



## Tampa Bay Chapter

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33508  
[www.bpusatampabay.com](http://www.bpusatampabay.com)

### MEETING INFORMATION

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

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays July 12 and August 9, 2015

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 10 and August 14, 2015

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 30 and August 27, 2015

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.

*This newsletter is lovingly  
sponsored by the families of:  
Matthew Gallagher,  
Keith Scragg &  
Lisa Wilson*

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We are now fully into the summer. It is a time of family vacations and reunions. Often the loss of our child seems even more pronounced as they aren't there. Sometimes it becomes awkward for people to know what to say or not say. I wish all of you a wonderful summer and as always be good to yourselves and don't expect too much of yourself. You must grieve on your own time table and in your own way.

Debbie

# 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
<b>Crisis Center</b>	<b>211</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:debbie.bpnews@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**HAPPY 23rd 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**





## 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 Lespier  
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

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

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

## July Anniversaries cont'd

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

Rodriquez, 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 - 7/18/2005  
P - Doug & Kerri Timothy  
GM - Mary Ann Negrete

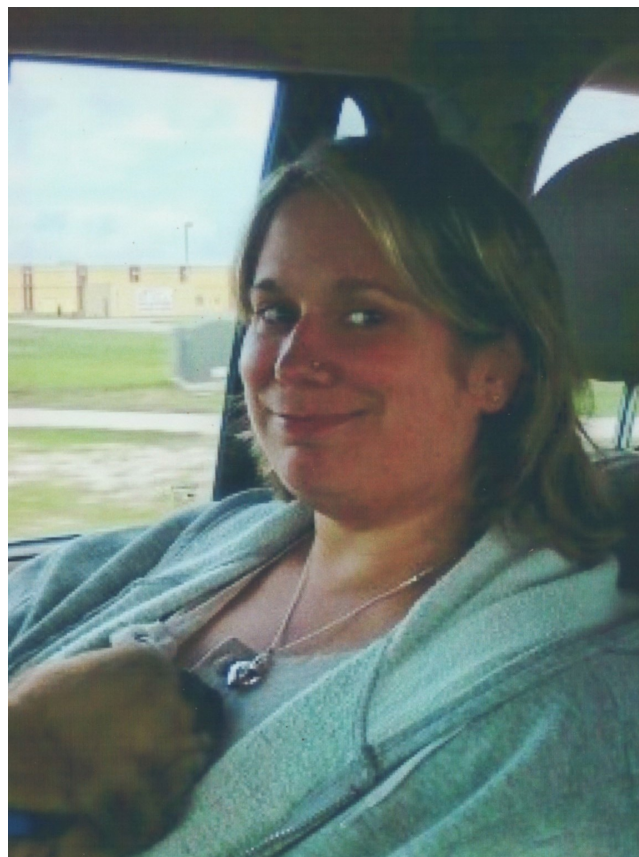
Titer, Kenric  
11/26/1985 - 7/2/1997  
M - Jackie Mentor

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



These bricks lie side by side at The Angle of Hope.

Lisa and her dog Monty

## 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.



### 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:RhondaStephens)



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## 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  
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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

Rosas, Ricardo  
11/4/1991 - 8/12/2013  
M - Leticia Rosas  
S - Alejandra  
B - David and Daniel

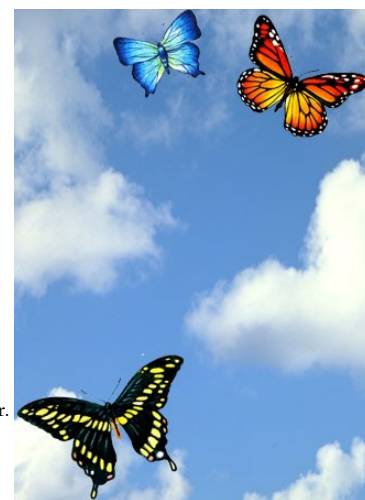
Sampson, Charles Roy  
8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998  
P - Paul & Susan Sampson  
GP - Margaret & Clayton Sampson  
and Shirley & Charles Osborne

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



## Our Second Butterfly Release Was Successfully Held on May 17, 2015







As you can see, the butterflies came in see thru envelopes. Most of them flew out very quickly so it was rather hard to take pictures. However, Lori was able to get a butterfly to pose for pictures. She managed to do this last year too. I don't know what her secret is.



We were blessed by **Rhonda Stephens with Metamorphosis Butterfly Farm** once again this year. She donated a couple of dozen butterflies to our organization's fundraiser and gave us a special price for the remaining butterflies. We hope that if any of you have the opportunity to organize a butterfly release that you will consider giving her an opportunity to supply them. She is located locally in Plant City, FL (her information is on page 6).

We also sent up balloons which I believe is what is in this picture.



Thank you to all of you who made our Butterfly Release / Picnic in the Park a huge success. Obviously we weren't able to take a picture of all of you, but we hope that you can see that we did have a good group and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thankfully the rain held off pretty much until the end of the event. We hope to do this again next year.

## Dear Child of Mine

Dear child of mine, who died  
before your time  
I am grateful for your life.  
Though death brought the end of  
hopes and dreams  
Still I am grateful for your life.  
Through you I have known joy  
and sorrow, laughter and tears,  
Through you my life has been  
enriched, compassion heightened  
and I am more keenly aware of the  
grief of others.

I am grateful for your life.  
Now I draw upon my memories of  
you - some happy and some sad.  
They are priceless, precious  
memories that help me bear the  
pain. Through them I will learn to  
live again.

I am grateful for your life.  
I have been blessed by your life  
and left with your love. I will  
share that love and strive to live to  
be a blessing to others. Dear child  
of mine, you are never far away  
from me. I have locked you in my  
secret heart of hearts and there I  
will love you through eternity.  
I am grateful for your life-dear  
child of mine.

*By Betty Stevens  
BP/USA Metropolitan Baltimore*

## A Pair of Shoes

I am wearing a pair of shoes.  
They are ugly shoes.  
Uncomfortable shoes.  
I hate my shoes  
Each day I wear them, and each day I wish I had another pair.  
Some days my shoes hurt so bad that I do not think I  
can take another step.  
Yet, I continue to wear them.  
I get funny looks wearing these shoes.  
They are looks of sympathy.  
I can tell in others eyes that they are my shoes and  
not theirs.  
They never talk about my shoes.  
To learn how awful my shoes are might make them  
uncomfortable.  
To truly understand these shoes you must walk in  
them.  
But once you put them on, you can never take them  
off.  
I now realize that I am not the only one who wears  
these shoes. There are many pairs in this world.  
Some women/men are like me and ache daily as they  
try and walk in them.  
Some have learned how to walk in them so they don't  
hurt quite as much.  
Some have worn the shoes so long that days go by  
before they think about how much  
they hurt.  
No woman/man deserves to wear these shoes.  
Yet, because of these shoes I am a stronger woman/  
man.  
These shoes have given me the strength to face any-  
thing.  
They have made me who I am.  
I will forever walk in the shoes of a woman/man who  
has lost a child.

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The National Gathering is going to  
be held July 24-26 in Harford, CT  
For more information check out the  
national website at:

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# Happy Birthday Keith!



**Keith Joseph Scragg**

**8/4/86 to 9/5/08**

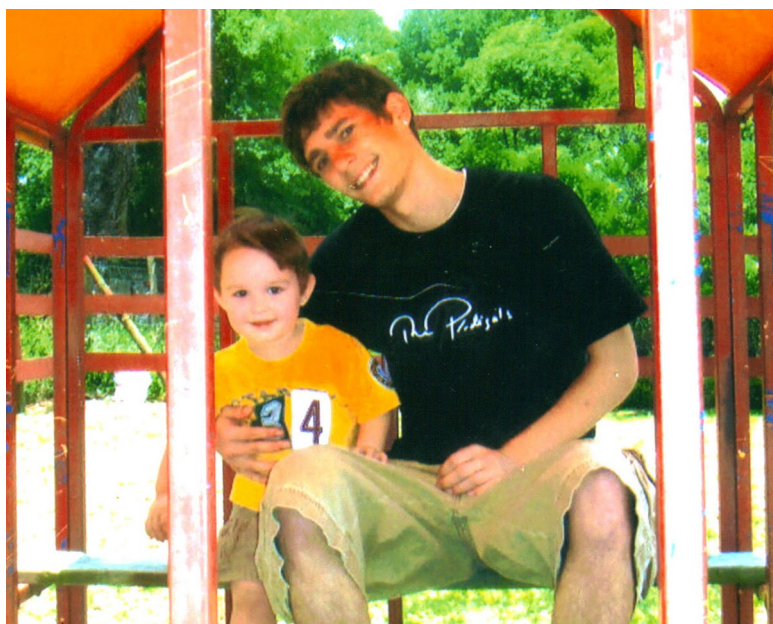


**Happy 29th Birthday !**

**We love you,**



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





# 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.

## *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.

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