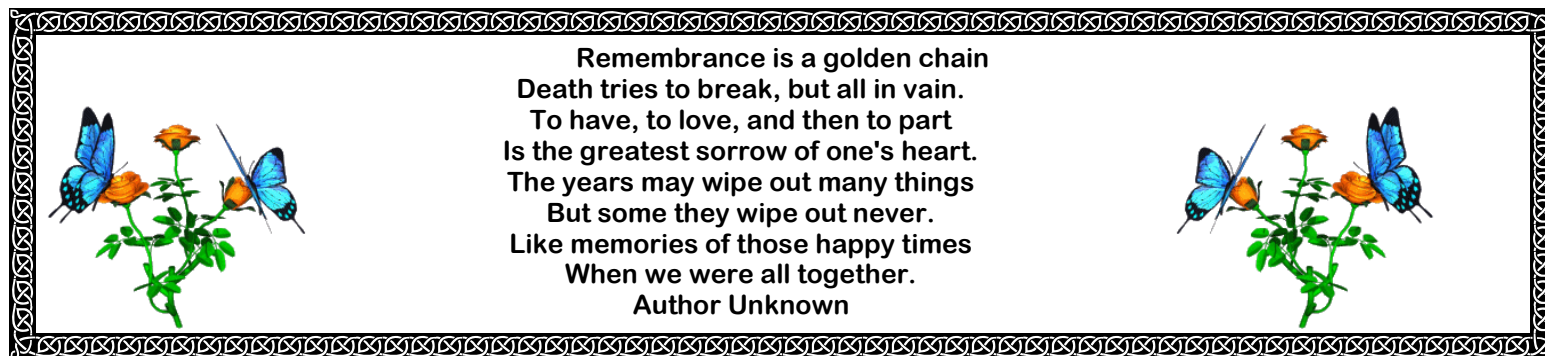
Thompson, Kimberly Karlin
5/5/1976 - 12/6/1999
P - Sam & Ingrid Thompson

Weber, Barbara Jean
6/4/1953 - 12/14/1994
P - Weldon & Jean Weber
S - Kristi, Teresa, & Pamela

Williams, Paul X.
12/2/1986-12/24/2005
P-Amber & Tracy MacDonald
Sibs-Molly & Daniel Williams
GP-John & Rosemarie Binder

Woofter, Kimberly Ann.."Kimie"
2/24/1970 - 12/25/2006
P-Julie & Steve Woofter
Children -Michael & Dystin
Sibs-Angela Huntley & Donny

Zorn, Wayne
7/15/1964 - 12/30/2006
M-Charlotte Zorn



**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.**



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 Debbie Nemitz @813-907-1441 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

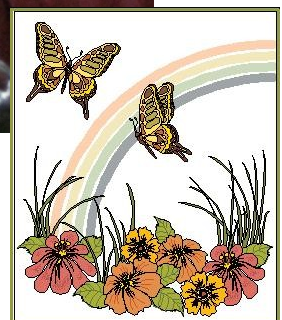


Matthew Gallagher

8/18/92 to 12/12/11



Love & Miss You!
Mom, Dad, Tim
& All Your Family and Friends





I still hear the songs
I still see the lights
I still feel your love
On cold winter nights.

I still share your hopes
and all of your cares
I'll even remind you
to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you
you still make me proud
You stand head and shoulders
above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment
to stay in his grace
I come here before you
to help set your place.

You don't have to be
perfect all the time
he forgives you the slip
if you continue to climb.

To my family and friends
please be thankful today
I'm still close beside you
in a new special way.

I love you all dearly
now don't shed a tear
cause I'm spending my
Christmas with Jesus this year

By John Mooney

For the Newly Bereaved Thoughts for the Season

by Sascha Wagner, Aurora, CO

Is this the first Holiday Season after the tragedy? Are you desperately trying not to spoil these special days for the other people in your life?

Dear Mother, Dear Father, give yourself permission to hurt and ask the others to understand. It will be better for all of you (especially for your living children). If you keep from being too brave, too polite. That makes others feel even more helpless, more distant from you, perhaps even a bit rejected.

If you can, talk very briefly to your immediate family, especially to your spouse and ask for patience, promising yours in return. Because we all react differently to great emotional strain, this can be a time of temporary estrangements in your family—this is also a time for remembering all the reasons why you loved each other in the first place.

Don't worry about feeling "Nothing". Your mind has been dealt a terrible blow, but most of your old feelings will return in time and until these old feelings do return, try also to "think" about the love for the children you still have here on earth.

Grief can bring out some very special qualities in the people around you (although often not in the ones you expected to "be there".) Do let others give you evidence of their devotion, concern, warmth, attention, empathy. After all, these are the finest gifts we can give to each other in this time of love and songs and lights. And believe me when I tell you that honesty in having your feelings is a gift in return, from you to them—wordlessly telling your children, your friends, and your helpers that you trust them and that they are appreciated.

Next year, perhaps, you can "explain" it all. For now, honor your grief, trust each other and accept the sorrows of today, however well (or poorly) you can.

We will speak of comfort and joy another time.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT /

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. 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.. Hopefully before long we will be able to begin to print them every other month. We appreciate your understanding our situation.

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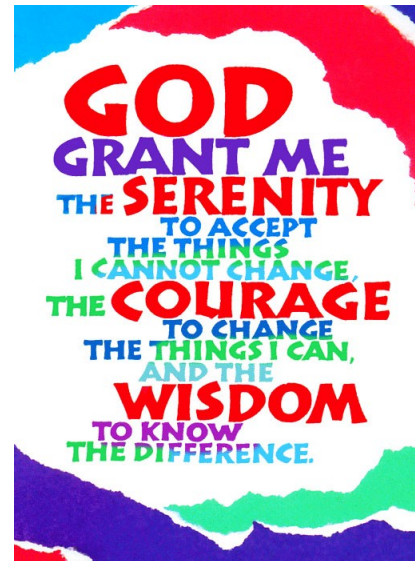
Our Credo

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.



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Please do not delay.

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