



Tampa Bay Chapter

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*This newsletter is lovingly
sponsored by the families of:
Larry D. Garcia
and
Judy Lynn Stallard*

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)
Sundays, January 10 and February 14, 2016
6:30-8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital
Medical Arts Building, Auditorium
3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tampa, FL
Call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946
for directions or information.

Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas
(held the second Friday each month)

Fridays, January 8 and February 12, 2016
10:00 AM to Noon

First United Methodist Church Office Bldg
120 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL
Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-501-9567
for directions or information.

Regular Monthly NIGHTTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas
(held the last Thursday each month)

Thursdays January 28 and February 25, 2016
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

First United Methodist Church Office Bldg
120 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL
Call Charles L'Homme at 813-335-7628
for directions or information.

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The holidays are over now. Hopefully all of you were able to find something to enjoy during this holiday season in spite of missing your child. Sometimes people find that it can be even more depressing after the holidays are over, as there are no longer festivities or shopping to engage their attention and keep them busy. We hope that 2016 will be a good one for you. Hopefully the winter will not be overly cold or hard on you and remember that spring with the hope of new life is just around the corner.

Be well!
Debbie

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.

Debbie Nemitz (General Information and Long Term Illness)	(813) 501-9567
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

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.

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PRICE ADJUSTMENT TO Sponsor A Newsletter Page

Since we no longer print the newsletter, we have decided to reduce the costs of the memorial pages. Anyone can sponsor a page in this newsletter in memory of their child. The price for a **full page is \$30** which includes photographs and your tribute to your child (poems, stories or whatever you like). You may also choose a **half page for \$15**. Your contribution supports the chapter.

As an incentive to have more help to run the chapter, we are giving all of the steering committee members one free page each year.

To sponsor a newsletter page, contact Debbie Nemitz @ 813-501-9567 or at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com. Please note that sponsorship pages are due by the 25th of the month BEFORE the publication month. We publish every 2 months.

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 Debbie Nemitz @813-501-9567 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

In Loving Memory of Judy Lynn Stallard February 28, 1981 to April 24, 1981



Dear Judy Lynn,

Happy Birthday!!! I want to wish you the best birthday ever!!! It's hard to believe it's been 34 years since you left my arms to go to the arms of Jesus. I love you, miss you, and want you to know that I haven't forgotten you. Your time here with us was short, but I know one day we will get to spend eternity together. I am so grateful God blessed ME with getting to be your Mom. Have a wonderful, fantastic birthday!!!

I love you and miss you - Love, Mom (Pat Bass)





Our Children . . . Remembered

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

January Birthdays

Baker, Brendolyn Joyce Butterfly 1/1/1948 - 11/9/1990 M - Rebeckah Mitchell SF - Daniel Mitchell B - Daniel Leroy Mitchell S - Sharolyn Mitchell, Rhondolyn Shedrick, Lerolyn Capehart, and Angelyn Capehart	Harrill, Jason 1/23/1984 - 6/12/2006 P-Bonnie & David Harrill S-Michelle "MiMi"	Popkin, Kalyn 1/23/09 - 7/11/13 P - Stacy & Robert Popkin	Thornton, Teresa E. 01/12/66 - 09/24/81 P - Ken & Mirta Thornton S - Lisa Buckner B - Nick Thornton GP-Tony & Berneda Pino
Clark, Deborah Denise 1/19/1969 - 3/23/2002 M-Ethel Helms S-Valencia Clark B-James Jr. & Jerel GP-Luella Buford & John L.Clark	Harris, Charlotte Marie 1/23/2004 - 2/3/2004 P-Tony & Debra Harris	Powers, Geoffrey A. 1/23/1983 - 7/1/2005 M-Diane Tower Sisters-Lana & Nikki Powers	Wilds, Matthew Leland 01/12/74 - 01/13/95 P - Steven and Karen Catlin B - Daniel Scott Wilds
DeLosSantos, Ailen 1/6/1975-5/5/2009 M-Elena Franklin B-Orlando DeLosSantos Jr.	Hughes, Jessica Alexis 1/13/86 - 5/11/02 F - Michael Hughes	Rodriquez, Edwin (Eddy) Jr. 1/11/1971 - 7/28/1993 M-Bertha Dominquez	
Diaz, Alexandra 01/28/98 - 01/28/98 P - Llz & Joaquin Diaz	Jones, Sherry 1/18/1971 - 4/27/2000 M - Brenda Copeland	Rogers, Jason R. 01/08/78 - 03/21/90 P-James Roy & Elaine Rogers B-Justin & Jacob Rogers GP-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez	
Durcan, Andrea Lynn 01/15/1991 - 03/31/1991 P - David & Dixie Durcan S - Lindsey & Lauren Durcan GP-Marie B. Corcoran	Kent, Jesse David 1/6/1981-1/7/2001 P-Bonita & Greg Kent Child-Zoe Sibs-Lali & Daniele GP-Mimi& Grandpa Jim & Grandma Susie	Russell, Karron Michelle 1/20/1967 - 9/12/2000 P - Ben & Sue Bowditch and Children - Brytani, Derak & Melody Sisters - Catherine, Roben & Laurie Bobby Jr. & Scott GP-Cathren Dickerson and Jimmy & Kay Sensenev	
Ellis, Douglas William 01/09/62 - 12/17/83 M - Alicia Ellis West B-Harry Jr. & Edward Ellis	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	Schneider, Adam 01/29/71 - 10/23/75 P - Bill & Georgia Schneider	
Feierstadt, Keith 01/13/75 - 01/16/94 P - Donna & Sy Feierstadt B - Robert Feierstadt	Miulli, Matthew Michael 11/27/1987-1/19/2005 P-Jim & Kathy Miulli GP-Rudy Prehnal and Mike & Sue Miulli	St. Martin-Hamm, Sydney Chanel 1/9/1997 - 7/21/2003 M-Joy St. Martin & the late Rusty Hamm GP-Ramon & Rita Hamm	
Gonzalez, Tarik C. 1/16/1976 - 10/12/2007 M-Susan Zapata GM-Jacqueline Rodriguez	Pispitos, Richard John 01/23/72 - 09/14/98 P - Catherine Webb & Philip Finkelstein S - Michelle Webb GP-Anne & Owen Beglane	Stoeltzing, William (Bill) W. 01/02/57 - 05/09/02 P - Bill & Elvira Stoeltzing S - Cecille Parido Father to Eaton & Brent	
	Pittman, Cynthia Marie 1/25/1978 - 2/23/2003 P-Charles & Joan Pittman		



January Anniversaries

Brady, Mark A. 09/27/57 - 01/03/89 M - Margaret Brady S -Margaret J. Bruner B - Hayward L. "Bubba" Brady, Jr. GP-Wallace & Josephine Bagley & Wm. & Cinderalla Brady	Diaz, Alexandra 01/28/98 - 01/28/98 P - Llz & Joaquin Diaz	Harris, Joshua 1/22/2004 P-Charles & Debra Harris	Jakenbowski, John 4/18/1968-1/15/2008 M-Marsha Shemela B-Jason Jakenbowski
DeRoche, Cameron Gaines 04/11/89 - 01/25/95 P - Peggy & Karl DeRoche S - Mary Amber DeRoche	Feierstadt, Keith 01/13/75 - 01/16/94 P - Donna & Sy Feierstadt B - Robert Feierstadt	Hernandez, Rebecca 02/10/89 - 01/28/91 P - Regla & Pedro Hernandez	Kent, Jesse David 1/6/1981-1/7/2001 P-Bonita & Greg Kent Child-Zoe Sibs-Lali & Daniele GP-Mimi& Grandpa Jim & Grandma Susie
	Garcia, Larry D. 11/8/1983 - 1/10/2007 M-Consuelo Rios	Horton, Ryan 12/21/1980 - 1/23/2005 M-Sue Horton	

January Anniversaries cont'd

Lane, Jim
9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005
M-Carol Lane

Martini, Michael Gerard
6/18/1964 - 1/26/2009
P-Dianne Ezell & Michael
B-Pamela Martini
Niece - Destiny Martin

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

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

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

Rivera, Damian Elijah
11/19/2001 - 01/10/2002
M-Nicole Rivera

Robinson, Ashley Lauren
05/20/94 - 01/16/96
P - Sara & Tim Robinson
S - Morgan Ashley Robinson

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

Sampson, Lois Kathleen
5/4/01 - 1/24/14
P - Cindy & Brad Sampson
GP - Lucy Sampson, Earl & Darlene Coleman,
Irma Harris, & Meemaw "Yvonne" Hendrix
U - Wally Stewart

Thompson, Timothy A.
10/27/70 - 01/07/93
P- Bettie & Richard Thompson

Walker, Nick
11/12/1983 - 1/11/2001
M - Denise Walker
GM - Shirley Walker

Wheeler, Clifford Denmark
11/1/1979 - 1 /18/1996
M-Donna Wheeler
B-John, James & Duane
GP-Lynn & Marcel Baker



*Larry, missing you since
January 10, 2007*



What shall we say to parent who have living children? We have spoken of those that are dead, what shall we say of the living? I think I might say, reserve your tears, bereaved parents, for the children that live. You may go to the little grave, you may look upon it and say, "This my child is saved; it resteth for ever beyond all fear of harm." You may come back to those who are sitting round your table, and you can look from one to the other and say, "These my children, many of them are unsaved." Out of God, out of Christ, some of them are just ripening into manhood and into womanhood, and you can plainly see that their heart is like every natural heart, desperately wicked. There is subject for weeping for you. I pray you never cease to weep for them until they have ceased to sin, never cease to hope for them until they have ceased to live; never cease to pray for them until you yourself cease to breathe. Carry them before God in the arms of faith, and do not be desponding because they are not what you want them to be. They will be won yet if you have but faith in God. Do not think that it is hopeless. He that saved you can save them. Take them one by one constantly to God's mercy-seat and wrestle with Him, and say, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." The promise is unto you and to your child, even to as many as the Lord your God shall call. Pray, strive, wrestle, and it shall yet be your happy lot to see your household saved. This was the word which the apostle gave to the gaoler, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." We have had many proofs of it,

February Birthdays

Baker, Holly K.
02/11/84 - 11/15/96
M - Evonne M. Baker

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

Blazowich, Anthony "Tony" Michael
2/20/1984 - 4/5/2006
M-Marianne & Daniel Sr. Blazowich
B-Daniel, Jr.
S-Jennifer

Matt Bridgmon
2/11/1978 - 11/4/1996
M- Jean Bridgmon

Brown, Joshua Aaron
2/3/1982 - 5/8/2008
M-Tami Porter

Burger, Jeffrey Robin
02/05/61 - 04/20/97
M - Cecelia Burger
B - Hal & Curt Burger

Caldwell - Faight, Thomas
2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003
M-Shannon Caldwell

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

Ferlita, Vincent
02/25/2011—08/23/2011
P-Russ & Lisa Ferlita

Gochenaur, Laci
02/15/91 - 03/23/98
P - Kelli & Chris Gochenaur
S - Jacee & Riley Gochenaur
GP - Ronald & Clarine Barton
M - Pat Dukes

Hafford, Lauren Elizabeth
2/17/1977 - 4/13/1999
P - Gwen & John Hafford
S - Lindsay & Lesley
Hafford

Harris, Eric Michael
2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003
P-Mike & Pam Harris
B-Mark
GM-Joan Matthews & Verna Harris

Head, Tyler Wade
2/21/1995 - 7/15/2004
M-Tammy Hill
F-Jerry Toloff
GF - German Toloff

Hernandez, Rebecca
02/10/89 - 01/28/91
P - Regla & Pedro Hernandez

Jackson Soraya
2/26/1997-8/17/2006
M-Catherine Green

Kelley, Emmanuel
2/27-10/25/2006
M-Cynthia Kelley
Aunt-Deitra Luropler
Cousin -Angel Kelley

Kenefick, Aaron Michael
2/5/1979-9/8/2009
M-Susan Price
B-Jacque & Jade
GM-Carol Price

Kowall, Spec. Corey J.
2/1/1989-9/20/2009
M-Kelly Kowall
Sibs-Kyla Tackett &
Kristen Kowall
GP-Marshall & Marty Schoeff

Lakhani, Nadeem
2/9/76 - 7/21/14
F - Ameer Lakhani

Petrelis, Marcle
02/28/09-11/02/2010
P-Matthew & Shavonn
Petrelis

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

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

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

Thompson, Scott
2/18/1985-5/12/2006
M-Martha Thompson

Widoff, Craig
2/2/1951-4/27/2002
M-Lucille Widoff
Child-Andrea Widoff
Sibs-Preston & Pamela

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

Woofter, Kimberly Ann "Kimie"
2/24/1970 -12/25/2006
P-Julie & Steve Woofter
S-Angela Huntley
B-Donny Killian



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

Joseph III, Andrew
3/30/99 - 2/7/14
P - Deanna & Andrew Joseph Jr

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

Rodriguez, Jaytee
8/25/78 - 2/27/14
P - Angel & Maria Rodriguez

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

February Anniversaries cont'd

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 Waldfoege, 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



Thank you to the following for their donations this holiday season.

Christina Daws
In memory of daughter
Catherine Novak Lane

Sandy Salas
In memory of son
David Jeremy Salas

Patricia Velazquez
In memory of son
Val Velazquez

Barbara Riches
In memory of son
Anthony Joe Mack

Karen & Dan Price
In memory of daughter
Karissa Danielle Price

Sandy Boehnig
In memory of granddaughter
Caylee Marie Cepero

Patti & Dave Wilson
In memory of daughter
Lisa A. Wilson

Debbie Nemitz
In memory of daughter
Robyn Michelle Nemitz

Lori & Richard Scragg
In memory of son
Keith Joseph Scragg

Julie & Steve Woofert
In memory of daughter
Kimberly Ann "Kimie"

Charles L'Homme
In memory of son
Ryan L'Homme

Jackie Mentor
In memory of son
Kenric Titer

Stacy Popkin
In memory of daughter
Kalya Alissa Popkin

Christy Jones
In memory of daughter
Makayla Romines

Leandra & Jeff Grigsby
In memory of daughter
Caitlyn Marie Bradley

George & Jackie Loadholtz
In memory of son
Glenn Edward Loadholtz

Rita Zvada
In memory of son
Capt. Christopher G. Cash

Sandra & Paul Maynard
In memory of daughters
Susan Claudine Maynard and
Pamela Lynn Maynard

Pamela Martini
In Memory of brother
Michael Gerard Martini

We also thank all of you who
made cash donations.

Thanks also not only to those
who donated baskets and are
listed, but to those who
participated in the raffle as that
enabled us to generate funds to
help us run the chapter.

Thanks also to all of you who
brought food for the event and
thanks also to those who made
the time to come make the
Candle Lighting a special
Event.



Candle Lighting
Welcome and Sign In
Table

The special candles are
lit by various partici-
pants.



The Candle Lighting was held on December 13, 2015. It was a very nice ceremony, and we had good attendance. There was a good response to the gift basket raffle. Again we wish to thank Wes Schaef for donating his time and talents to make our picture presentation possible. We also thank all of the steering committee members and those who came beforehand or stayed afterwards to help get ready and clean up. Thanks also to Dan and Karen Price who donated carnations to be handed out and to Lori Scragg who donated a Christmas tree and made ornaments in memory of their children. Thanks to all of you who attended.



Thanks to everyone who helped make this years raffle a success. We had many gift baskets (some donated by our members and others by the chapter). Those who attended were eager to try to win them.



One of the attendees is checking out the Butterfly Boutique.



The Butterfly Boutique is set up with items for sale. Bill, was ready to make buttons for those who brought in their pictures to create them.

To My Dearest Family:

Some things I'd like to say but, first of all, to let you know that I arrived okay.
I'm writing this from Heaven where I dwell with God above, where there are no more tears or sadness. There is just eternal love.
Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.
That day I had to leave you, when my life on Earth was through,
God picked me up and hugged me and He said "I welcome you.
It's good to have you back again. You were missed while you were gone.
As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.
I need you here so badly, as part of My big plan.
There's so much that we have to do to help our mortal man.
Then God gave me a list of things He wished for me to do.
Foremost on that list of mine is to watch and care for you,
And I will be beside you, every day and week and year.
And when you're sad, I'm standing there to wipe away the tear.
And when you lie in bed at night, the days chores put to flight,
God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night.
When you think of my life on Earth and all those loving years,
because you're only human, they are bound to bring you tears.
But, do not be afraid to cry. It does relieve the pain
Remember, there would be no flowers unless there was some rain.
I wish that I could tell you of all that God has planned,
but, if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.
But one thing is for certain, though my life on Earth is o're,
I am closer to you now than I ever was before.
And to my very many friends - trust God knows what is best.
I'm still not far away from you. I'm just beyond the crest.
There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb,
but together we can do it taking one day at a time.
It was always my philosophy, and I'd like it for you, too,
that as you give unto the World, so the World will give to you.
If you can help somebody who is in sorrow or in pain,
then you can say to God at night my day was not in vain.
And now I am contented that my life it was worthwhile,
knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.
So if you meet somebody who is down and feeling low,
just lend a hand to pick him up as on your way you go.
When you are walking down the street,
and you've got me on your mind... I'm walking in your footsteps,
only half a step behind. And when you feel the gentle breeze,
or the wind upon your face, that's me giving you a great big hug
or just a soft embrace. And when it's time for
you to go
from that body to be free, remember you're not going...
You are coming here to me. And I will always love you
from that land way up above. Will be in touch again soon.
P.S. God sends His Love
Author Unknown

Don't Tell Me

Please don't tell me you know how I feel,
 Unless you have lost your child too.
 Please don't tell me my broken heart will heal,
 Because that is just not true.
 Please don't tell me my son is in a better place,
 Though it is true, I want him here with me.
 Don't tell me someday I'll hear his voice, see his
 face,
 Beyond today I cannot see.
 Don't tell me it is time to move on,
 Because I cannot.
 Don't tell me to face the fact he is gone,
 Because denial is something I can't stop.
 Don't tell me to be thankful for the time I
 had,
 Because I wanted more.
 Don't tell me when I am my old self you will
 be glad,
 I'll never be as I was before.
 What you can tell me is you will be here for
 me,
 That you will listen when I talk of my child.
 You can share with me my precious memo-
 ries,
 You can even cry with me for a while.
 And please don't hesitate to say his name,
 Because it is something I long to hear every-
 day.
 Friend please realize that I can never be the
 same,
 But if you stand by me,

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Due to the question regarding copyright laws, I have chosen to share the location of an
 article that I feel is worth sharing rather than taking a chance and copying it here.

"Grief After the Holidays" <http://www.alacare.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Grief-after-holidays.pdf>

While searching for articles I ran across a site that even has a lot of videos that might
 be helpful to some of you. I definitely think it is worth checking out.

<http://grief.com/loss-of-a-child/>

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

We have added a new page to our website and to our newsletter. It will be for ongoing fund raisers. There are already a couple of companies who 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 advertise, please get in touch with Debbie by calling 813-501-9567 or emailing debbie.bpnews@gmail.com.

Please check out the first two companies who are participating. There is more information on our site.



Please check this page out. The link on our website will take you to their website where you can order one of these very well made, soft, beautiful angels with long arms and a Velcro closure so they can actually hug you. Be sure to go through the link on our webpage so that Bereaved Parents gets the generous amount being donated with each purchase.

Thanks to those who have ordered from Heavenly Hug. We appreciate your support.

<http://www.bpusatampabay.com/>



You can get to Deb's Soy Candles, Cards and More through the BP website. You can also go directly to www.debssoycandles.com. Candles make a great gift and with the holidays approaching, consider ordering custom soy candles. You choose the container, color and fragrance.



We are happy to present our newest fund raiser **Rosemary's Angels**

We sold these at the Candle Lighting. We still have some and will take orders if we sell out.



This angel is about 2 inches tall with a wing span of 1 ½ inches. It is all silver except for the pearl head and gold halo.

Can be purchased with bail, pin, or visor clip.

Cost \$15.00

The Christmas ornament is molded and plated. A ribbon is put through the hole at top of the angel (bail) so it can be hung on the tree. I added the butterfly because of your organization symbol. This ornament is about 3 inches tall, wing span about 2 1/4 , all silver except for the gold butterfly and halo. The ornament is heavier than the angel pins. Also a name can be engraved on the back of the angel ornament.

Cost \$20.00



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.

Empathy is your pain

in my heart.

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