

### Tampa Bay Chapter

P.O. Box 7034 Brandon, Florida 33508 www.bpusatampabay.com

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

Regular Monthly <u>SUNDAY</u> Meeting (held the second Sunday of the month) Sundays, July 10 and August 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 <u>DAYTIME</u> Meeting Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month) Fridays, July 8 and August 12, 2016 10:00 AM to Noon New Hope United Methodist Church Office Bldg

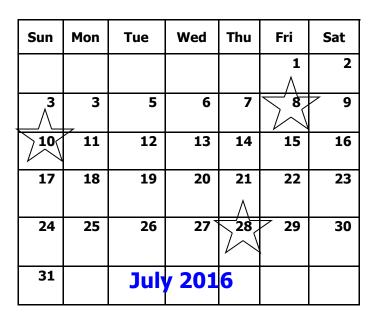
120 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-501-9567 for directions or information.

Regular Monthly NIGHTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas (held the last Thursday each month) Thursdays July 28 and August 25, 2016 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM New Hope United Methodist Church Office Bldg

120 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL Call Charles L'Homme at 813-335-7628 for directions or information.

(note: Church is the same but just changed their name) This newsletter is lovingly sponsored by the families of: Matthew Gallagher Keith Joseph Scragg & Lisa A Wilson



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I want to begin by apologizing to everyone for the long delay in getting this newsletter out. I know I am not always prompt to begin with, but this time I was already a little late and then I had a fall going to take my grandson to a movie. It really took its toil on me, and I have spent lots of time in bed and really didn't feel like doing much of anything. I can't believe that the summer has past so quickly and that school is already in session. I find it sad that they start so early in August. I hope that everyone will enjoy the rest of the summer and Labor Day (which is when I think the summer should end). Debbie

### **Chapter News**

### **Angel of Hope Information**

www.angelofhopetampabay.com <u>Located at :</u> Riverside Park 201 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace <u>Mailing Address:</u> 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	(813) 340-9120
an Only Child)	
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-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.

> PRICE ADJUSTMENT TO Sponsor A Newsletter Page

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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 <u>due by the 25th of the month BEFORE the</u> 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.

### **Newletter 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.



### HAPPY 24th 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.

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 Sibs - Jacob & Hannah 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 & Shelby 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 GP - Peg & Jim Bishop, Tom Musolin,

Art & Sam White, Rober & Judy

July Birthdays

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

### July Anniversaries cont'd

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 & Adrianne 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

Pitts, Joseph David 12/8/1971 - 7/16/1998 P - Ruth & Richard Pitts Ponder, Manda Lynn 06/13/1995 - 07/03/1995 P - Marilynn & 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

Salas, David Jeremy 4/16/94 - 7/8/15 P - Sandy & Miguel

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 Neglrete

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



#### 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

**August Birthdays** 

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

August Birthdays cont'd

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



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

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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

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

Presley, Tristan 12/1/2010 - 8/2/2011 M - Brittany Presley 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

Romines, Makayla Gabrielle 4/3/96 - 8/27/15 M - Christy Jones

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 30th Birthday Keith!











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

Happy 30th Birthday !

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Matt, & Macklin

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Sitting at my table, a stranger, lost in thought, holding her cup closely until my eye was caught.

She told me of a friend of hers, whose child died months ago, and that she wanted so to help, but how, she didn't know.

"My friend still seems so fragile; her grieving fills her days. There must be something I can do, or something I can say."

I looked across the table. Her eyes had filled with tears... How to answer simply, in words that she could hear.

"I, too, am a grieving mother. I've been there, you could say. Her hurt is like no other. Have you hugged your friend today?"

"Well, I don't really see her much; time seems to go so fast. She's always on my mind, but I don't seem to get the chance. And I feel so helpless with her; I can't think what to say. There's so much changed about her; she's a stranger in some ways."

"I know you care about her, and I understand your fears, but her life has been so shattered; her days are filled with tears.

She really needs the contact of you and all her friends or the walls of isolation will close her sadness in."

She sighed, "I feel so guilty. I've tried in the past, you know. Her conversations get so strange; I'm not sure where they'll go.

She talks of dreaming visits with her child who's really dead. I know it's wishful thinking, that it's all just in her head."

"I believe our children do try to show us they live on. They touch us in so many ways; they aren't completely gone.

Your friend needs you to listen, to show her that you care. You can't take the pain away, but it will help to have you there."

"I just wish I could help her. It's just so hard to know..." She took a breath and let it out and then she rose to go.

"Good luck," I said, before she turned and slowly walked away. Oh, if only she has listened and will hug her friend today.

~ Genesse Bourdeau Gentry (Stars in the Deepest Night - After the Death of a Child) "Mother's Lap" painting by Sagarika Sen





Lisa it has been six years and there is not a moment in time that we do not miss and think of you. You will never know how much you meant to us and the endless love you gave. The only words we can find is you will always be our

Forever Lisa...

Love Mom and Dad





### **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.

http://www.bpusatampabay.com/





Thanks to those who have

ordered from Heavenly Hug.

We appreciate your support.

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  $1\frac{1}{2}$  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 that the angel pins. Also a name can be engraved on the back of the angel ornament.

Cost \$20.00



Brandon, FL 33508 P.O. Box 7034 The Bereaved Parents of the USA



Please do not delay. POSTER - Dated Material October -November 2013

### Address Correction Requested

We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA. We Welcome You.

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 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.

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.

A symbol of hope a butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam And for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to this world But then it flies again And though we wish it could have stayed... We feel lucky to have seen it.

Unknown

**A Symbol of Hope** 

Our Credo