



Tampa Bay Chapter

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www.bpusatampabay.com

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

St. Joseph's Hospital
Medical Arts Building, Auditorium
Sunday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. for regular meeting.
3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175
for directions or information.

Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce
330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511
Please call Debbie Nemitz 813-907-1441
for directions or information.



Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting

(Held the fourth **MONDAY** each)

Monday, May 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

South Florida Baptist Hospital
301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City
in the Community Conference Room
Call Janice Falcon at 813-779-9353
for directions or information.

***"When the veteran bereaved parent comes
to a meeting, he is the hope for the newly
bereaved because he has survived."***

Unknown Author

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tampa Bay Chapter Steering Committee Meeting—We need you!

Please call and learn more about how you can help
plan meetings and events.
Call Beverley for information 813-832-3175

The Bereaved Parents of the USA
2010 National Gathering
"Rock of Hope, River of Healing"

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 9-11, 2010
Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center
Little Rock, Arkansas



We'll have information at our meetings or go to:
www.bereavedparentsusa.org

*This month's newsletter lovingly sponsored by
the families of:*

Brian H. Collum

Taylor Keith Pike

May 2010

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Mother Love

Long. Long ago so I have been told
Two angels once met on the streets paved with gold,
"By the stars in your crown," said the one to the other,
"I see that on earth you, too were a mother."

"And by the blue-tinted halo you wear -
You too have known sorrow and deepest despair."
"Ah, yes" the first replied, "I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun.

But tell of your child," "Oh, I know I was blest
From the moment I first held him close to my breast.
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "I felt the same way."

The first one continued, "The first steps he took
So eager and breathless—the sweet startled look
Which came over his face—he trusted me so."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "How well do I know."

But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy
So stalwart and kind — and it gave me such joy
To have him just walk down the street by my side."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain
And when he for others was so cruelly slain,
When they crucified him — and they spat in his face,
How gladly would I have hung in his place."

A moment of silence — "Oh, then you are she
The Mother of Christ," and she fell on one knee.
But the blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

"Tell me the name of the son you loved so,
That I may share with you your grief and your woe."
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other.
"He was Judas Iscariot. I am his mother."

Author Unknown

Chapter News

ANGEL OF HOPE NEWS

www.angelofhopetampabay.com

Angel of Hope Memorial Garden
Riverside Park, 201 S. Riverhills Drive,
Temple Terrace

Memorial Bricks
Engraved memorial bricks still available.
Please see our website for brick order
form. Dedication of newly ordered engraved bricks will be
held periodically and you will be notified.

Angel of Hope Pins
We have available our specially designed **Angel of Hope** pins. You have
a choice of a pair of angels with boy and girl with a heart and butterfly and
the words **Hope**, or a lapel pin with angel wings, a heart, a butterfly and
the word **Hope**.

Size of boy and girl pin - Wing span to wing span is 2 inches, top to bot-
tom about 1 1/4 inches - **\$20.00**

Size of angel wing lapel pin – Wing span to wing span is 1 ¼ inches, top
to bottom about ¾ inches - **\$10.00**



Please call Julie Leyde to order at 813-784-6929 or use our new PayPal
payment plan on line at www.angelofhopetampabay.com

LifePath Hospice Bereavement Program:

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TOS- Para Mas informacion, llam al
813-877-2200, Ext. 10671

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.

Linda Delk (General Information)	(813) 661-0680
Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813) 994-0707
Traci Cooley (Drowning)	(813) 464-4525
Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent)	(727) 410-2308
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813) 335-7628
Debbie Nemitz (Long Term Illness)	(813) 907-1441
Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of an Only Child)	(813) 234-4705
Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	(813) 810-7169
Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez (Se Habla Espano)	(813) 996-4281
Sandy Boehning (Grandparent Grief)	(813) 989-3255

CRISIS CENTER 211

Bereaved Parents/USA National Office
Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466
Phone/Fax: (708) 748-7866
www.bereavedparentsusa.org

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 dona-
tions help us reach out in many ways, including the preparation and mail-
ing of the newsletter.

Donated by John & Rosemarie Binder
In loving memory of their cherished daughter
Monica Kay Dodd
8/26/1968 to 9/2/1968

We Can Always Use the Help!

There are dozens of tasks that go into running our chapter
and our special events, from helping set up the meeting room,
to finding potential articles & poems for the newsletter, to
working on public relations. We can always use the help. If
you feel you are now in a place in your grief journey where
you can help and give back to the chapter in little or large
ways, please contact Beverley Hurley 813-832-3175 or
bee.hurley@gte.net. Most of us find that when we reach a
point of giving back to those who come after us, we gain far
more than we give.



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. Thank you!

A special thank you goes to Rita Zvada for being such a
wonderful refreshment provider at our Sunday evening
meetings in loving memory of her son Christopher Cash!

Chapter Library

We maintain a large lending library of books and tapes of
interest to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, at
all three of our support group meetings. These resources
are available to check out at each meeting to be returned at
the following meeting, if possible. Donations of books are
always gratefully accepted, and acknowledged in the news-
letter. If you are no longer attending meetings regularly and
come across a book at home that belongs to our library,
please mail it to us at the reduced "media rate" to: BP/USA,
PO Box 3226, Tampa, FL 33601-3226. You can contact
my at 813-832-3175 or bee.hurley@gte.net.

Electronic Newsletter

The Newsletter is now available electronically. To receive it
by e-mail, send your name and e-mail address to:
bee.hurley@gte.net and indicate your desire to switch from
regular "snail" mail to e-mail.

E-mail recipients will also receive additional news and
information, while helping our chapter save costs. We very
much appreciate your cooperation by helping us out this
way!



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	Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M-Misty Lampp GM-Harriet Lampp	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
Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P-Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP-Mark & Pamela Leonhard	Makowski, Anthony 5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005 M-Cathy Makowski	Thompson, Kimberly Karlin 5/5/1976 - 12/6/1999 P - Sam & Ingrid Thompson
Collum, Brian H. 5/11/1965 - 3/7/2005 M-Diana Reams B-Reid Collum	McKaughan, Michael 5/19/1989-11/3/2000 P-Darlene & Michael Lack S/B-Darlene and Michael Lack	Turner, Devon 5/2/1986 - 7/28/2005 M-Marie Lawson
Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman	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	Waller, Albert Marcus 5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000 P - Marc & Charlotte Waller
Gereau, Ryan 5/20/1987-9/12/2008 M-Laurie Gereau	Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P-John & Joan Morrow	Williams, Alec Michael 5/17/1996 - 7/27/1996 P - Kathy & Michael Williams B - Chad & Chase G - Frank & Robbie Edwards G - Dwight & Melvalene Williams
Grosso, John Wm. III 5/6/1988-10/16/2009 M-Elaine Grosso	Pfister, Megan Lynn 5/2/1990 - 3/3/1999 P - Frank & Stephanie Pfister	
Holton, John William 05/20/52 - 08/10/94 M - Ann Holton	Reagan, Aaron 5/29/1980-8/12/1982 M-Cindy Reagan	
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	Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M-Ann Roberts Mitchel GP Merle H. Brunson	
Lack, Michael 5/19/1989-11/3/2000 P-Darlene & Michael Lack	Robinson, Ashley Lauren 05/20/94 - 01/16/96 P - Sara & Tim Robinson S - Morgan Ashley Robinson	

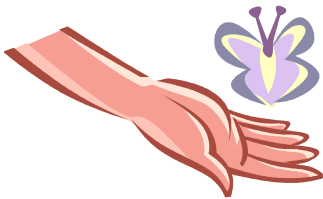
“For a parent the only thing greater than the grief felt after losing a child is the love that remains.”

Mindy E. Cassel, Ph.D.,
Executive Director, Children’
Bereavement Center™



May Anniversaries

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P-Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP-Mark & Pamela Leonhard	Harless, Jessica Nicole 11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000 M - Heather Harless Howard, Christopher L. 3/27/1975 - 5/18/2000 M-Cay Pelaez	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
Buchanan, Sierra Lan 03/07/96 - 05/25/96 P - Kim & Bryan Buchanan S - May Linh Buchanan	Holdren, Steven “Scott” Jr. 4/10/1986-5/31/2007 P-Donna & Bill Henry and Steven Scott Holdren Sr. GP-Jos. & Catherine Washington, George Wayne & Mary Jo Holdren.	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
Caldwell-Faught, Thomas E. 2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003 M-Shannon Caldwell	Hughes, Jessica Alexis 1/13/86 - 5/11/02 F - Michael Hughes	Stoeltzing, William (Bill) W. 01/02/57 - 05/09/02 P - Bill & Elvira Stoeltzing S - Cecille Parido Father to Eaton & Brent
Colla, Aaron Dante 11/15/01 - 05/24/02 P-Amanda Colla GP-Jana & Frank Colla A-Danielle B-Dylan	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	
De Los Santos, Elena 1/6/1975-5/5/2009 P-Elena & James Franklin	Knight, Arleen Diane 10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004 P-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez S-Elaine Rogers Daughers-Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz, Katie Tuclula	
Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman	Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M-Misty Lampp GM-Harriet Lampp	
Dixon, Austin Ryan 03/18/97 - 05/18/98 P - Carrie & Robert Dixon S-Sara Ryan Dixon	Pike, Taylor Keith 11/9/1985-5/14/2007 P-Connie & Bob Pike S-Megan	
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		



Butterfly, butterfly
Set my child’s soul free.
Float, flutter and fly,
Cast down some hope to me.

Butterfly, butterfly
Don’t fly far, come back to me.
Float around me always,
I need you, can’t you see?

Butterfly, butterfly
Soon we’ll be together again.
We’ll float, flutter and fly
Together, forever in the wind.

By Barbara Embry
Louisville, K



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MY SON, BRIAN H. COLLUM MAY 11, 2010

You would have been 45 years old on May 11th had you not been taken by our Lord. I guess He needed a “special” angel – knowing that comforts me, but I still miss you so very much. I try so hard to remember only the good times we had – but it’s difficult. We both loved music and dancing. At a very young age you would come home from school and teach me the latest dances – one being the “bump”. As an adult I was surprised when you could sing along with songs from the ‘50’s – my era. You told me you heard them enough growing up!! At times, we would laugh ‘til we cried and when it was over, we didn’t know why we were laughing! Around age 10-11 when I’d volunteer to take cup cakes to your school’s class party, you would go to my closet and select what you wanted me to wear – most times it’d be a mini skirt and “go-go” boots – fashion at the time (and your brother, Reid, did the same).

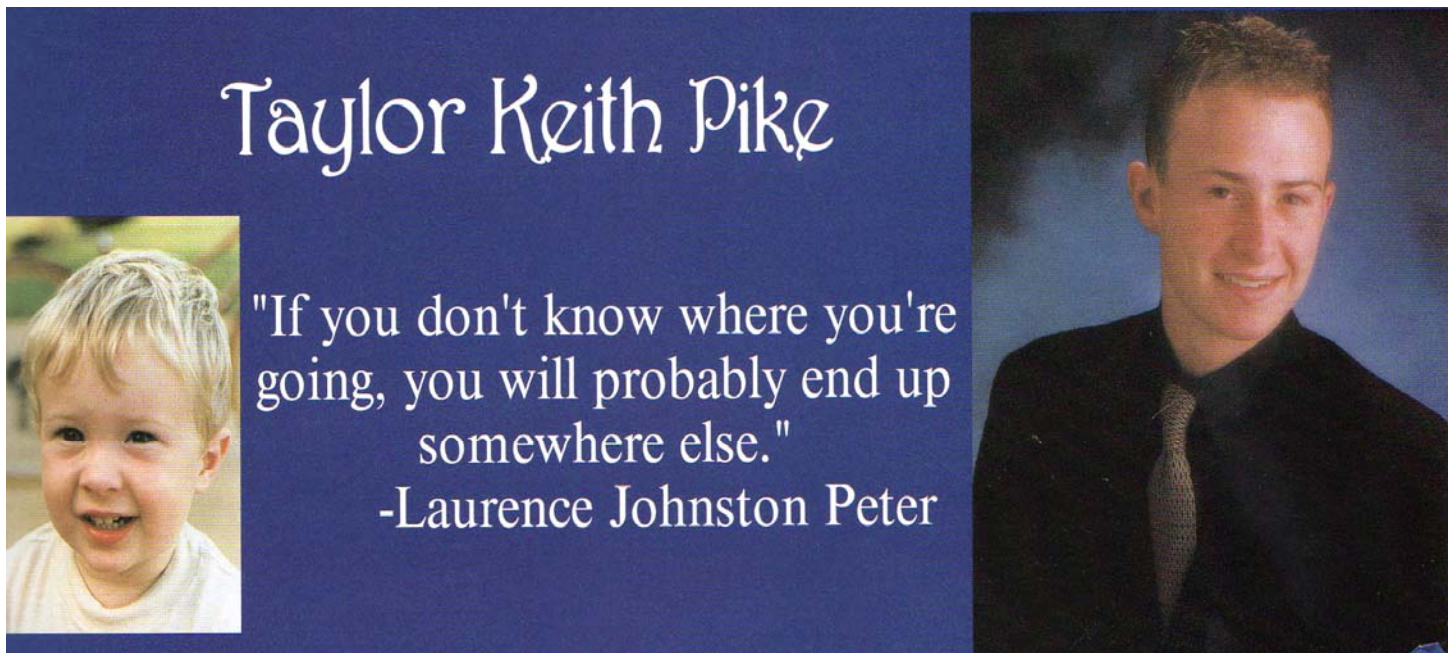
As an adult when you upgraded from roller skates to roller blades, I’d go through the neighborhood with you – riding my bike. As hard as I pedaled (which I was fast), I could hear you gaining on me – and pass me!! There was a time as a grown man, due to an emotional situation in your life, you briefly had problems, but you got back on track quickly – even making manager of an elite Italian restaurant at the International Mall in Tampa. You were so intelligent and organized – nothing you couldn’t “tackle”.

Your brother, Reid, his family and I will “celebrate” your birthday by having dinner at a restaurant – remembering your life. It is still so hard, even after five years. I hold you so dear in my heart – hardly a two-hour period goes by without me thinking of you. So many times there are things I want to share with you. You certainly are in a wonderful place – blessed with Jesus’ promise of no more pain/suffering – exempt from this fast-paced, dramatically changing times in our society.

I am proud to be the mother of you and your brother. You are both good sons – true MEN. I love you and miss you!! We shall see one another again in Heaven – be ready for a bear hug!!!



Love, Mama
(Diana Reams)



In Loving Memory of Taylor

11/09/1985 – 05/14/2007

From the first mention of your name, when Dad said he would like to have a little boy named “Taylor” and I said “sure, wait a bit”, I wanted you to love. I loved you as I planned out your birth, felt you squirm inside my belly. I fell in love with you when I held you in my arms and gazed into your eyes the first time. You came into the world of human existence screaming loudly, and lived life boldly and with enthusiasm. You kept us on our toes.

As I think back over all your “accidents”, I am not surprised that you were born to die young. Crazy boy, you were always running into things and falling off things and looking for a thrill. You really packed so much into your 21 ½ years. I chose this picture from your Senior yearbook because I know that it was one of your very best years. The quote you chose puzzled me at first, but later I understood that you really didn’t know where you were going. I’m sure when you hopped on your motorcycle that night you had no idea it would be the end of your life with us here on earth. I know you are near, your love and spirit are strong and you live on in our hearts. We keep smiling and crying with your memories and will continue so until we meet you in heaven.

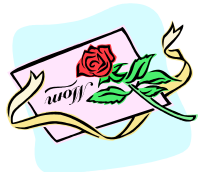
Ecclesiastes 3: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die...a time to weep and a time to laugh... a time to mourn and a time to dance...

Love you forever, Mom, Dad & Megan



GRIEF

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom." - Abraham Lincoln



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Please do not delay.



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