

# 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 September 14 and October 12, 2014
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 <u>DAYTIME</u> Meeting
Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas
(held the second Friday each month)
Fridays, September 12 and October 10, 2014
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 NIGHTIME Meeting
Riverview/Gibsonton/Brandon areas
(held the last Thursday each month)
Thursdays September 25 and October 30, 2014
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.

#### September—October 2014

This months' newsletter is lovingly sponsored by the families of:

Caylee Marie Cepero Derek Holmberg and Keith Joseph Scragg

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With fall comes children heading back to school. For those who lost children in the school age range, this can be a difficult time.. I still remember the first fall after Robyn died. I was resentful watching all the parents buying their children's new school supplies and clothes. It hurt to see life going on for others, when I didn't have my child to take shopping. I never wished harm on the other children, but I surely had trouble understanding why God had allowed my daughter to die when most people had their children. I wish you all the best as fall begins.

Debbie Nemitz

### **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.

and Long Term Illness)

#### Debbie Nemitz (General Information

Crisis Center	211		
Rita Zvada (Se Habla Espanol)	(813)	961-1	011
Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	. ,	810-7	
Julie Woofter (Suicide)	(813)	754-4	848
an Only Child)			
Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of	(813)	340-9	120
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813)	335-7	628
Sandy Boehning (Grandparent)	(813)	989-3	255
Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813)	994-0	707
Sue Bowditch (Adult Child)	(813)	390-9	734
and Long Term inness)	(012)	201-3	307



#### **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, inclsuding the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

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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.

(813) 501-9567

#### The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

By Ron Tranmer



# IN MEMORY OF KEITH JOSEPH

JOSEPH SCRAGG



8/4/86—9/5/08

We Love and Miss You So Very Much!

Mom, Dad, Matt, and Macklin

#### Still Missing You

They say there is a reason They say that time will heal But neither time nor reason Will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache That lies behind our smiles, No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together The family chain is broken now, but memories live forever.

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# Our Children . . . Remembered

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

#### **September Birthdays**

Arnold, Ryan 9/1/1988 -11/28/2007

P - Ron & Marcia Arnold B - Jason and Matt

GP - Charlie & Kathy Arnold, and Allan & Florence Knopf

Brady, Mark A.
09/27/57 - 01/03/89
M - Margaret Brady
S - Margaret J. Bruner
B - Hayward L. "Bubba" Brady, Jr.
GP - Wallace & Josephine Bagley and

Cash, Christopher 9//13/1977 - 8/23/2004 M - Rita & Thomas Zvada F - Charles & Mika Cash Child - Leah Cash B - Charles Cash II

Wm. & Cinderalla Brady

GP - Gustavo & Ida Arencibia

Castellano, Lina 9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004 P - Sam & Jean Castellano

Cepero, Caylee Marie 9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005 P - Dawn and Lee Cepero

B - Corbin S - Kennedy

GP - Sandy Boehning

Daly, Cole 9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001 M - Katie Brock

Dechant, Matt 9/26/1984 - 4/14/2007 F - Tom Dechant

Donnarumma, Sophia Marie 9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004 P - Benjamin & Diane

S - Olivia

GM - Pat Donnarumma

Eddy, Steven 9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008 M- - Marilyn Eddy

S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy

B - Sonny

N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop

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

Gould, Richard J. 9/26/1981 - 3/3/2001 M - Cindy Phelps-Wise F - Ralph Gould B - Ryan, Bryan & Mark

S - Karen

Gray, Jay 09/07/70 - 11/09/01 M - Dee Gray Holland Jeffrey K. Moses 9/10/1986 - 7/7/2009

P - Thomas & Donna Holland and

Henry Moses

Sibs - Derrick & Logan

GP - Beverly Cash, Joan & Steve Holland

Kelley, Christopher Shawn 09/07/1972 – 5/26/2012 M – Patricia L Kelley F – Harry J Kelley SM – Donna Kelley

Knight, Matthew A.
9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001
P - Ron & Sandy Knight
GM - Jack & Mary Griffin & Doris I.
Knight

Kushner, Jonathan 09/13/62 - 10/28/73 P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner B - Andy & David

Lane, Jim 9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005 M - Carol Lane

Mart, Aaron Paul 09/24/96 - 09/11/99 P - Hank & Donna Mart

B - Daniel

GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

Morrill, Daniel 9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007 M - Amelia Lubrano

O'Berry, Michael Sean 09/13/94 - 12/15/97 P - Mike & Valerie O'Berry B - Christopher O'Berry GM - Linda Hoffman A - Joyce Weil U - Mike Kasrich

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

Peel, Matthew Shane 9/9/92 - 9/9/92 A - Beth Biggs U- Eddy Biggs GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul 9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995 F - Donald J. Perrotti

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

Williams, Travis Aaron 9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000 P - Bill & Linda Williams GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers & Edna Williams

#### **September Anniversaries**

Carter, Cassandra D. "Casie" 2/22/1982 - 9/28/1999 P - Ted & Gayle Carter B - Justin Carter GP - Luna Carter

Cooley, Malena Rose 3/23/1998 - 9/4/2000 P - Scott & Traci Cooley B - Nolan

S - Madelyn & Olivia

Gereaue, Ryan 5/20/1987 - 9/12/2008 M - Laurie Gereaue

Gravette, Austin Lee 8/31/1993 - 9/26/2009 P - Randy & Pamela Gravette S - Jessica Lynne Beauchamp GP - Oscar & Penny Rodriguez Harris, Eric Michael 2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003 P - Mike & Pam Harris B - Mark

B - Mari

GM - Joan Matthews & Verna Harris

Henry, Sumara Raquel 07/12/88 - 09/18/93 P - Louis & Cindy Henry GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry

Horst, Trey 4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000 P - Art & Linda Horst B - Todd & Thad S - Trisha & Tammy

Kowall, Spec. Corey J. 2/1/1989 - 9/20/2009 M - Kelly Kowall Sibs - Kyla & Kristen GP - Marshall & Marty Schoeff Kenefick, Aaron Michael 2/5/1979 - 9/8/2009 M - Susan Price Sibs - Jacque & Jade GM - Carol Price

Kutz, Dylan 4/12/95 - 9/7/13 P- Marivic & Richard Kutz

Lowe, Anna 1/30/1994 - 9/30/2007 M-Beth Lowe

Mart, Aaron Paul
09/24/96 - 09/11/99
P - Hank & Donna Mart
B - Daniel
GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael
&
Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

McMillion, James Christopher 7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003 GP - Ralph & Martha Hamilton

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

Mink-Miller, Deborha 3/26/1965 - 9/27/1991 M - Diane Mink S - Renee Mink Crosby

Morrill, Daniel 9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007 M - Amelia Lubrano Nichols, Melissa 11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002 M - Terrena Nichols F - Shannon Nichols S - Brandy Nichols B - Shannon Nichols,Jr.

Peel, Lee Anna Campbell 8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992 M - Patricia Campbell S -Beth Biggs B - Eddy Biggs GP - Estele & James Carleton

Peel, Matthew Shane 9/9/92 - 9/9/92 A - Beth Biggs U - Eddy Biggs GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul 9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995 F - Donald J. Perrotti Pippin, Shawn 10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002 M - Anita Pippin

Pispitsos, Richard John 01/23/72 - 09/14/98 P - Catherine Webb & Philip Finkelstein S - Michelle Webb

GP - Anne & Owen Beglane

Rainey, Wendy Michelle Price 3/7/1968 - 9/27/2006 M - Shelia Farmer B - Peter Price S - Emily Furst

Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M - Ann Roberts Mitchel GP - Merle H. Brunson 1/20/1967 - 9/12/2000
P - Ben & Sue Bowditch and
Children - Brytani, Derak & Melody
Sisters - Catherine, Roben & Laurie
Bobby Jr.& Scott
GP - Cathren Dickerson and Jimmy
& Kay Senseney

Russell, Karron Michelle

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

Scragg, Keith Joseph 8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008 P - Richard & Lori Son - Macklin B - Matthew S/O - Emily Popke Smith, Clay Daniel 10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996 P - Francia & Chuck Smith B - Jed & Kyle

Thornton, Teresa E. 01/12/66 - 09/24/81 P - Ken & Mirta Thornton S - Lisa Buckner B - Nick Thornton

GP - Tony & Berneda Pino



#### **October Birthdays**

Baez, Roberto G 10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005 M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

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 & Phylicia Baker

B - Jamey Baker

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

Burger, Teresa 10/26/58 - 07/10/87 M - Cecelia Burger B - Hal & Curt Burger

Carpenter, Ben 10/3/1965-5/10/1995 P-Carl & Marilyn Carpenter

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

Cason. Todd 10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003 P-Earl and Kay Cason Child- Spouse-

Chilson, Candice 10/24/83 - 11/10/01 M - Wendy Chilson Fitzpatrick, Brad R 10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000 M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Hester, Debbie 10/14/61 - 07/25/98 P - Buddy & Sue Butler

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

#### 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 GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Miller, Tyler Lee 10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003 P-Perry and Barbara Miller Nichols, Shannon Jr. 10/5/1979 - 3/29/2004 M-Terrena Nichols F-Shannon Nichols S-Brandy& Melissa Nichols

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

Pippin, Shawn 10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002 M-Anita Pippin

Short, Kimberley 10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993 P - Terrance & Sue Short

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

Schmedlen, Nathan 10/27/1968-2/2/1990 M-Rose Schmedlen

Smith, Clay Daniel 10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996 P-Francia & Chuck Smith B - Jed & Kyle

Snyder, Janna Marie 10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995 GP - Marian & Paul Bullard P - Dana & Connie Snyder B - Jeff Snyder Thesiault, George L 10/13/1951 - 6/1/1996 P - Mae Theriault

Thomas, Destiny Jean 10/1/1990 - 4/24/1998 F-Craig Thomas B-Braxton and tin GP-Augie & Betty Thatcher and Marty & Carol Thomas

Thompson, Timothy A. 10/27/70 - 01/07/93 P- Bettie & Richard Thompson

Wallowicz, Michael (Mikey) Kevin 10/23/1981 - 4/28/1990 P - Jim & Judy Wallowicz B - Jimi Wallowicz GM-Josie Varselona

Welch, Kimberly Michelle 10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003 M-Nancy Welch Child-

Wynne, Adam Charles 10/13/1971 - 4/24/1993 P-Chuck & Gloria Judson S-Lori Wynne Father to Morgan Wynne



#### **October Anniversaries**

Baez, Roberto G. 10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005 M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

Baker, Jennifer 12/13/1973 - 10/15/1995 P-Terry & Susan Baker

Ferrera, Alex 8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997 P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera B - Paolo Ferrera GM - Magda Alvarez Aunt - Mirta Diaz Uncle - John Ferrera

Fitzpatrick, Brad R. 10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000 M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr. 8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000 P - Gary & Janelle Gardner B - Jacob Gary Gardner

Gonzalez, Tarik C. 1/16/1976 - 10/12/2007 M-Susan Zapata GM-Jacqueline Rodriguez

Griner, Matthew Ian 7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006 P-George & Barbara Griner B-Daniel & Kurt GP-Bill and Ann Griner Gugliotta, Dan & Nadine 3/26/1976 - 10/14/2003 P-Dan & Nadine Gugliotta Son-Jason

Howard, Joseph 3/14/1985-10/5/2002 M-Krista Howard

Johnston, Nathan 8/22/1981-10/19/2005 M-Indra Johnston-Wilhour

Kelley, Emmanuel 2/27/1987-10/25/2006 M-Cyntheia Kelley A-Deitra Luropler C-Angel Kelley

Knox, Patricia Lynn 7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997 M - Shelby Jean McClure

Kushner, Jonathan 09/13/62 - 10/28/73 P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner B-Andy & David



Lingefelt, Fiona 12/20/1989 - 10/15/2000 P - Karen & Douglas Lingefelt B-Alexander & Andrew

Lovett, Sandra Sandy 12/3/1968 - 10/4/1997 M - Barbara Bryant

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

#### I Am Not There

Do not stand by my grave and weep For I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am diamonds that glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awaken in the morning hush

I am the swift uplifting rush of butterflies in joyous flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there.

I did not die.

By Mary Elizabeth Frye

Please make sure to note that we are already planning for the Candle Lighting. The information is on pages 10-11. We want to emphasize the need to RSVP this year if you are planning to attend. We will be deleting many of the pictures in the slide show since so many last year didn't have anyone in attendance. Please spread the word that if people want their childrens pictures in the presentation, then they **need to RSVP**. Thanks and looking forward to seeing many of you in attendance.

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEREK!**







Your family misses you every day......

"you made this world more wonderful by simply being you"

Lovingly,

Grandma Mary Ellen Holmberg

#### **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.



Listen to "*Hope, Healing & Help*" every Saturday from 11:00 til noon Pacific Time on KFIA 710AM Sacramento or <a href="www.kfia.com">www.kfia.com</a>. Can't listen in at that time? All of their programs are available to listen to on their website, <a href="www.hopehealinghelp.com">www.hopehealinghelp.com</a>.

We wish to thank Kathleen Lemon for her generous donation in memory of her son *Johnny Green* and her grandson *Keith Scragg* 



"Once Upon A Dream"

I know you, I walked with you once upon a dream
I know you, that look in your eyes is so familiar a gleam
And I know it's true that visions are seldom all they seem
But if I know you, I know what you'll do
You'll love me at once, the way you did once upon a dream

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I know you, I walked with you once upon a dream
I know you, that gleam in your eyes is so familiar a gleam
And I know it's true that visions are seldom all they seem
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You'll love me at once, the way you did once upon a dream

Love, Mama, Papa, Corbin, Kennedy, Grandma, Umple Geoff, Aunt Genal, Riley and Morgan



#### 2013 Candlelight Ceremony (December 14) Participation Form

(Please return this registration by December 5 to have your child's name / picture appear in the Send to: BP/USA, c/o Lori Scragg, 1105 Fredrick Ln. Brandon, fl 33511 Program. I (family) will be attending the service on December 14, 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 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:\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death:\_\_\_\_\_ Son or Daughter of Sister or Brother 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 memory of my child / children. I would like to donate poinsettia(s) in the amount of \$10.00 each in memory of my child / children to be used for decorating at the Candle Lighting. (you may take it (them) home afterwards) Your Name\_\_\_\_ Address/Zip:. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number:

#### December 14, 2014 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter, will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 PM. on Sunday December 14, 2013. (Please begin to arrive by 6:30 PM so that we can begin the program on time at 7). 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 7:00 PM. 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.

<u>KEEPSAKE VOTIVE</u> - 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, we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per person. \*

<u>RECEPTION</u> -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.

<u>PICTURE PRESENTATION</u>-A Special Slide Picture Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, <u>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: Lori Scragg, 1105Fredrick Lane, Brandon, FL 33511.</u>

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 <u>only</u>. 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 Debbie Nemitz 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 debbie.bpnews@gmail.com, but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi.. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Nemitz at 813-501-9567.

<u>BUTTONS</u>- 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. (picture wanted in button should have plenty of space around it)

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

<u>PARTICIPATION FORM</u>-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, <u>please complete and submit the form attached and send it in before December 5 to</u>: BP/USA Tampa Bay Chapter, c/o Lori Scragg, 1105 Fredrick Lane, Brandon, FL 33511

\* If you have votives from previous years that you would like to donate, please get in touch with us so that we can plan accordingly. You may call either Lori at 813-361-2946 or Debbie at 813-501-9567.

# 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.

# "Death ends a life, not a relationship."

— <u>Mitch Albom</u>, <u>Tuesdays with</u> Morrie

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