

2025 Remembrance Candlelight Ceremony

Date:

December 14, 2025; Sunday

Time:

7 PM (Please begin to arrive by 6:00 pm; program will begin promptly at 7pm)

Location:

St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Arts Building; (3003 W MLK Blvd, Tampa)

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter

will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 PM. on Sunday December 14, 2025.

This day is the day of the Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting event, created and shared by The Compassionate Friends (TCF), initiated in 1997.

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 may 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. 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.

**RECEPTION**

This year we will be having a pot-luck dinner after the Candle Lighting as we have done in previous years. We encourage all to participate in the dinner. During this time, we will be announcing the winners of the raffled gift baskets.

PHOTO PRESENTATION

A Special Slide Photo Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, please see Participation Form. Include your child's full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation including the birth and death dates.

Photo should be of your deceased child only. If your child's photo 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 us know that. Photos mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service - please pick them up at the registration desk. You can scan the photo yourself and send via email, but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi. If you have an questions, please contact us.

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.

The raffle tickets will be:

\$1 for one ticket,

\$5 for 6 tickets,

\$10 for 15 tickets

\$20 for 35 tickets.

**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.

2025 Candlelight Ceremony Participation Form

2025 Candlelight Ceremony Sunday December 14 at 7pm

Please return this registration by November 30 to have your child's name / photo appear in the Program.

Send to: BP/USA, c/o Lori Scragg, 1406 Stephens Oak Ct., Plant City, FL 33567

Email to: lsragg@verizon.net or bptampabay@gmail.com

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: _____

New participants

I have enclosed a photo

Use the photo from previous 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: _____

Keepsake Votive donation \$1.00 per person Number of votives _____

I would like to provide / bring / donate for the reception:

NOTE: Please try to donate 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 purchase _____ **Poinsettia(s)** in the amount of **\$12.00 each**
in memory of my child / children; to be used for decorating at the
Candle Lighting. (You will take the poinsettia home afterwards)

Your Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

