

## Tampa Bay Chapter

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

#### **MEETING INFORMATION**

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month) Sundays, May 8 and June 12, 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, May 13 and June 10, 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 May 26 and June 30, 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:

# Michael David Holmberg & Robyn Michelle Nemitz

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May and June have two of the hardest holidays to deal with in my humble opinion. Of course I am speaking of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Even many years down the road I still find Mother's day to be difficult. I am supposed to be happy because I have a son, but at the same time, I am missing my daughter. How can it truly be a happy day when I am so aware of her absence? I think that I will probably always have mixed feelings about this holiday. Because of this, I generally don't wish a Happy Mother's or Father's Day to a bereaved parent. Instead I wish all of you a Peaceful Mother's and Father's Day. 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	(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.

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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 <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 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL!!!



....you are forever young....



to be loved is to be immortal and we will always love you,

Mom, Kristian, and Stephen



# Our Children . . . Remembered

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

#### **May Birthdays**

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 GP - (Preceded in Death)Arthur & Vivian Boyd

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - essica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Collum, Brian H. 5/11/1965 - 3/7/2005 M - Diana Reams B - Reid Collum

Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman

Holton, John William 05/20/52 - 08/10/94 M - Ann Holton

Holmberg, Michael David 5/15/1976 - 3/02/2011 M - Mary Ellen Holmberg B - Kristian and Stephen

Keithly, DeAnne 5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993 P - John & Peggy Keithly S - Dawn & Karen B - Dustin & Kevin

GP - Clark & Frances Keithly and Alice Pugh

Kinchen, Kevin 5/18/1985 - 3/16/2008 P - Eugene & Cynthia Kickner W - Chelsey Kinchen D - Kaylee, Tessa S - JoyKay & Hailey Kinchen

B - Robert Kinchen

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

Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M - Misty Lampp GM - Harriet Lampp

Mack, Anthony Joe 5/31/96 - 9/28/14 P - Barbara & Rob Riches

Makowski, Anthony 5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005 M - Cathy Makowski

McKaughan, Michael 5/19/1989 - 11/3/2000 P - Darlene Lack Sibs - Andrew & Lauren GP - Virginia Dosci

Metallo, Armando 5/3/1984 - 9/15/2005 P - Angelo & Luisa Metallo S - Ana, Angelo, Luisa, & Joe Metallo GP - Armando & Ana Metallo and Graciela & Dorotheo Martinez

Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P - John & Joan Morrow

Pfister, Megan Lynn 5/2/1990 - 3/3/1999 P - Frank & Stephanie Pfister

Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M - Ann Roberts Mitchel GP - Merle H. Brunson

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

Shye, John David 05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994 P -Betty Jean & Charles Shye S - Lydia and Mary Shye B - Chuck Shye Father of J.D. and Justin Shye

Stolley, Allison 5/5/82 - 12/12/14 P - Robin & Dan Stolley

Thompson, Kimberly Karlin 5/5/1976 - 12/6/1999 P - Sam & Ingrid Thompson

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

Waller, Albert Marcus 5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000 P - Marc & Charlotte Waller

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

G - Dwight & Melvalene Williams

Zalewski, Christine 5/2/66-3-/3/13 P - Louie & Eileen Zalewski

Happy Birthday



#### May Anniversaries cont'd

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Buchanan, Sierra Lan 03/07/96 - 05/25/96 P - Kim & Bryan Buchanan S - May Linh Buchanan

Caldwell - Faught, Thomas E. 2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003 M - Shannon Caldwell

Casey, Ryan 10/15/86 - 5/4/12 P - Mike & Katie Casey S- Lauren Casey

Colla, Aaron Dante 11/15/01 - 05/24/02 P - Amanda Colla GP - Jana & Frank Colla A - Danielle B - Dylan

DeLosSantos, Ailen 1/6/1975 - 5/5/2009 M - Elena Franklin B - Orlando DeLosSantos Jr.

Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman Dixon, Austin Ryan 03/18/97 - 05/18/98 P - Carrie & Robert Dixon S - Sara Ryan Dixon

Domzalski, Kristin 3/8/1974 - 5/6/1982 F - Bob Domzalski

Ellington, Timothy 03/06/62 - 05/25/91 F - Ron Ellington

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

Goldman, Ariel Nicole Rothschild 8/30/1989 - 5/15/2001 P - Steve and Lynn Goldman

Harless, Jessica Nicole 11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000 M - Heather Harless

Holdren, Scott 4/10/1986 - 5/31/2007 M – Donna Henry

Howard, Christopher L. 3/27/1975 - 5/18/2000 M - Cay Pelaez

Hughes, Jessica Alexis 1/13/86 - 5/11/02 F - Michael Hughes Keithly, DeAnne 5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993 P - John & Peggy Keithly S - Dawn & Karen B - Dustin & Kevin GP - Clark & Frances Keithly and Alice Pugh

Knight, Arleen Diane

10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004 P - Arthur & Ethel Fernandez S - Elaine Rogers Daughers - Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz, and Katie Tuclula

Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M - Misty Lampp GM - Harriet Lampp

Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P - John & Joan Morrow

Pike, Taylor 11/9/1985 - 5/14/2007 P - Bob & Connie Pike S - Megan Pike

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 Sluder, Keith Joseph 4/25/1964 - 5/11/2006 P - Tom & Judy Sluder Children - Keith II and Miranda Grandaughters - Kali & Ella Mae S - Theresa & Kathryn B - Tom III N/N - Israel, Brandon & Brandy

Stoeltzing, William (Bill) W. 01/02/57 - 05/09/02 P - Bill & Elvira Stoeltzing S - Cecille Parido Father to Eaton & Brent



#### **June Birthdays**

Brown, Alex Marie 6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995 P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

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

Eggly, Keiran Catherine 6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004 M - Elizabeth Eggly

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

Hayes, Douglas 6/3/1969 - 6/3/1969 P - Martha & Michael Hayes Sibs - Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes GM - Mary Neeld Johnson, Georgina 6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003 P - Laurie & George Johnson

Lane, Catherine Novak 6/8/1967 - 12/13/2008 M- Christina Daws B- Michael, John & Richard Lane

Lane, Matthew Alexander 6/22/2001 - 2/13/2003 M - Mary Ann Muschick S - Nikol

S - Nikol B - Devvin

GP - Hieu & David Muschick

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

Martini, Michael Gerard 6/18/1964 - 1/26/2009 P - Dianne Ezell & Michael B - Pamela Martini Niece - Destiny Martini Owens, Kenny Dwayne 6/27/1961 - 2/25/2005 P - Jimmy & Sylvia Mingo S - Tina Jernigan & Donna

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

Price, Karissa Danielle 6/19/90 - 12/8/12 P - Karen and Dan Price S - Kaleigh GP - Eleanor Arnold and Jerry and Kathie Sealock

Ramirez, Arthur, Jr. 6/10/1951 - 12/30/1997 M - Helen Ramirez

#### June Birthdays cont'd

Rivera, Erick 6/4/1988 - 3/21/2010 P - Maricela & Jose Rivera

Schulman, Adam J. 6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004 M - Pat Schulman

B - Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Skalski, Brian 6/2/1968 - 1/6/2011 P - Nick Skalski & Marty Hayes

Shemela, Kenneth 6/24/1964 - 2/19/2009 P - Bill & Barbara Shemela B - Bill Shemela, Jr. Rivera, Erick 6/4/1988 - 3/21/2010 P - Maricela & Jose Rivera

Schulman, Adam J. 6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004 M - Pat Schulman B - Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Skalski, Brian 6/2/1968 - 1/6/2011 P - Nick Skalski & Marty Hayes

Shemela, Kenneth 6/24/1964 - 2/19/2009 P - Bill & Barbara Shemela B - Bill Shemela, Jr. Varga, Jozsef 6/11/1988 - 8/4/2007 M - Carmen Varga B - Kiel & Bruce Senra GP - Dorothy & Gerald Senra

Weber, Barbara Jean 6/4/1953 - 12/14/1994 P - Weldon & Jean Weber S - Kristi, Teresa, & Pamela



#### **June Anniversaries**

Alvarez, Dean 4/28/1965 - 6/12/2000

M - Diana Stenglein B - Nadie Alvarez

S - Athena & Lynette Alvarez

Bray, Debbie (Hurley) 11/14/1967 - 6/1/1990 M - Beverley (Bray) Hurley S - Kimberly Gonzalez

Brown, Alex Marie 6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995 P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

Andrew Glenn Butler 1/8/2009

GP - Rosemary Perry

Combs, Phillip J. 3/24/1986 - 6/12/2004 P - Lisa Pyche' & Phil Combs B - Travis Combs

GP - Thomas & Sharon Pyche'

Cowen, Chad 3/31/1973 - 6/7/1997 P - Mary "Pete" & Mike Cowen S - Tiffany Larson

Eggly, Keiran Catherine 6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004 M - Elizabeth Eggly

Faber, Nicholas (Nicky) Paul 08/13/89 - 06/08/95 P - Paul & Kathy Faber S - Danielle Faber GP - Esther Kubler and Anna & Bobby Banks Jonathan Lee Fernandez 12/13/1986 - 6/20/2010 M - Elaine Fernandez

Funk, Benjamin 9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001 P - Mr & Mrs Funk

Harrill, Jason 1/23/1984 - 6/12/2006 P - Bonnie & David Harrill S - Michelle "MiMi"

Hayes, Douglas 6/3/1969 - 6/3/1969 P - Martha & Michael Hayes Sibs - Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes GM - Mary Neeld

Howard, Steven T. 8/11/70 - 6/30/1999 M - Cay Pelaez

Johnson, Georgina 6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003 P - Laurie & Goerge Johnson

Kellogg, Benjamin 6/7/2002 P - John & Barbara Kellogg

Landrum, Mark 03/03/79 - 06/24/94 M - Joan Landrum Adams-Hilliard F - Steve Landrum B - John Landrum

Martin, Amanda Louise 12/31/1971 - 6/19/2008 P - Toni Martin McElwaine, David Christopher

10/01/90 - 06/22/12 M - Kim Joannides F - Brad McElwaine S - Sarah McElwaine B - Anthony Joannides, Grant & Andy McElwaine GP - Chris & Chris Joannides, Jack & Gayle Cornish, Jeannine Dohse

Mercer, Bret 10/5/1988 - 6/25/1992 P - Eddie & Darlene Mercer S - Lindy, Crystal & Kaley GP - Loren & Christine Mercer and Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Mosquero, Brando J. 4/21/85 - 6/15/24 P - Yolando & Ozzie Patino S-Samantha-Rose Patino GP - Rosa abd Ralph Lucerna

Nemitz, Robyn Michelle

12/28/82 - 06/16/98 P - Debbie & Bill Nemitz B - John Nemitz GM - Laura Nemitz A & U - John & Linda Goodman & Marty & Carol Nemitz

Noriega, Aiden 4/4/2001 - 6/18/2001 P - Rick & Ethal Noriega

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

Patet, Nathan Gabriel 12/18/88 - 06/10/90 P - Maritza & Jeff Patet S - Mallory Patet & Gina Patet GP - Gus & Lourdes Arenas and Don and the late Betty Patet

Prescott, Alexandria 3/25/1990 - 6/28/2010 Stephanie & Tracy Knox

Roberson, Richard Joseph 07/23/1959 - 06/02/1997 P - Richard & Jeannette Roberson

S - Sue & Shelby

s - Sue & Shelby

B - Randy

Sorrells, Blake Austin 06/03/1998 - 06/03/1998 P - John & Monica Sorrells S - Cassidy Sorrells



# Robyn Michelle Nemitz



My dear Robyn. You have been gone so long, but you are thought about every day. I so admire you and how gracefully you went through the suffering as you fought cancer. I don't know many adults who would be able to put up a such good fight and remain such a warm loving person. Your death has forever changed us. Life without you is not the same. We miss you so very much. You dad and John join me in sending love to you.



12/28/82

All My Love With Hugs and Kisses!!!

Mom

6/16/98

Bereaved Parents USA will be holding its

National Gathering this year in Indianapolis, IN From July 1-3, 2016 (information on National Website) http://bereavedparentsusa.org/

Listen to "Hope, Healing & Help" every Saturday from 11:00 til noon Pacific Time on KFIA 710AM Sacramento or 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.

Our 3rd Annual Butterfly Release was held on Sunday, May 15th. It was a success thanks to many of you who joined us. I also wish to thank Rhonda Stephens with the Metamorphosis Butterfly Farm for her generous donation and special prices. If any of you would like to hold your own releases, please check with her. She is local in Plant City and deserves our support.



The butterflies come in envelopes and are kept cool until it is time to release them. This year many were not as anxious to fly out of their envelopes and into the sky. As you can see this enabled many of us to get pictures of them posing on hands.



















#### 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  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  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



## 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.

#### A Symbol of Hope

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.

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#### Address Correction Requested

October - Movember 2013 POSTMASTER - <u>Dated Material</u> Please do not delay.

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Brandon, FL 33508