

*This months' newsletter is lovingly  
sponsored by the families of:*

*Keith Joseph Scragg  
Matthew Gallagher*



## Tampa Bay Chapter

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### MEETING INFORMATION

#### **Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting**

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays July 13 and August 10, 2014

6:30 PM to 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, July 11 and August 8, 2014

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 July 31 and August 28, 2014

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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July 2014						

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August 2014						

The summer is here and with it more family vacations and get togethers. This can often be difficult because we are always aware of someone missing (our deceased child). Sometimes it is made worse when others seem to act as if nothing has changed...their lives have moved on as if nothing is different. We generally would like to think that someone else misses our child besides ourselves. Try to enjoy these gatherings and remember that in most cases our loved ones mean no harm..

Debbie Nemitz

# Chapter News

## Angel of Hope Information

[www.angelofhopetampabay.com](http://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](http://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, including the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

Thanks for your generous donations:

Barbara & Wayne Blanchard  
Angel & Maria Rodriguez

### 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 Debbie Nemitz @ 813-907-1441 or at [debbie.bpnews@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.bpnews@gmail.com). 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 Debbie Nemitz @813-501-9567 or [debbie.bpnews@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.bpnews@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Metamorphosis Butterfly Farm**

4408 Joe Sanchez Rd., Plant City, FL, 33565, USA.  
Phone: 813-716-1565. Fax: .

Web: <http://www.metamorphosisbutterflyfarm.com>

Email: [Rhonda Stephens](mailto:Rhonda.Stephens@metamorphosisbutterflyfarm.com)



Again a special thanks to the Metamorphosis Butterfly Farm who generously donated all of the butterflies to us. Thanks to all of you who participated in the butterfly release. including:

Angel & Maria Rodriguez, Brad & Cindy Sampson, Karen & Dan Price, Yolanda & Ozzie Patina, Rita Zvada, Patty & David Wilson, Barbara & Wayne Blanchard, Mary Ellen Holmberg, Sandy Boehnig, Kelly Gallagher, Connie Pike,, Nedda Wilson, Lori Scragg, Debbie Nemitz, Julie Woofter, Carolyn , Marivic Kutz, Andrew & Deanna Joseph.  
(If I left out anyone I apologize).



One Butterfly was willing to pose for us. Lori took it out of the envelope as she had seen Rhonda do, and she placed it on various hands for photos. It was very cool since most of them had flown away before pictures could be taken.





## Our Children . . . Remembered

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

### July Birthdays

Banda, Selena  
7/6/2002 - 3/4/2004  
P - Richard & Susan Banda

Buth, Andy Armstrong  
7/21/1985 - 10/15/2010  
F - Joseph Buth  
M - Karen Olson

Butler, Mark Anthony  
7/7/1977 - 11/24/2001  
P - Ray & Chris Butler  
GM - Alice Butler

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

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

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

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

Griner, Matthew Ian  
7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006  
P - George & Barbara Griner  
B - Daniel & Kurt  
GP - Bill and Ann Griner

Henry, Sumara Raquel  
07/12/88 - 09/18/93  
P - Louis & Cindy Henry  
GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry

Hester, Debbie  
7/25/1998 - 10/14/61  
P - Buddy & Sue Butler

Knox, Patricia Lynn  
7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997  
M - Shelby Jean McClure

Lalis, Timothy  
07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001  
P - Gregg Lalis & Elisabeth Schulten  
B - Andrew & Klaus Lalis

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

McMillion, James Christopher  
7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003  
GP - Ralph & Martha Hamilton

Roberson, Richard Joseph  
07/23/1959 - 06/02/1997  
P - Richard & Jeannette Roberson  
S - Sue & Shelfy  
B - Randy

Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette  
7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996  
M - Lillian Wiebeld  
F - Dick Russo  
B - Rick and Nelson Russo

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

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.

Steen, Donald Kenneth  
7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960  
M - Nancy Holdren  
B - Richard, David & Michael

Supple, Bart Patrick  
07/25/59 - 02/14/94  
P - Bart & Toni Supple

Tarez, Kami  
7/1/1980 - 3/1/2006  
M - Leigh Tarez

Vallee, Scott Gerard  
7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004  
P - Gerry & Louise Vallee  
S - Kama Vallee  
GP - Roy & Mabel Parsons  
Spouse - Jessica Vallee

Webb, Eric Richard  
7/1/1985 - 4/2/1999  
P - William & Kathleen Webb  
B - David Webb

Wright, Travis  
7/16/1973 - 6/15/2001  
M - Joan Wright

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

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



### July Anniversaries

Boyd, Anastasia "Nicole"  
5/4/1998 - 7/8/2004  
P - Anita Dennert & Thomas Boyd  
Sibs - Tara Lewis, Mike Boyd, Alan Boyd  
GP - Huey & Marie McDonald, Angus & Jewell Howell & Angus Grace

Burger, Teresa  
10/26/58 - 07/10/87  
M - Cecelia Burger  
B - Hal & Curt Burger

Carlan, Robert Hope  
06/02/78 - 07/25/99  
P - Arnold & Linda Carlan

Eddy, Steven  
9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008  
M - Marilyn Eddy  
S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy  
N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop

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

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

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

Hester, Debbie  
10/14/61 - 07/25/98  
P - Buddy & Sue Butler  
Hidalgo, Christopher  
12/14/1989 - 7/5/2004  
M - Tammy Hidalgo

Holland, Jeffrey K. Moses  
9/10/1986 - 7/7/2009  
P - Thomas & Donald Holland & Henry Moses  
Sibs - Derrick Moses & Logan Holland  
GP - Beverly Cash, John & Steve Holland

Kelly, Amanda Jean  
11/15/1986 - 7/7/1987  
P - John & Brenda Kelly  
S - Matthew & Ryan  
GP - John Keller & Elizabeth Kelly

Lalis, Timothy  
07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001  
P - Gregg Lalis & Elisabeth Schulten  
B - Andrew & Klaus Lalis

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

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

Martin, Brian James  
06/09/1979 - 07/18/1993  
P - Stan & Adrienne Martin  
B - Christopher Martin  
GM - Evelyn Golding

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

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



Ponder, Manda Lynn  
06/13/1995 - 07/03/1995  
P - Marilyn & William Ponder  
B - Travis & Mike Ponder  
S - Amanda Ponder  
GM - Grace Ponder

Popkin, Kalyn  
1/23/09 - 7/11/13  
P - Stacy & Robert Popkin

Powers, Geoffrey A.  
1/23/1983 - 7/1/2005  
M - Diane Tower  
Sisters - Lana & Nikki Powers

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

Rodriguez, Edwin (Eddy) Jr.  
1/11/1971 - 7/28/1993  
M - Bertha Dominquez

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

Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette  
7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996  
M - Lillian Wiebeld  
F - Dick Russo  
B - Rick and Nelson Russo

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

St. Martin-Hamm, Sydney Chanel  
1/9/1997 - 7/21/2003  
M - Joy St. Martin & the late Rusty Hamm  
GP - Ramon & Rita Hamm

Steen, Donald Kenneth  
7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960  
M - Nancy Holdren  
B - Richard, David & Michael

Timothy, Joshua  
6/29/2004 - 7/18/205  
P - Doug & Kerri Timothy  
GM - Mary Ann Negrete

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

Vallee, Scott Gerard  
7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004  
P - Gerry & Louise Vallee  
S - Kama Vallee  
GP - Roy & Mabel Parsons  
Spouse - Jessica Vallee

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

Wilson, Lisa  
4/14/78 - 7/5/10  
P - Patti & David Wilson



## August Birthdays

Asci, Jason S.  
8/19/1979 - 2/7/2008  
F - Brian Asci  
M - Phoebe Asci  
Son - AJ  
Daughter - Adrianna  
GP - Forrest & Adella Asci

Antinora, Joseph A.  
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

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

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

Page, Alivia  
8/24/13 - 6/15/14  
M - Tiasha Page  
GM - Gloria Wells

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 - Sabbrina 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

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

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

## 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  
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8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992  
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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

Peck, Trent  
12/5/69 - 8/27/13  
P - Bob & Sally Hoffman  
F - Frank Peck

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



# Happy Birthday Keith!



**Keith Joseph Scragg**  
**8/4/86 to 9/5/08**

**Happy 28th Birthday !**

**We love you,**

**Mom, Dad, Matt, & Macklin**





## 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](mailto: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](http://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.



Listen to ***“Hope, Healing & Help”*** every Saturday from 11:00 til noon Pacific Time on KFIA 710AM Sacramento or [www.kfia.com](http://www.kfia.com). Can't listen in at that time? All of their programs are available to listen to on their website, [www.hopehealinghelp.com](http://www.hopehealinghelp.com).



## *I'll Remember You*

*I'll remember you,  
I'll remember you.  
I'll always see your face,  
Not with my eyes, but in my heart,  
That's where you have a much-loved place.  
When life begins to fade from me  
And faces start to depart,  
I'll remember you,  
With the last beat of my heart.*

*Written In Remembrance Of  
Lois "Sweeticakes" Sampson  
By Wallace Stewart*



On May 18th when we held the butterfly release, we also released 2 balloons. We had all gotten to write our child's name on them and below you can see as we watched them go up.







HAPPY 22nd BIRTHDAY TO YOU, MATT



BALLOONS TO HEAVEN JUST FOR YOU

WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU EVERY DAY

ALL OUR LOVE,  
Dad, Mom, Tim, Snickers, Emmy  
and  
All your relatives and friends

## *Hard Times*

How to hold on and how to let go....How to lose and how to keep...these are hard problems for the bereaved parent.

We want to keep the child in our life, we want to remember the child, we want to save those parts of our life which are tied to the child.

Yet, at the same time, we know that the child is dead - things cannot be as they were before. The memories of good times now bring pain; the memories of the bad times raise guilt and feelings of powerlessness.

The end of the grief process is a resolution of this tension between holding on and letting go.

We can remember and be sad; we can remember and be happy; we can remember and just be.

But it takes a long time for such a resolution to happen and while we are in the process, we find ourselves pulled to one side and then to the other.

Sometimes we want to leave the room exactly as it was,. Other times we want to put everything away so nothing reminds us of the child.

Some times we want to talk over and over again about the events of the death; other times we want to avoid the topic altogether.

Sometimes, when all we have left of our child is our sadness, we don't want to give up our grief for fear of giving up on our child.

All that is a normal process. We go through it at any death. When our parent dies, the problem is how to hold onto our childhood and youth and yet give up our childhood and youth. So, we find ourselves keeping a bit of our parents in ourselves by becoming a little more like them. I was once talking about this in a class when, suddenly, a woman blurted out, "So that's why I wanted to use the good china so much a year after she died."

It is a lot harder to give up the child and keep the child at the same time because, when our parents die, we have to lose and keep our past. When our child dies, we have to lose and keep our future.

In our grandparent's day, losing a child was an expected part of life. But it is not in our time. Few of us ever knew anyone else to whom it happened. So we have few models.

Each of us seems to have to find out our own way for ourselves. It is a hard and lonely journey. But the experience of others who have gone down this valley is that there is a resolution at the end. We can hold on and let go.

If we can, for a moment, share with others on the same journey, we can help others find directions and let them help us.

That is what Bereaved Parents is all about.

— *Dennis Klass, Ph.D.*  
*Former Professional Advisor*  
*BP/USA*

### 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





# 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.

“I wrote your name in the sky,  
but the wind blew it away.  
I wrote your name in the sand,  
but the waves washed it away.  
I wrote your name in my heart,  
and forever it will stay...

By Jason Graham

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