



Tampa Bay Chapter

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Keith Joseph Scragg , &
Caylee Marie Cepero*

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting
(held the second Sunday of the month)
Sundays, September 11 and October 9, 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 DAYTIME Meeting
Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas
(held the second Friday each month)
Fridays, September 9 and October 14, 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 NIGHTTIME Meeting
Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas
(held the last Thursday each month)
Thursdays September 29 and October 27, 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)*

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| October 2016 | | | | | | |

Where did the summer go? It is now fall, and the holidays are upon on. This is one of the most difficult times of the year for many of us who must celebrate holidays without our child(ren). We try to be festive for those of our loved ones who are still here, but it can be difficult . Speaking of holidays our Candle Lighting is upon us. It will be held on December 11, the second Sunday in December as always. Please read about it on pages 8-9 and send in your RSVP by November 30th. If you don't already have your child's picture in the presentation, please make sure to include it.

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
813.625-1468*



www.angelofhopetampabay.com/

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 an Only Child) (813) 340-9120

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*

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 due by the 25th of the month BEFORE the publication month. We publish every 2 months.

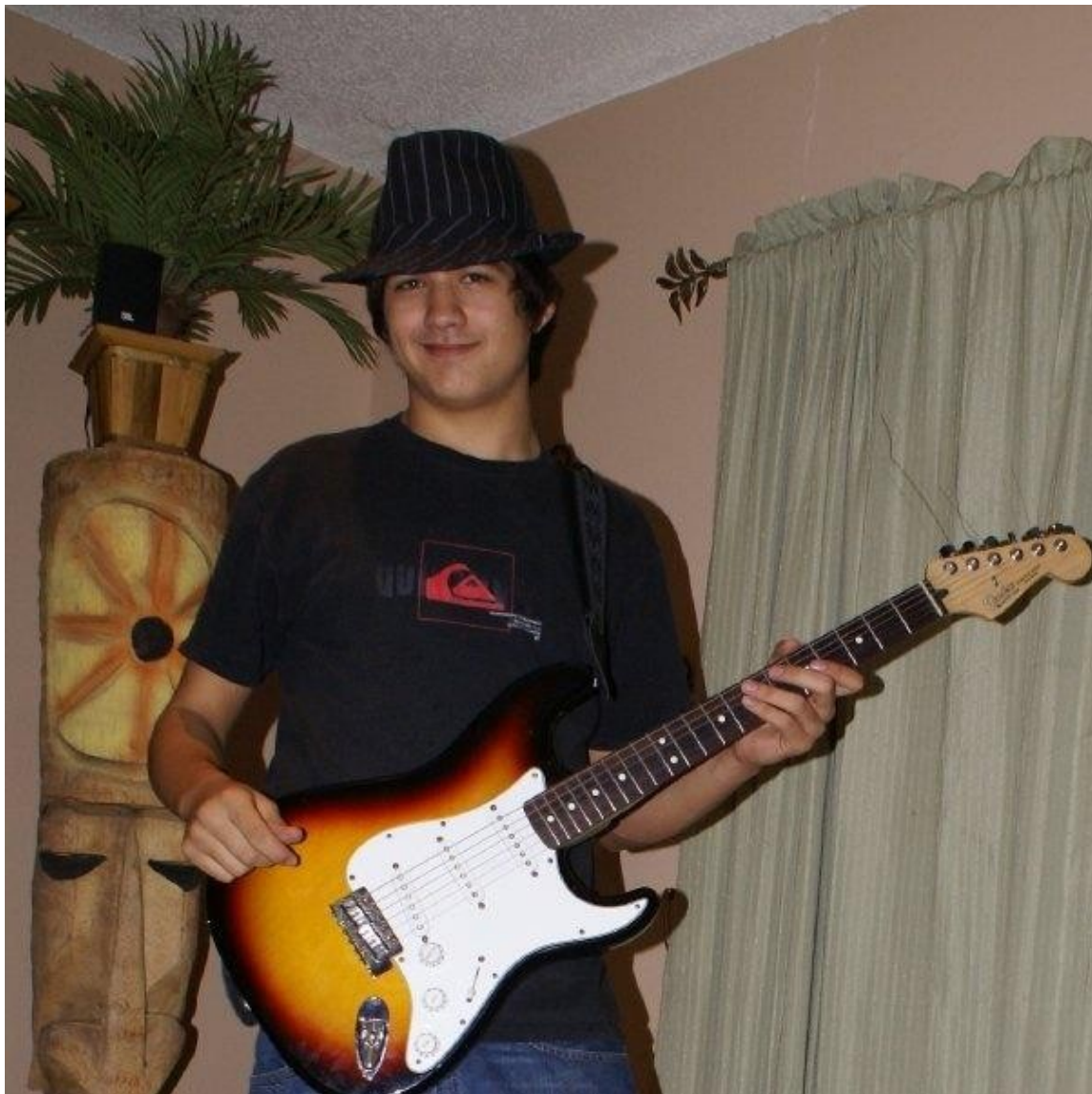
Refreshments

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.

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 @813-501-9567 or debbie.bpnews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEREK



Always smiling, always loving--a comet that streaked across our lives and left too soon.

Your loving grandma misses you....



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 | Dechant, Matt 9/26/1984 - 4/14/2007 F - Tom Dechant | Kelley, Christopher Shawn 09/07/1972 - 5/26/2012 M - Patricia L Kelley F - Harry J Kelley SM - Donna Kelley | 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 |
| 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 Wm. & Cinderalla Brady | Donnarumma, Sophia Marie 9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004 P - Benjamin & Diane S - Olivia GM - Pat Donnarumma | Knight, Matthew A. 9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001 P - Ron & Sandy Knight GM - Jack & Mary Griffin & Doris I. Knight | Peel, Matthew Shane 9/9/92 - 9/9/92 A - Beth Biggs U- Eddy Biggs GM - Patricia Campbell |
| 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 | Eddy, Steven 9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008 M - Marilyn Eddy S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy B - Sonny N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop | Kushner, Jonathan 09/13/62 - 10/28/73 P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner B - Andy & David | Perrotti, Paul 9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995 F - Donald J. Perrotti |
| Castellano, Lina 9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004 P - Sam & Jean Castellano | Funk, Benjamin 9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001 P - Mr & Mrs Funk | Lane, Jim 9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005 M - Carol Lane | Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi" 9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995 P - Carl & Lisa Will S - Megan & Rachel Will B - Zachary & Seth Will |
| Cepero, Caylee Marie 9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005 P - Dawn and Lee Cepero B - Corbin S - Kennedy GP - Sandy Boehning | Gould, Richard J. 9/26/1981 - 3/3/2001 M - Cindy Phelps-Wise F - Ralph Gould B - Ryan, Bryan & Mark S - Karen | Mart, Aaron Paul 09/24/96 - 09/11/99 P - Hank & Donna Mart B - Daniel GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim | Williams, Travis Aaron 9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000 P - Bill & Linda Williams GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers & Edna Williams |
| Daly, Cole 9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001 M - Katie Brock | Gray, Jay 09/07/70 - 11/09/01 M - Dee Gray | Morrill, Daniel 9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007 M - Amelia Lubrano | |
| | 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 | 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 | |



September Anniversaries

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| Carter, Cassandra D. "Casie" 2/22/1982 - 9/28/1999 P - Ted & Gayle Carter B - Justin Carter GP - Luna Carter | Gravette, Austin Lee 8/31/1993 - 9/26/2009 P - Randy & Pamela Gravette S - Jessica Lynne Beauchamp GP - Oscar & Penny Rodriguez | Horst, Trey 4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000 P - Art & Linda Horst B - Todd & Thad S - Trisha & Tammy | Kutz, Dylan 4/12/95 - 9/7/13 P - Marivic & Richard Kutz |
| Cooley, Malena Rose 3/23/1998 - 9/4/2000 P - Scott & Traci Cooley B - Nolan S - Madelyn & Olivia | Harris, Eric Michael 2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003 P - Mike & Pam Harris B - Mark GM - Joan Matthews & Verna Harris | Kowall, Spec. Corey J. 2/1/1989 - 9/20/2009 M - Kelly Kowall Sibs - Kyla & Kristen GP - Marshall & Marty Schoeff | Lowe, Anna 1/30/1994 - 9/30/2007 M-Beth Lowe |
| Gereau, Ryan 5/20/1987 - 9/12/2008 M - Laurie Gereau | Henry, Sumara Raquel 07/12/88 - 09/18/93 P - Louis & Cindy Henry GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry | Kenefick, Aaron Michael 2/5/1979 - 9/8/2009 M - Susan Price Sibs - Jacque & Jade GM - Carol Price | Mack, Anthony Joe 5/31/96 - 9/28/14 P - Barbara & Rob Riches |
| | | Mart, Aaron Paul 09/24/96 - 09/11/99 P - Hank & Donna Mart B - Daniel GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim | |

September Anniversaries cont'd

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

Pispitos, 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

Russell, Karron Michelle
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

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 & Phylcia 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
Daughters-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



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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

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



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.

"One day, a son asked his father, 'Why is it always the best people who die?' The father answered, 'Son, if you are in a meadow, which flowers do you pick? The worst ones or the best?'"

- Author unknown



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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IN MEMORY OF KEITH JOSEPH SCRAGG



8/4/86—9/5/08

We Love and Miss You So Very
Much!

Mom, Dad, Matt, and Macklin

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

2016 Candlelight Ceremony (December 11) Participation Form

(Please return this registration by November 30 to have your child's name / picture appear in the Program. Send to: BP/USA, c/o Lori Scragg, 1105 Fredrick Ln. Brandon, FL 33511

I (family) will be attending the service on December 11, 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

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 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: _____

Email Address: _____

December 11, 2016 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 11, 2016. (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.

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, we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per person. *

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: Lori Scragg,

1105 Fredrick Lane, Brandon, FL 33511.

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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 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.

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. (picture wanted in button should have plenty of space around it)

NO BOUTIQUE-There will be FUNDRAISING RAFFLE OF GIFT BASKETS. You can donate a basket in memory of your child/children or you can send a donation in with your registration and we will do one for you in memory of your child/children. Please call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946 if you have questions.

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 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.

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/>

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 ½ 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 than the angel pins. Also a name can be engraved on the back of the angel ornament.

Cost \$20.00



We still have a few from our order last year. I believe that they will once again have a new Christmas ornament. I will be getting in touch with Rosemary and getting a picture of the new one. I will also confirm and make sure that last year's is still available. We will accept orders ahead of time so that they can be picked up at the Candle Lighting. We will place the order as soon as the check and order are received. This is especially important if you would like engraving on the back of the ornament. Be looking for another email with the picture of the new ornament.

*October 15th is the National Pregnancy and Infant
Loss Awareness Day. Why have an Awareness
Month?*

Because each baby, no matter how small, is special; Because parents want to remember;

Because this increases awareness of infant loss in our community;

Because society needs to be reminded that each baby, even the tiniest life;

....was wanted,

.....was real,

....is loved.



Life After Loss: How The Death Of A Baby Changes You Forever

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During those intensely painful days after my daughter Laura was stillborn five years ago, I remember feeling that I was at a crossroads in my life-that two separate paths lay before me: I could either let this tragedy destroy my life and break my spirit or I could find a way to make something positive come out of my daughter's death.

Fortunately for me, I inherited the stubborn gene from my parents, so giving up on life really wasn't a viable option for me. So, by default, I gravitated toward the second alternative: finding a way to make something good come out of this most searing of losses.

While I would never have wished this on myself-the death of a baby is too big a price to pay for any personal growth experience-I have been forever changed by the experience of losing Laura. In many ways, I'm a better person than I was before that fateful day five years ago when a tiny piece of my heart was forever broken.

For one thing, I'm more compassionate. I feel an immediate bond with any parent who has experienced the death of a baby as well as anyone else who is grieving the death of someone significant in their life, be it a spouse, a parent, or a close friend. My volunteer work with grieving parents and the articles and books I've written on miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death have allowed me to make a difference in the lives of other parents who've experienced the tragedy of losing a much-wanted baby. That means a lot to me.

In terms of other ways I've been affected by the death of my daughter, I'd say I'm more aware of what it feels like to be really connected to someone- heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul. I have a very special friend whose baby died shortly after mine did. The two of us spent a lot of time together in the weeks that followed, sharing our grief about the babies who would never come home. We don't see each other as often these days-we've both insanely busy with work and family-but each time we meet for lunch, it's like we've never been apart. That speaks to the powerful bond that we developed during the most nightmarish time of our lives.

Another perk: I'm less of a control freak. After all, I've learned the hard way that some things are out of your control-and some things can't be fixed, no matter how desperately you want to put the pieces back together again. As a card-carrying Type A, it's been healthy for me to learn to let go of things-well, at least a little!

Along the same vein, I've come to terms with my fear of death. Being forced to deal with the death of my child has forced me to confront my own mortality. As a result, I'm more at peace with the knowledge that life doesn't last forever-and more inclined to make the most of today.

I've also learned how to put things in perspective. A leaky ceiling, a missed deadline, a squabble with my husband, or a minor fender bender no longer qualify as a crisis for me. I now save the "crisis" label for the real life-and- death situations.

Finally, I'm better able to celebrate the wonder in everyday life. Rather than looking forward to that magical day when my mortgage is paid off, I reach my goal weight, and I have a book or two on the bestseller list (hey, a girl can dream, can't she?), I'm more inclined to delight in what's happening in the here and now: to savor the joy I feel when my youngest child, Ian, hugs my leg and says, "I really love you, Mom" and to enjoy the way my heart lifts when the telephone rings and there's a special friend on the other end of the line.

These are just a few of the gifts that Laura gave to me during her brief journey through my life. These gifts are her legacy to me.

Ann Douglas, author

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Happy Birthday Caylee

9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005

How Beautiful You Were, You Are and Will Forever Be.
We'll never need to wonder, because we already know.
We love you Always! - Mama, Papa, Corbin, Kennedy, Meemaw
Umple Geoff, Aunt Genal, Riley, Morgan and your whole family

Now I light a candle and I pray your name
Lend a helpful hand to another in the same
Wish upon your star, sing Amazing Grace
Thank God for the time we had before you left this place.

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.

“It has been said time heals all wounds. I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind protecting it's sanity covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens, but it's never gone.”

— Rose Kennedy

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