



Tampa Bay Chapter

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Tampa, Florida
33601-3226

www.bpusatampabay.com

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

February 12, 6:30 p.m. See below for a
scheduled special program

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, February 10

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 Monday each
month) Wednesday, Feb 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.



VOYAGE TO STRENGTH ON SUNNY SHORES
2012 NATIONAL GATHERING - TAMPA, FL - JUNE 29 - JULY 1, 2012



2012

BP/USA 2012 National Gathering

Hosted by the Tampa Bay Chapter

*"Voyage to Strength on Sunny
Shores"*

Join Us in Florida, the "Sunshine State"

June 29 - July 1, 2012

For more information:

Linda Delk 813-661-0680 or

Gina Casal 813-495-7539

February 2012

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

Kimberly Ann "Kimmie" Woofler

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Support Groups – A Healing Experience

By: Vera Fish

If people suggest that you go to a support group, but you are afraid to be around strangers, here are a few things you can think about.

Grief crosses all boundaries. When you are with others who have suffered the death of a loved one, the walls you have put around you can come down. To spend an hour or two with others who share a similar loss, to learn from others about the process of grief and how you might make your life less troubled or painful, is a great gift. Other survivors who have been going through this have knowledge, support, comfort to share, and you can breathe easier by opening up and letting them help ease your pain.

If you're worried or scared about attending a support group, you can make a deal with yourself: I will try it, and if I don't like it, I won't go again. But the chances are, if you attend a few times, you will begin making connections and becoming friends with others who truly know how you feel – people who won't judge you, and will truly listen to what you say. You can feel some type of relief in knowing that there are others who are willing to travel the journey of healing you are working on.

*We learn to rise above our own
grief by reaching out and
lessening the grief of others.*

Chapter News



ANGEL OF HOPE UPDATE
www.angelofhopetampabay.com
Located at :
Riverside Park
201 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace
Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 2573
Lutz, FL 33548
813.495.7539

Angel of Hope Brick Dedication
April 21, 2012
RSVP to Jackie Loadholtz
813-625-1468

Brick order deadline for the dedication is
February 14, 2012

Check the website for more information:
www.angelofhopetampabay.com/index.html

Chapter Library Books

If you have finished reading a BP/USA Library book, please, please return it to our library. There is no time limit for how long you can have a book, but the longer you borrow a book, the less opportunities other bereaved parents have to read it. We also gladly accept book donations.

Contact Tommy or Barbara Dietrich at (813) 234-4705 or visit one of our three monthly sharing meetings to return a book, arrange a donation or inquire about an available title.

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
Sue Bowditch (Adult Child)	(813) 390-9734
Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813) 994-0707
Traci Cooley (Drowning)	(813) 464-4525
Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent)	(727) 410-2308
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813) 335-7628
Debbie Nemitz (Long Term Illness)	(813) 907-1441
Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of an Only Child)	(813) 340-9120
Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	(813) 810-7169
Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez (Se Habla Espano)	(813) 996-4281
CRISIS CENTER	211

Bereaved Parents/USA National Office
Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466
Phone/Fax: (708) 748-7866
www.bereavedparentsusa.org

Love Gifts

Donated by

- Jenn Bethune in memory of her son
Ethan
- Diana Reams in memory of her son
Brian
- Michael & Julie Vincent in memory of their daughter
Ava Marie
- Rebeakah Mitchell in memory of her daughter
Brenda
- Libbie Rucys in memory of her son
Elliott
- Mary Ellen Holmberg in memory of her son
Michael
- Helen Ramirez in memory of her son
Arthur
- Mike & Pam Harris in memory of their son
Eric
- John & Joan Morrow in memory of their son
Mark
- Lor Scragg in memory of her son
Keith
- Josie Martinez in memory of her son
Joseph
- Rita Cash-Zavada in memory of her son
Christopher
- Cindy Henry in memory of her son
Sumara
- George & Jackie Lodholtz in memory of their son
Glenn
- Kathy Williams in memory of her son
Alec
- Tom & Judy Sluder in memory of their children
Toni Martin
Amanda
- Paul & Nadine Daniel in memory of their son
Michael

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.

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. Thank you!

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 in-cludes 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.**

Electronic Newsletter

The Newsletter is available electronically. To receive it by Email, send your name and email address to: coolfamily6@verizon.net and indicate your desire to switch from regular "snail" mail to email. Email recipients will also receive additional news and information, while helping our chapter save costs. We very much appreciate your cooperation by helping us out this way!

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.



Our Children . . . Remembered

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

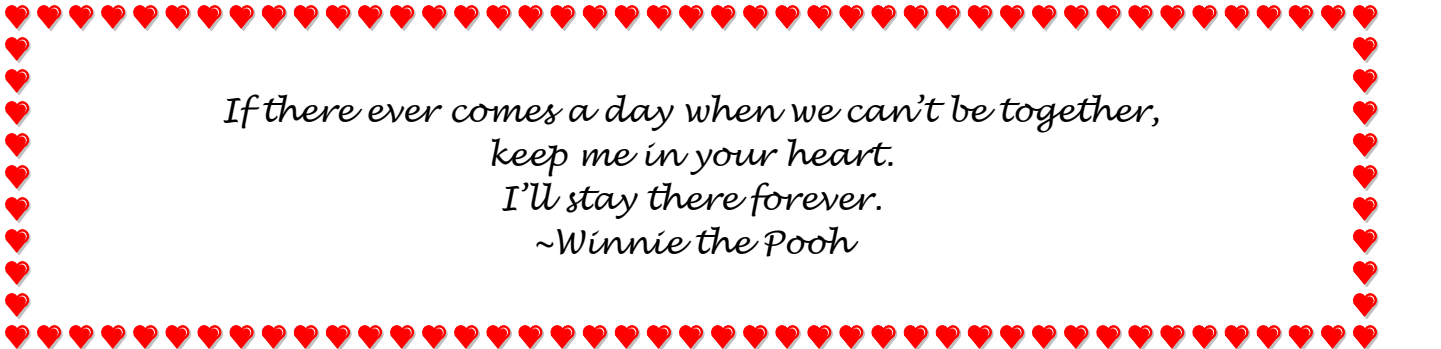
February Birthdays

Baker, Holly K. 02/11/84 - 11/15/96 M - Evonne M. Baker	Ferlita, Vincent 02/25/2011-08/23/2011 P-Russ & Lisa Ferlita	Kelley, Emmanuel 2/27-10/25/2006 M-Cynthia Kelley Aunt-Deitra Luropler Cousin -Angel Kelley	Schlechty, Michael 2/5/59 - 12/4/01 P - Nancy & Vernon Schlechty Children - Michael Leann & Morgan Lynn B - Mark and Julie S - Amy
Blanchard, Eric Anthony 2/19/1976 - 8/3/1998 P - Barbara & Wayne Blanchard S - Lisa, Tammy, Dawn B - Chris & Michael Daughter - Samantha	Gochenaur, Laci 02/15/91 - 03/23/98 P - Kelli & Chris Gochenaur S - Jacee & Riley Gochenaur GP - Ronald & Clarine Barton M - Pat Dukes	Kenefick, Aaron Michael 2/5/1979-9/8/2009 M-Susan Price B-Jacque & Jade GM-Carol Price	Stallard, Judy Lynn 02/28/1981 - 04/24/1981 M-Patricia (Stallard) Bass F-Joe Stallard
Blazowich, Anthony "Tony" Michael 2/20/1984-4/5/2006 M-Marianne & Daniel Sr. Blazowich B-Daniel, Jr. S-Jennifer	Hafford, Lauren Elizabeth 2/17/1977 - 4/13/1999 P - Gwen & John Hafford S - Lindsay & Lesley Hafford	Kowall, Spec. Corey J. 2/1/1989-9/20/2009 M-Kelly Kowall Sibs-Kyla Tackett & Kristen Kowall GP-Marshall & Marty Schoeff	Thompson, Scott 2/18/1985-5/12/2006 M-Martha Thompson
Brown, Joshua Aaron 2/3/1982-5/8/2008 M-Tami Porter	Harris, Eric Michael 2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003 P-Mike & Pam Harris B-Mark GM-Joan Matthews & Verna Harris	Petrelis, Marcle 02/28/09-11/02/2010 P-Matthew & Shavonn Petrelis	Widoff, Craig 2/2/1951-4/27/2002 M-Lucille Widoff Child-Andrea Widoff Sibs-Preston & Pamela
Burger, Jeffrey Robin 02/05/61 - 04/20/97 M - Cecelia Burger B - Hal & Curt Burger	Head, Tyler Wade 2/21/1995 - 7/15/2004 M-Tammy Hill F-Jerry Toloff GF-German Toloff	Robertson, Ty Kristan 2/4/1979 - 3/29/2003 P-Jim & Teresa Farmer S-Toni-Danielle Robertson B-Chris Farmer GM-Wanda Warren Children-Taylor Morris, Trystan & Jordan Robertson St. Peter, Alexis (Gibson) 2/2/1980-4/28/2008 P-Karyl St.Peter	Wisner, James R. 2/20/1982 - 2/24/1999 P - Wayne & Sharen Wisner S - Crystal Wisner
Caldwell-Faught,Thomas 2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003 M-Shannon Caldwell	Hernandez, Rebecca 02/10/89 - 01/28/91 P - Regla & Pedro Hernandez		Woofter, Kimberly Ann "Kimie 2/24/1970 - 12/25/2006 P-Julie & Steve Woofter S-Angela Huntley B-Donny Killian
Feanny, Jonathan 2/22/2005-2/22/2005 M-Elham Feanny	Jackson Soraya 2/26/1997-8/17/2006 M-Catherine Creen		

February Anniversaries

Asci, Jason 8/19/1979-2/7/2008 F-Brian Asci Children-AJ & Adriana	Harris, Charlotte Marie 1/23/2004 - 2/3/2004 P-Tony & Debra Harris	Nadir, Peter 4/6/1971 - 2/8/2003 M-Barbar Nadir S-Sue McFowan	Short, Kimberley 10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993 P - Terrance & Sue Short
Castellano, Lina 9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004 P-Sam & Jean Castellano	Jacobson, Nathan 11/8/1994-2/16/2008 P-Amy & Pete Jacobson	Owens, Kenny Dwayne 6/27/1961 - 2/25/2005 P-Jimmy & Sylvia Mingo S-Tina Jernigan & Donna	Supple, Bart Patrick 07/25/59 - 02/14/94 P - Bart & Toni Supple
Engdahl, Andrew 07/15/87 - 02/05/94 P - Rick & Vicky Engdahl S - Stephanie Engdahl B - Joey Engdahl	Lane, Matthew Alexander 6/22/2001 - 2/13/2003 M-Mary Ann Muschick S-Nikol B-Devvin GP-Hieu & David Muschick	Parrish, Randy 08/22/57 - 02/10/97 M - Juanita Bodiford B - Dough Parrish	Thomas, Carol 12/16/1955-2/16/2003 M-Betty Thatcher S-Deb Waldfoge, Ellen Williams, Fran Thatcher, Gerri Huston
Feanny, Jonathan 2/22/2005-2/22/2005 M-Elham Feanny	Loadholtz, Glenn Edward 11/25/1969 - 2/15/2005 P-George & Jackie Loadholtz S-Gwen Walkowiak	Pittman, Cynthia Marie 1/25/1978 - 2/23/2003 P-Charles & Joan Pittman	Willis, Melody 8/10/1971-2/27/2010 F-Martin Willis
Hadley, Katrina 11/17/1961 - 2/4/2006 M-Grace Therman	Murphy, Mark Lawrence 12/22/1968 - 2/21/2000 M - Rosalie Baum B - John Murphy	Shemela, Kenneth 6/24/1964 - 2/19/2009 P-Bill & Barbara Shemela B-Bill Shemela, Jr.	Wisner, James R. 2/20/1982 - 2/24/1999 P - Wayne & Sharen Wisner S - Crystal Wisner

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.



VOYAGE TO STRENGTH ON SUNNY SHORES

2012 NATIONAL GATHERING - TAMPA, FL - JUNE 29 - JULY 1, 2012

**WYNDHAM WESTSHORE TAMPA****REGISTRATION 30.00 PER PERSON****7 MEAL PACKAGE 125.00****INCLUDES: 3 BREAKFASTS, 2 LUNCHES & 2 DINNERS**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BRUCE MURAKAMI
FROM THE 2007 HALLMARK MOVIE
CROSSROADS: A STORY OF FORGIVENESS

WE WILL HAVE OVER 60 WORKSHOPS TO OFFER HEALING AND HOPE.
 CLOSING ON SUNDAY WILL BE A TRIP TO THE ANGEL OF HOPE IN TEMPLE TERRACE.
 MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS WEEKEND WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOMETHING FOR THE BUTTERFLY BOUTIQUE IN MEMORY OF YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CALL JULIE WOOFER-813-754-4848

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY OR THINGS FOR THE TABLES OR FOR OUR GOODIE BAGS..PLEASE CALL...JULIE WOOFER..813-754-4848

ALL HANDS ON DECK! WE WILL NEED A LOT OF HELP TO SET THINGS UP ON TUESDAY (6/26/12) AND WEDNESDAY (6/27/12) BEFORE THE GATHERING. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
LINDA DELK 813-661-0680 OR
GINA CASAL 813-495-7539

BP/USA 2012 National Gathering
 Hosted by the Tampa Bay Chapter
"Voyage to Strength on Sunny Shores"

Hotel Accommodations**Wyndham Tampa Westshore Hotel**

700 N. Westshore Blvd.

Tampa FL, 33609

www.wyndhamhoteltampa.com

To make reservations call the hotel at 813-289-8200.

Tell the reservation agent you are with the Bereaved Parents of the USA Group.

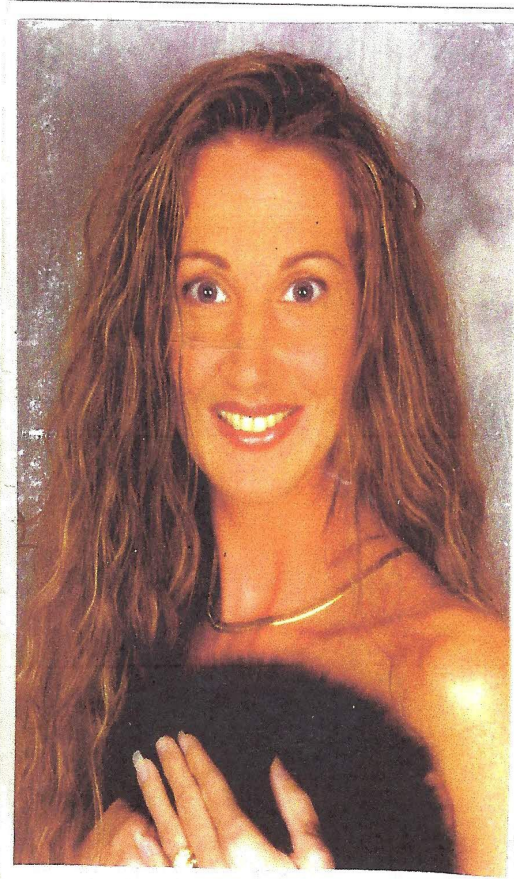
The BP/USA discounted room rate is \$94.00 plus tax for a double or king size room for up to four people per room. This discounted rate is available for any night from Friday June 22nd through Tuesday July 3rd

Reservations at this rate must be made by June 12th, 2012.

Workshop Presenter Applications are available online at

<http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/Gathering.html>





"I will never forget you my people. I have carved you on the palm of my hand."

I constantly discover that we're all broken...just in different ways. This is how God knows us...by our wounds. If you experience many difficulties in life, you were designed to bear them. We all have a personal pool of quick sand inside us. When we begin to sink and need friends and family to find us and remind us of the good that has been and will be, our tears are a mystical grace.

Our job as survivors of grief and despair is to bear witness to carry the torch of **hope** for all who journey through the valley of the "shadow of death" and out again. It's up to those of us who get to see the view beyond that valley, to share it. Life from a survivor's point of view, looks pretty good every day.

The good you do for yourself ends with you. The good you do for others, goes on for eternity.

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, she became a butterfly.



In Loving Memory of

Kimie

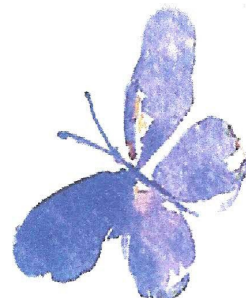
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Love,

Michael & Dustyn [sons]

Julie [mom], Steve [dad (step)], Donnie [brother], & Angela [sister]



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.

*And if I go, while you're still here...
know that I live on, vibrating to a
different measure, behind a thin veil
you cannot see through.
You will not see me, so you must
have faith. I wait for the time when
we together again, both aware
of each other.
Until then, live your life to its fullest
and, when you need me, just whisper my
name in your heart. I will be
there.*

By Emily Dickinson



“Getting on with living doesn’t mean par-
ents have to feel disloyal to their child’s
memory. Recovering doesn’t mean you
have to forget. You will always remember.
So “why not remember the good things in
your child’s life.”

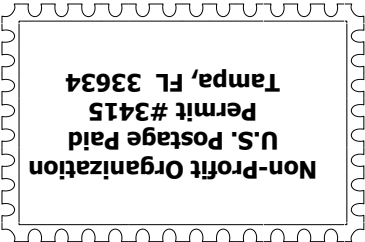
Katherine Donnelly

I thought of you today but that is nothing new. I thought about you
yesterday, and the days before that too. I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name. All I have are memories and a picture in a
frame. Your memory is a keepsake, from which I’ll never part. God has
you in his hands, I have you in my heart.

Address Correction Requested



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Please do not delay.



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