



Tampa Bay Chapter

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MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sunday, October 14, 2012 and

Sunday, November 11, 2012

6:30 pm

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts Building, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Call Linda Delke at 813-302-9763

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, October 12, 2012 and

Friday, November 9, 2012

10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511

Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-907-1441

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting

(Normally held the first Wednesday of each month)

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 and

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

South Florida Baptist Hospital

301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City

in the Community Conference Room

Call Janice Falcon at 813-997-1709

for directions or information.

What we have once enjoyed
deeply we can never lose. All that
we love deeply becomes a part of us.

- Helen Keller

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October 2012						

Have a safe Halloween



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 2012						

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



We would like to wish
all of you a Happy
Thanksgiving Day.

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.

Linda Delk (General Information) (813) 302-9763

Sue Bowditch (Adult Child) (813) 390-9734

Theresa Farmer (Homicide) (813) 994-0707

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) 340-9120

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.

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. 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 @813-907-1441 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

"If tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
it seemed almost impossible,
that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all that we shared,
And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss some tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,

He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past,
but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
and since each day is the same way,
There's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart "

How to Survive the Death of Your Child

1. Know that you are entitled to all of your feelings and emotions.
2. Know that there is no time table on your grieving process.
3. Be very gentle with yourself.
4. Know that it is scientifically proven that a loss of this magnitude is similar to a major physical injury.
5. Set healthy boundaries for yourself.
6. Find a support network.
7. Read books about grief.
8. Create a memorial for your child.
9. Wait at least one year before making any major decisions.
10. A counselor may help.
11. Prescribed Medication may help, however will not dissolve your pain.
12. Re-evaluate your relationships if they become hurtful.
13. Know that time is a huge factor.
14. Fight a good fight in honor of your child.
15. Try not to sweat the small stuff.
16. Know that you are not alone.

For the full article see:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Survive-the-Death-of-Your-Child>



Our Children . . . Remembered

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October Birthdays

Baez, Roberto G 10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005 M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez	Fitzpatrick, Brad R 10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000 M - Barbara Fitzpatrick	Nichols, Shannon Jr. 10/5/1979 - 3/29/2004 M-Terrena Nichols F-Shannon Nichols S-Brandy& Melissa Nichols	Snyder, Janna Marie 10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995 GP - Marian & Paul Bullard P - Dana & Connie Snyder B - Jeff Snyder
Baker-Dixon, Lori Kathleen 10/29/1975 - 4/12/2001 Child - Ryan Spouse - Rusty P - Donna & Ron Budd and Marie & Bill Baker S - Tracy Goodson & Phylcia Baker B - Jamey Baker	Glim, Melissa 10/15/1995 GM-JoAnn Glim	Peters, Chalama 10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005 P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis	Thesiault, George L 10/13/1951 - 6/1/1996 P - Mae Theriault
Black, Justin 10/3/1989-11/6/2007 F-Chris Black	Hester, Debbie 10/14/61 - 07/25/98 P - Buddy & Sue Butler	Pippin, Shawn 10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002 M-Anita Pippin	Thomas, Destiny Jean 10/1/1990 - 4/24/1998 F-Craig Thomas B-Braxton and tin GP-Augie & Betty Thatcher and Marty & Carol Thomas
Burger, Teresa 10/26/58 - 07/10/87 M - Cecelia Burger B - Hal & Curt Burger	Knight, Arleen Diane 10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004 P-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez S-Elaine Rogers Daughters-Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz, Katie Tuclula	Short, Kimberley 10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993 P - Terrance & Sue Short	Thompson, Timothy A. 10/27/70 - 01/07/93 P- Bettie & Richard Thompson
Carpenter, Ben 10/3/1965-5/10/1995 P-Carl & Marilyn Carpenter	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	Sluder, Theresa Elaine 10/14/61 - 11/17/2008 P-Tom & Judy Sluder S-Kathryn B-Tom III & Keith Children-Brandy & Brandon Grandchildren-Romeo, Thaliana N/N-Israel, Keith II and Miranda	Wallowicz, Michael (Mikey) Kevin 10/23/1981 - 4/28/1990 P - Jim & Judy Wallowicz B - Jimi Wallowicz GM-Josie Varselona
Casey, Ryan 10/15/86 - 5/4/12 P - Mike & Katie Casey S- Lauren Casey	Mercer, Bret 10/5/1988 - 6/25/1992 P - Eddie & Darlene Mercer S - Lindy, Crystal & Kaley GP-Loren & Christine Mercer GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon	Schmedlen, Nathan 10/27/1968-2/2/1990 M-Rose Schmedlen	Welch, Kimberly Michelle 10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003 M-Nancy Welch Child-
Cason, Todd 10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003 P-Earl and Kay Cason Child- Spouse-	Miller, Tyler Lee 10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003 P-Perry and Barbara Miller	Smith, Clay Daniel 10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996 P-Francia & Chuck Smith B - Jed & Kyle	Wynne, Adam Charles 10/13/1971 - 4/24/1993 P-Chuck & Gloria Judson S-Lori Wynne Father to Morgan Wynne
Chilson, Candice 10/24/83 - 11/10/01 M - Wendy Chilson			



October Anniversaries

Baez, Roberto G. 10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005 M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez	Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr. 8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000 P - Gary & Janelle Gardner B - Jacob Gary Gardner	Gugliotta, Dan & Nadine 3/26/1976 - 10/14/2003 P-Dan & Nadine Gugliotta Son-Jason	Knox, Patricia Lynn 7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997 M - Shelby Jean McClure
Baker, Jennifer 12/13/1973 - 10/15/1995 P-Terry & Susan Baker	Gonzalez, Tarik C. 1/16/1976 - 10/12/2007 M-Susan Zapata GM-Jacqueline Rodriguez	Howard, Joseph 3/14/1985-10/5/2002 M-Krista Howard	Kushner, Jonathan 09/13/62 - 10/28/73 P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner B-Andy & David
Ferrera, Alex 8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997 P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera B - Paolo Ferrera GM - Magda Alvarez Aunt - Mirta Diaz Uncle - John Ferrera	Griner, Matthew Ian 7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006 P-George & Barbara Griner B-Daniel & Kurt GP-Bill and Ann Griner	Johnston, Nathan 8/22/1981-10/19/2005 M-Indra Johnston-Wilhour	Lingefelt, Fiona 12/20/1989 - 10/15/2000 P - Karen & Douglas Lingefelt B-Alexander & Andrew
Fitzpatrick, Brad R. 10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000 M - Barbara Fitzpatrick	Glim, Melissa 10/15/1995 GM-JoAnn Glim	Kelley, Emmanuel 2/27/1987-10/25/2006 M-Cynthia Kelley A-Deitra Luropler C-Angel Kelley	Lovett, Sandra Sandy 12/3/1968 - 10/4/1997 M - Barbara Bryant





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Martinez, Joseph
4/23/1972 - 10/13/2007
M-Josie Martinez
S-Patty Camuns

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/04/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

Milam, Perry Edward
11/4/1974 - 10/1/1994
M-Nancy Milam
S-Suzanne Milam Clark

Miller, Tyler Lee
10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003
P-Perry and Barbara Miller

O'Neil, Clark Dean
9/1/1962 - 10/24/2004
P-Larry and Jeanne O'Neil
B-Kevin & wife Rene'
S-Kitty & husband Joseph; Jennifer &
husband Randy

Parrish, Tyler Stephen
8/6/1991 - 10/24/1991
P - June & Terry Parrish

Peters, Chalama
10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005
P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis

Rayburn, Geoffrey (Jeff) Ware
3/2/1970 - 10/15/1995
P-Robert and Sue Moos
B-Bobby Moos
S-Amy Rayburn
GP-Richard & Jeannette Roberson
and Josephine Rayburn

Schank, Jamie
11/3/1972-10/26/2003
M-Joan Schank

Schneider, Adam
01/29/71 - 10/23/75
P - Bill & Georgia Schneider

Simone, Benjamin Arthur
3/29/1975 - 10/10/1997
P - David & Kathy Simone
S - Dawn Figueroa

Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi"
9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995
P - Carl & Lisa Will
S - Megan & Rachel Will
B- Zachary & Seth Will

November Birthdays

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

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buz- bee-Reeves

Celestey, Shaun
11/16/1980-1/3/1980
P-Vick & Paula Celestey

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

Decosta, Brittany
11/19/87 - 04/07/91
M - Kay Decosta

Delk, Melissa Ann
11/13/72 - 12/09/77
M - Linda Delk
B - Louis Delk
S - Meronda Brown

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/20/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Dixon Jr., Anthony Howard
11/27/1978 - 4/1/1996
M - Brenda & Toney Dixon
B - David Dixon

Dominguez Mario
/11/1/1987/
M-Sonia Dominguez

Douglas, Christopher
11/4/1977 - 12/22/1997
M - Laren & Michael
S - Stacy & Leigh
B - Clinton

Garcia, Larry D.
11/8/1983 - 1/10/2007
M-Consuelo Rios

Hadley, Katrina
11/17/1961 - 2/4/2006
M-Grace Therman

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

Hinchey, Ronald
11/17/1974 - 12/10/1999
P - Ronald & Donna Hinchey
S - Tracy Foster

Jacobson, Nathan
11/9/1994-2/16/2008/
P-Amy & Pete Jacobson

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

Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

Loadholtz, Glenn Edward
11/25/1969 - 2/15/2005
P-George & Jackie Loadholtz
S-Gwen Walkowiak

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/4/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

Milam, Perry Edward
11/4/1974 - 10/1/1994
M-Nancy Milam
S-Suzanne Milam Clark

Miulli, Matthew Michael
11/27/1987-1/19/2005
P-Jim & Kathy Miulli
GP-Rudy Prehnal and
Mike & Sue Miulli

Nichols, Melissa
11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002
M-Terrrena Nichols F-Shannon Nich-
ols S-Brandy Nichols
B-Shannon Nichols, Jr.

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

Rivera, Damian Elijah
11/19/2001 - 01/10/2002
M-Nicole Rivera

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M - Denise Robles F - Ronnie
Greene B - Shane

Russell, Melody
11/25/1985 - 11/25/1985
M-Karron Russell
GP - Ben & Sue Bowditch
S/B - Brytani and Derak
Aunts - Catherine and Roben

Schank, Jamie
11/3/1972-10/26/2003
P- Joan Schank

Shockey, Ann
11/08/56 - 04/26/70
P - Dick & Connie Shockey

Torres, Angel Luv
11/19/1982 - 11/2/1994
P-Aida & Angel Torres
B-Nicolas Torres
GP-Pola Lespierre

Walker, Nick
11/12/1983 - 1/11/2001
M - Denise Walker
GM - Shirley Walker

Wheeler, Clifford Denmark
11/1/1979 - 1 /18/1996
M-Donna Wheeler
B-John, James & Duane
GP-Lynn & Marcel Baker





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Arnold, Ryan
9/1/1988-11/28/2007
P-Ron & Marcia Arnold
B-Jason & Matt
GP-Charlie & Kathy Arnold,
and Allan & Florence Knopf

Baker, Brendolyn Joyce Butterfly
1/1/1948 - 11/9/1990
M - Rebeckah Mitchell
SF - Daniel Mitchell
B - Daniel Leroy Mitchell
S - Sharolyn Mitchell, Rhondolyn
Shedrick, Lerolyn Capehart, and
Angelyn Capehart

Baker, Holly K.
02/11/84 - 11/15/96
M - Evonne M. Baker

Justin, Chris
10/3/1989-11/6/2007
P-Chris Black

Bridgmon, Matt
2/11/1978-11/4/2006
M-Jean Bridgmon

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

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buzbee-Reeves

Chartier, Eric
9/3/1978-11/2007
P-Linda Chartier & Joe
Phillips

Chilson, Candice
10/24/83 - 11/10/01
M - Wendy Chilson

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/15/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Gladen, Renee' Rose
4/21/1961-11/17/1999
S-Diana Gaden

Gray, Jay
09/07/70 - 11/09/01
M - Dee Gray

Harrigan, Kimaura
12/04/1995-11/1/2008
M-Kichma Nieves

Hines, Heather
4/28/1975 - 11/25/1998
M - Sue Hines
Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

Jakabowski, Jerome (Jerry)
2/9/1971-11/5/2009
M-Marsha Schemela
B-Jason Jakabowski

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

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

Moore, Vanessa
9/3/1980-11/11/2005
M-Pat Moore

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M- Denise Robles
F-Ronnie Greene
S - Shane

Rogers, Dayna Andrew
3/12/1973 - 11/27/1994
M - Linda Heatherly
S - Misty Walker & Amber Roger

Ruiz, Marcus Nelson
12/29/1996 - 11/12/2000
P - Aleida & Nelson Ruiz
S - Illana

Russell, Melody
11/25/1985 - 11/25/1985
M-Karron Russell
GP - Ben & Sue Bowditch
S/B - Brytani and Derak
Aunts - Catherine and Roben

Sluder, Theresa Elaine
10/14/61 - 11/17/2008
P-Tom & Judy Sluder
S-Kathryn
B-Tom III & Keith
Children-Brandy & Brandon
Grandchildren-Romeo, Thaliana
N/N-Israel, Keith II and
Miranda

Snyder, Janna Marie
10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995
GP Marian & Paul Bullard
P - Dana & Connie Snyder
B - Jeff Snyder

Szczepanek, Daniel
6/21/1988 - 11/10/2006
M-Debra Szczepanek

Torres, Angel Luv
11/19/1982 - 11/2/1994
P-Aida & Angel Torres
B-Nicolas Torres
GP-Pola Lespier



Dear God,

*Please Give us the Ability to
Focus Our Thoughts on Our
Happy Memories of Our Chil-
dren and on Their Life, Rather
than To Dwell On Their Death.*

Debbie Nemitz

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**



*You must contact us to have your child's name added to the newsletter,
they are not automatically added.*

*If we have omitted your child, misspelled your child's name, or listed incorrect dates or other
information, please accept our apologies and contact*

Debbie Nemitz at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com or 813-907-1441 to correct the information.

Please bear with us as we are transitioning the newsletter. Any errors are unintentional and we sincerely apologize in advance. Call any of our telephone friends if you are having a hard time on these days or even other days if you need to talk.

The Holidays are Upon Us

We have once again approached the holiday season. We will be celebrating one holiday after another for the next few months. Halloween starts off this holiday season. Many find it a difficult time if their children had a love for the holiday. You see other children in their costumes, wondering what your child would have chosen to be this year. A month later we are celebrating Thanksgiving. It is a time to be thankful for our many blessings. Sometimes, especially when we are new to grief, it is very difficult to find them. All we can focus on is our major loss....the death of our child. We often have trouble seeing anything else. Eventually we realize how much we do still have. Within the next month we have Chanukah and Christmas. I think those are perhaps worse because they are holidays that bring excitement for the children. I remember being concerned about our first holiday season without our precious daughter, Robyn. I was surprised that it wasn't nearly as bad as I had feared. I discovered that we got through Thanksgiving and Christmas.....they were simply more "bad days without her." There was less excitement, but we had pleasant family dinners. From that point on I took the approach that no day will ever be as good as it could be if she were still alive. With the New Year comes hope that we will have a better year than the last.

Speaking of hope, I wish you all the best during this holiday season.

Debbie Nemitz

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT / REQUEST

Many of you have already been getting this newsletter delivered to your e-mail address. We began offering it several years ago as our way of "going green". However, at this point, we are asking that EVERYONE who has access to a computer provide us with their email address or go to our website online @ <http://www.bpusatampabay.com/Newsletters.html> .

It is very costly to have these printed and mailed. We are limited in our funds and there have been fewer donations during this time of economic struggle. If you do not have access to a computer, then we would greatly appreciate you making a donation (suggested amount of \$12.00) for the year, if at all possible. Thanks so much. We appreciate your understanding our situation.

Send all information to Debbie Nemitz by e-mail at debbie.bpnews@gmail.com . If you have been getting them by email and you fail to get one, please make sure that you inform me.

2012 Candlelight Ceremony (December 9) Participation Form

(Please return by November 30 to have your child's name/picture appear in the Program) To: BPIUSA,

c/o 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629

I (family) will be attending the service on December 9, and will light a candle in remembrance of my child/children

Number of people attending _____

I have enclosed a picture for the Presentation OR Please use the picture from last year's Presentation. I have enclosed \$3 for a picture button

I have enclosed add'l \$1.00 to add child's 1st name: _____

I will be unable to attend the service but would like to have a candle lit in memory of my child/children. NOTE: Due to time restraints, only picture for parents ATTENDING the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for understanding.

Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: ----- Death Date: -----

Type of Death: _____

Son or Daughter **of** ----- Sister or

Brother of: -----

Grandson or Granddaughter **of**: -----

I would like to furnish _____ for the reception.

NOTE: Please try to furnish food (sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, etc.) since we seem to have an abundance of desserts.

I am enclosing a donation in the amount of \$_____ in honor of my child/children.

Your Name: -----

Address/Zip: _____

Telephone **Number**: -----

Email Address: -----

December 9, 2012 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter, will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7p.m. on Sunday December 9, 2011. The ceremony will be held in The Medical Arts Building (MAB) Auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. This day is also the Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting event (created and shared by TCF) where candles will be lit around the world in memory of all children that have died in every time zone starting at 7:00p.m. Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. Any bereaved parent or family member and friends are invited to participate. For those of you who are newly bereaved, we encourage you to attend. This service can make handling the holiday season a little easier.

KEEPSAKE VOTIVE - Each family who attends will light a candle in honor of their child and take the candle home to light throughout the holidays. Due to a decrease in the amount of donations we have received, this year we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family

RECEPTION -We will have a reception following the ceremony and we invite you to bring if possible, your child's favorite food (i.e. vegetables, chips, snacks, sandwiches, etc.) to share with others. We normally have an abundance of desserts.

PICTURE PRESENTATION-A Special Slide Picture Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, mail a picture of your child, and include their full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation and also the birth and death dates, to: David Hurley, 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629, the pictures and information regarding your child/children will be forwarded to David Hurley.

NOTE: Due to time restraints, only pictures of children whose parents are attending the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for your understanding.

Picture should be of your deceased child only. If your child's picture was included in previous year's candle lights, any of the National Gathering closing ceremonies, or Chapter Newsletters and you want to use the same photo, just let David Hurley know that. Pictures mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service -please pick them up at the registration desk. You can scan the picture yourself and email to david.hurley@gte.net but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi. Any questions please call David Hurley 813-831-2588.

BUTTONS- We have the equipment to make picture buttons. Bring a picture no smaller than 3" x 5" and picture will be cut and become the button. Buttons are round and measure approximately 2.25" in diameter. Cost per button is only \$3.00.

BOUTIQUE-There will be an Angel/Butterfly Boutique to purchase holiday items or gifts. All items are donated and all proceeds benefit your local BPIUSA Chapter. To donate items, please call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946.

PARTICIPATION FORM-For planning purposes, or to ensure your child's name appears in our candle lighting program, or if you wish to have a candle lit for your child in your absence, please complete and submit the form attached and send it in before November 30 to: BP/USA Tampa Bay Chapter, c/o 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629.

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.

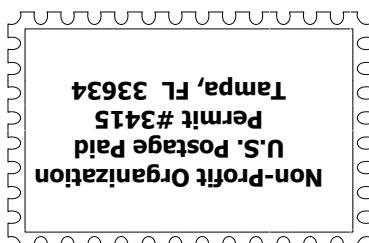
Together we celebrate the lives of our children, share the joys and triumphs as well as the love that will never fade. Together we learn how little it matters where we live, our color, our affluence, or what faith we uphold as we confront the tragedies of our children's deaths. Together, strengthened 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.

**There are things that we
don't want to happen
but have to accept,
things we don't want to know
but have to learn,
and people we can't live without
but have to let go.**

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