



Tampa Bay Chapter

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Brandon, Florida
33508

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MEETING INFORMATION

*****Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting***

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sunday

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)

idays, January 8 and February 12, 2021

10:00 AM to Noon

New Hope United Methodist Church

121 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL

Call Debbie Nemitz at 813-501-9567

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly NIGHTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the last Thursday of each month

Thursdays, January 28 and February 25, 2021

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

New Hope United Methodist Church

213 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL

Call Charles L'Homme at 813-335-7628

for directions or information.

****The meetings at St Joseph's are currently not being held. We will update the website and send out notices when we begin to meet again.**

The Brandon daytime meetings will be held in rooms 3-4 of the Sanctuary Bldg (take right when coming in). The Brandon nighttime meetings will be held in the New Hope Life Center small conference room (on the other side of the parking lot).

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

Destiny Taylor Bailey

Michael Gerard Martini

Sean Richard Reber

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The New Year 2021 is here, and hopefully it will be a better one for everyone. There were certainly more challenges in 2020 than we have seen in many years {other than the year we lost our child(ren)}. Unfortunately much of the challenge is still with us. Hopefully things will improve as more get the vaccine. We wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. Please stay safe!

Before finishing this newsletter, I am sorry to report that one of our steering committee members, Tommy Dietrich, died from Covid. Many of you know Barbara and Tommy as they are active and always help at the Candle Lightings. Please see page 3 for an obituary. Please keep Barbara in your prayers during this difficult time. Debbie

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

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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
Lori Scragg (Adult Child & Wrecks)	(813) 361-2946
Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813) 994-0707
Sandy Boehning (Grandparent)	(813) 989-3255
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813) 335-7628
Barbara Dietrich (Death of an only Child)	(813) 340-9120
Julie Woofter (Suicide)	(813) 754-4848
Sherry Reber (Sibling)	(813) 598-2285
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.

Thomas Eymann Dietrich, 68, of Tampa, FL, passed away on January 8, 2021 after a valiant battle with Covid 19.

Thomas (Tommy) was born on May 28th, 1952 to Robert and Elizabeth Dietrich in Zurich, Switzerland. At 3 years of age, Tommy and his family moved to Old Greenwich, CT to start a new life. When he was 13, he became a US citizen. He graduated from J.M. Wright Technical High School in Stamford CT and returned to Switzerland to study Culinary Arts at Gerwber Culinary School in Zurich.

After Culinary school, he landed his first job as a Chef for Lakeover Golf and Country Club in Bedford Hills, New York, kicking off a 40-year career in Culinary Service. He was one of the chefs that opened Universal Studios Orlando in June of 1990 and he later opened the Tampa Street Café and Catering in October 2012.

In June of 1976, he met Barbara (Nidetch) Dietrich, and they wed in August 1976, going on to have one child, their daughter Jamie Rachel Dietrich who, sadly, passed away in November of 2004.

After retiring in 2016, Thomas spent his time volunteering with the Bereaved Parents of the USA national organization and the local BPUSA Tampa Bay Chapter. His hobbies included cooking and working on his Hot Wheels Car Collection.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dietrich; his father Robert Dietrich and his wife Bennie; his sisters, Yvonne and her husband Robert Ercole; Nancy and her husband Gregory Kotzur; his brother, David and his wife Mary Dietrich, his brother-in-law Louis Russo Jr and many nieces and nephews. Thomas is predeceased by his mother Elisabeth Eymann Dietrich and sister-in-law Marilyn Russo.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time when it is safe to gather. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Bereaved Parents of the USA via Facebook or you can mail a check to BPUSA Treasurer, Charlotte Jackson, 34 Parish Lane, Lake Katrine, NY 12449, in memory of Thomas Dietrich.



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God has laid you see.
 I took His hand when I heard him call
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of day.
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
 God wanted me now; He set me free.

Unknown author



Our Children . . . Remembered

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

January Birthdays

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

Bailey, Destiny Taylor
1/7/1999 - 12/26/14
M- Stacey Bravick
B - William
S - Lena & Amber

Clark, Deborah Denise
1/19/1969 - 3/23/2002
M-Ethel Helms
S-Valencia Clark
B-James Jr. & Jerel
GP-Luella Buford & John L.Clark

DeLosSantos, Ailen
1/6/1975-5/5/2009
M-Elena Franklin
B-Orlando DeLosSantos Jr.

Diaz, Alexandra
01/28/98 - 01/28/98
P - Llz & Joaquin Diaz

Durcan, Andrea Lynn
01/15/1991 - 03/31/1991
P - David & Dixie Durcan
S - Lindsey & Lauren Durcan
GP-Marie B. Corcoran

Ellis, Douglas William
01/09/62 - 12/17/83
M - Alicia Ellis West
B-Harry Jr. & Edward Ellis

Feierstadt, Keith
01/13/75 - 01/16/94
P - Donna & Sy Feierstadt
B - Robert Feierstadt

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

Harrill, Jason
1/23/1984 - 6/12/2006
P-Bonnie & David Harrill
S-Michelle "MiMi"

Harris, Charlotte Marie
1/23/2004 - 2/3/2004
P-Tony & Debra Harris

Hughes, Jessica Alexis
1/13/86 - 5/11/02
F - Michael Hughes

Jones, Sherry
1/18/1971 - 4/27/2000
M - Brenda Copeland

Kent, Jesse David
1/6/1981-1/7/2001
P-Bonita & Greg Kent
Child-Zoe
Sibs-Lali & Daniele
GP-Mimi& Grandpa Jim & Grandma Susie

Langford, Todd Allen
01/05/78 - 04/27/01
P - Fred & Janice Langford
B - Robbie Langford
S - Kathy Peterson
G/P - Betty Williams & H.P & Ruby
Langford

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

Morris, Zachary Ian "Zack"
1/6/01 - 5/25/19
P - Laura and Kevin

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

Pittman, Cynthia Marie
1/25/1978 - 2/23/2003
P-Charles & Joan Pittman

Popkin, Kalyn
1/23/09 - 7/11/13
P - Stacy & Robert Popkin

Powers, Geoffrey A.
1/23/1983 - 7/1/2005
M-Diane Tower
Sisters-Lana & Nikki Powers

Reber, Sean
1/30/86 - 5/28/18
P - Rick & Sherry Reber
B - Derek, Ethan, Jared, and Seth
GM - Leila Runyon

Rodriquez, Edwin (Eddy) Jr.
1/11/1971 - 7/28/1993
M-Bertha Dominquez

Rogers, Jason R.
01/08/78 - 03/21/90
P-James Roy & Elaine Rogers
B-Justin & Jacob Rogers
GP-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez

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

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

St. Martin-Hamm, Sydney Chanel
1/9/1997 - 7/21/2003
M-Joy St. Martin & the late Rusty
Hamm
GP-Ramon & Rita Hamm

Stoeltzing, William (Bill) W.
01/02/57 - 05/09/02
P - Bill & Elvira Stoeltzing
S - Cecille Parido
Father to Eaton & Brent

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

Wilds, Matthew Leland
01/12/74 - 01/13/95
P - Steven and Karen Catlin
B - Daniel Scott Wilds



January Anniversaries

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 &
Wm. & Cinderalla Brady

DeRoche, Cameron Gaines
04/11/89 - 01/25/95
P - Peggy & Karl DeRoche
S - Mary Amber DeRoche

Diaz, Alexandra
01/28/98 - 01/28/98
P - Llz & Joaquin Diaz

Feierstadt, Keith
01/13/75 - 01/16/94
P - Donna & Sy Feierstadt
B - Robert Feierstadt

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

Harris, Joshua
1/22/2004
P-Charles & Debra Harris

Hernandez, Rebecca
02/10/89 - 01/28/91
P - Regla & Pedro Hernandez

Horton, Ryan
12/21/1980 - 1/23/2005
M-Sue Horton

Jakenbowski, John
4/18/1968-1/15/2008
M-Marsha Shemela
B-Jason Jakenbowski

Kent, Jesse David
1/6/1981-1/7/2001
P-Bonita & Greg Kent
Child-Zoe
Sibs-Lali & Daniele
GP-Mimi& Grandpa Jim & Grandma Susie

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

Martini, Michael Gerard
6/18/1964 - 1/26/2009
P-Dianne Ezell & Michael
B-Pamela Martini
Niece - Destiny Martin

January Anniversaries cont'd

May, Philip
8/1/1975 - 1/1/2000
P-Deryl & Jennifer May

Montagano, Anthony J. "Tony"
12/02/91 - 01/02/01
P-Luli & Jim Montagano
S-Alessandra Montagano
GP-Henry and Eloisa Valenzuela

Parrish, Scott Douglas
8/9/79 - 1/1/02
P - Doug Parrish and
P - Karla & Rick Brown
S-Sabrina Lee Shannon
GP - Juanita Bodiford & Ada Smith

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

Robinson, Ashley Lauren
05/20/94 - 01/16/96
P - Sara & Tim Robinson
S - Morgan Ashley Robinson

Rucys, Elliott Joseph
12/19/2007-1/18/2008
P-Pete & Libbie Rucys
S-Sydney & Aiden Rucys
GP-Wynn, Cheryl Jodi
Elliott and Joe & Sandra Rucys, Nancy Alvis

Sampson, Lois Kathleen
5/4/01 -1/24/14
P - Cindy & Brad Sampson
GP - Lucy Sampson, Earl & Darlene Coleman,
Irma Harris, & Meemaw "Yvonne" Hendrix
U - Wally Stewart

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

Troxell, Dakota
11/28/88 - 1/19/18
M - /Beth Troxell

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



February Birthdays

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

Blanchard, Eric Anthony
2/19/1976 - 8/3/1998
P - Barbara & Wayne Blanchard
S - Lisa, Tammy, Dawn
B - Chris & Michael
Daughter - Samantha

Blazowich, Anthony "Tony" Michael
2/20/1984 - 4/5/2006
M-Marianne & Daniel Sr. Blazowich
B-Daniel, Jr.
S-Jennifer

Matt Bridgmon
2/11/1978 - 11/4/1996
M- Jean Bridgmon

Brown, Joshua Aaron
2/3/1982 - 5/8/2008
M-Tami Porter

Burger, Jeffrey Robin
02/05/61 - 04/20/97
M - Cecelia Burger
B - Hal & Curt Burger

Caldwell - Faught, Thomas
2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003
M-Shannon Caldwell

Cintron, Bella
2/5/13 - 12/8/18
P - N. Manuel & Angela Cintron
S - Rotsen, Dawson, Jackson, Nahiomy.
and Christopher

Clark, Emily
2/28/89 - 11/9/19
M - Sarah Clark

Feanny, Jonathan
2/22/2005-2/22/2005
M-Elham Feanny

Ferlita, Vincent
02/25/2011—08/23/2011
P-Russ & Lisa Ferlita

Gochenaaur, Laci
02/15/91 - 03/23/98
P - Kelli & Chris Gochenaaur
S - Jacee & Riley Gochenaaur
GP - Ronald & Clarine Barton
M - Pat Dukes

Hafford, Lauren Elizabeth
2/17/1977 - 4/13/1999
P - Gwen & John Hafford
S - Lindsay & Lesley
Hafford

Harris, Eric Michael
2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003
P-Mike & Pam Harris
B-Mark
GM-Joan Matthews & Verna Harris

Head, Tyler Wade
2/21/1995 - 7/15/2004
M-Tammy Hill
F-Jerry Toloff
GF - German Toloff

Hernandez, Rebecca
02/10/89 - 01/28/91
P - Regla & Pedro Hernandez

Jackson Soraya
2/26/1997-8/17/2006
M-Catherine Creen

Kelley, Emmanuel
2/27-10/25/2006
M-Cynthia Kelley
Aunt-Deitra Luropler
Cousin -Angel Kelley

Kenefick, Aaron Michael
2/5/1979-9/8/2009
M-Susan Price
B-Jacque & Jade
GM-Carol Price

Kowall, Spec. Corey J.
2/1/1989-9/20/2009
M-Kelly Kowall
Sibs-Kyla Tackett &
Kristen Kowall
GP-Marshall & Marty Schoeff

Lakhani, Nadeem
2/9/76 - 7/21/14
F - Ameer Lakhani

Petrelis, Marcle
02/28/09-11/02/2010
P-Matthew & Shavonn
Petrelis

Robertson, Ty Kristan
2/4/1979 - 3/29/2003
P-Jim & Teresa Farmer
S-Toni-Danielle Robertson
B-Chris Farmer
GM-Wanda Warren
Children-Taylor Morris, Trystan & Jordan Robertson

St. Peter, Alexis (Gibson)
2/2/1980-4/28/2008
P-Karyl St.Peter

Schlechty, Michael
2/5/59 - 12/4/01
P - Nancy & Vernon Schlechty
Children - Michael Leann & Morgan Lynn
B - Mark and Julie
S - Amy

Stallard, Judy Lynn
02/28/1981 - 04/24/1981
M-Patricia (Stallard) Bass
F-Joe Stallard

Thompson, Scott
2/18/1985-5/12/2006
M-Martha Thompson

Widoff, Craig
2/2/1951-4/27/2002
M-Lucille Widoff
Child-Andrea Widoff
Sibs-Preston & Pamela

Wisner, James R.
2/20/1982 - 2/24/1999
P-Wayne & Sharen Wisner
S - Crystal Wisner

Woofter, Kimberly Ann "Kimie"
2/24/1970 -12/25/2006
P-Julie & Steve Woofter
S-Angela Huntley
B-Donny Killian



The following was accidentally omitted in the last newsletter:

Fernandez, Jona han Lee
12/ 13/1986 - 6/20/2010
M - Elaine Fernandez

February Anniversaries

Asci, Jason
8/19/1979 - 2/7/2008
F - Brian Asci
Children - AJ & Adriana

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

Engdahl, Andrew
07/15/87 - 02/05/94
P - Rick & Vicky Engdahl
S - Stephanie Engdahl
B - Joey Engdahl

Feanny, Jonathan
2/22/2005 - 2/22/2005
M - Elham Feanny

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

Harris, Charlotte Marie
1/23/2004 - 2/3/2004
P - Tony & Debra Harris

Jacobson, Nathan
11/8/1994 - 2/16/2008
P - Amy & Pete Jacobson

Joseph III, Andrew
3/30/99 - 2/7/14
P - Deanna & Andrew Joseph Jr

Lane, Matthew Alexander
6/22/2001 - 2/13/2003
M - Mary Ann Muschick
S - Nikol
B - Devvin
GP - Hieu & David Muschick

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

Murphy, Mark Lawrence
12/22/1968 - 2/21/2000
M - Rosalie Baum
B - John Murphy

Nadir, Peter
4/6/1971 - 2/8/2003
M - Barbar Nadir
S - Sue McFowan

Owens, Kenny Dwayne
6/27/1961 - 2/25/2005
P - Jimmy & Sylvia Mingo
S - Tina Jernigan & Donna

Parrish, Randy
08/22/57 - 02/10/97
M - Juanita Bodiford
B - Dough Parrish

Pittman, Cynthia Marie
1/25/1978 - 2/23/2003
P - Charles & Joan Pittman

Rodriguez, Jaytee
8/25/78 - 2/27/14
P - Angel & Maria Rodriguez

Shemela, Kenneth
6/24/1964 - 2/19/2009
P - Bill & Barbara Shemela
B - Bill Shemela, Jr.

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

Supple, Bart Patrick
07/25/59 - 02/14/94
P - Bart & Toni Supple

Thomas, Carol
12/16/1955 - 2/16/2003
M - Betty Thatcher
S - Deb Waldfoege, Ellen Williams,
Fran Thatcher, Gerri Huston

Willis, Melody
8/10/1971 - 2/27/2010
F - Martin Willis

Wisner, James R.
2/20/1982 - 2/24/1999
P - Wayne & Sharen Wisner
S - Crystal Wisner



I want to let new members know that if you want your child listed in the newsletter during their birth and anniversary months, I need to hear from you. I need their full name, dates of birth and death and names of parents or siblings or even grandparents you want listed. I will list missed children in the next newsletter.

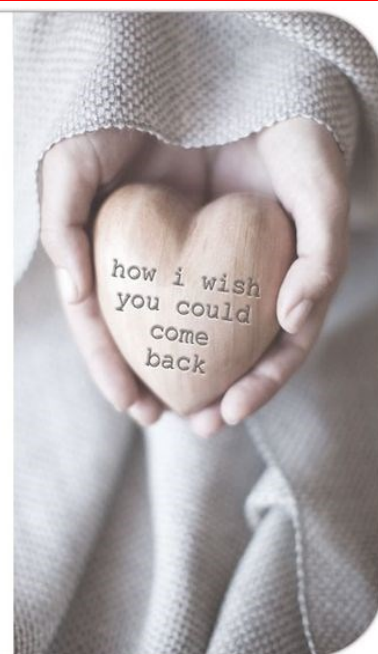
I have added a few new ones without having heard from the parent(s). Therefore if the last name of the child is different from yours, I have made an error. I also have not had siblings or grandparents to add. I apologize, but figured it was better to include even if an error or omission occurs. Please get in touch with me if you want additional information listed or have any corrections.

A New Year's Wish

*A New Year's wish of peace and love
As we honor those above
To hear of them can make us smile
Please say their names once in a while
We need to speak of them to you
And know that you remember too
They're gone from sight, but not from heart
And for this time that we're apart;
We'll always miss them, always care
It helps when memories you share
To speak of them does not bring pain
It brings them close to us again.
So if you have a memory
A thought that you can share with me
I'd love to hear it if you could
Please speak their name, I wish you would*

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cannot even
begin to express
just how much
you are loved
and missed.
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Happy 35th Birthday!



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Forever in Our Hearts!

YOU are forever in our hearts
The day will come, we know
When all the rain has fallen
And the sun begins to show.

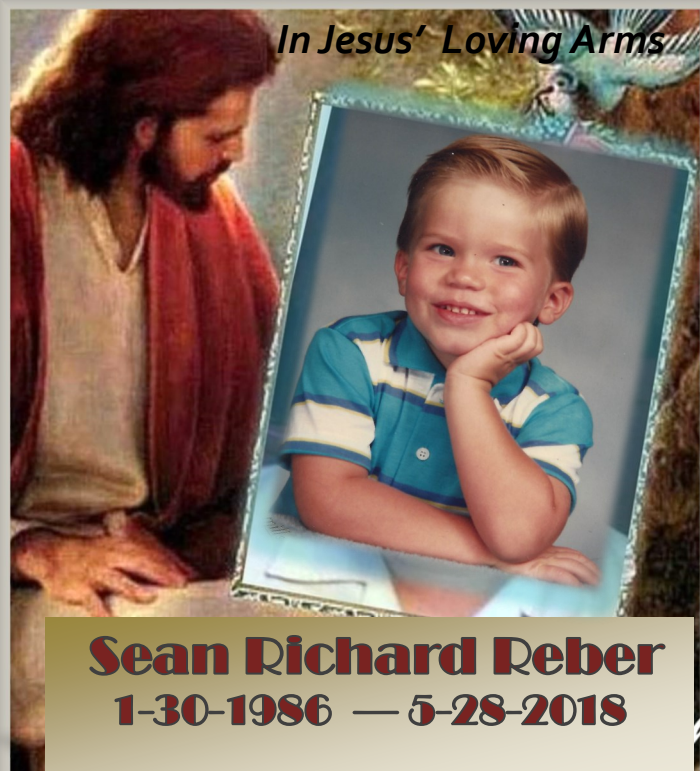
WE'LL think of you in all we do
Your warmth will touch our faces
You'll twinkle in the starlight
And be held in each embrace.

SO please do not be saddened
If a tear for you we shed
But we had dreams and wishes
Which we'll safely keep instead

ALTHOUGH it hurts, I understand
You'd somewhere else to be
Our time together has not passed
You'll always be with us.

IN every day, in every way
You'll always be a part
Our Precious Angel—SEAN
You're forever in our Hearts.

*Our Son, Loved and
Dearly Missed!*



Sean Richard Reber
1-30-1986 — 5-28-2018



Michael Gerard Martini

6/18/64 - 1/26/09

A Siblings Love, Memories of a lifetime

MGM, that is what we called him when we were little. We thought we were cool. MGM, studios. Of course it was because he was Michael Gerard Martini. PAM, He called me and thought that was even cooler, not because my name was Pamela. I am Pamela Ann Martini, I was his favorite sister (his only sister).

Funny, how when years pass we can sit back and remember simple little things that now are so valuable. We lived in Texas and there were many chili cook offs, my brother was the king of chili. He made it a family event, from chopping peppers, to dicing onions, opening cans, everyone was involved. He somehow took on the name of mad dog Martini as adulthood came about. Of course he called his chili "Mad Dog Chili." The family took trophies at a few shows, even for their cornbread. He was so proud for his children and banner to wrap around his trailer with the Mad Dog Chili logo.

On January 26, 2009, Michael completed suicide. At that time my brother had two children, one named Lucky, 10yrs, and one named Michael, 13 yrs old. My mom found BP strength to help her to continue to live and to learn to smile and that it was okay to be happy again. We both were finding it tough to let ourselves smile. BP truly gave us the permission to smile. When we saw other family members walking in my moms shoes, walking in my shoes and the rest of my families shoes, smiling. Just as the beginning of the gathering states, you too will get there! I never wanted to get there, but I am here. My heart will have an ache forever for my brother, but I am able to recall such beautiful memories, and for that I am so incredibly thankful.

LUCKY

He was named Lucky because his mom was scheduled for a C-section on March 16th and my brother Michael asked the doctors can you hold him in one more day so he can be born on St. Patrick's Day so he could name his son Lucky? And so they did, Lucky William Martini! A few days ago Lucky and I were talking on the phone. He began asking a lot of questions about his dad, since he knew I was his dad's favorite sister and he was most definitely my favorite brother. Lucky asked questions like: Am I like my dad? Was my dad compassionate? Would my dad be proud of me? Did my dad cry, when watching a chic flick? Fortunately for me, answering these questions for Lucky and talking about my brother excited me. Sure it made me cry, but it made me so excited to recall how much my brother and I were alike, how much Lucky is like him, how he looks like him when he was younger. We talked for almost 2 hours on the phone about MGM, Mad-Dog Martini. What a beautiful conversation for me, and how beautiful for me to be the one to share the memories with his son.

My mom passed away January 2019, but I speak for her and my family. Our healing process is thanks to BP of USA. This really made the difference for my family. Since the suicide of my brother, my daughter has a friend who also completed suicide. Through the healing process she now has a show car dedicated for Suicide Awareness. All the strength and healing we achieved is from others who experienced the pain first. Attending a BP gathering is painful at the beginning, then you begin to understand the need for BP. The gatherings are essential in my family's healing and will always be. The year of 2020 may not be the same for the BP gatherings, however the fellowship is still needed one way or another. Thank you BP from my family and from myself. I thank you so much for always letting me know that there are others with the same pain as me, as my mom, as my nephew.

To my beautiful brother in Heaven, I will forever keep your memory alive. I will smile when I think of you, even if I cry. You were an awesome brother and my very best friend. I love you so much! I'm sure you and mommie are together now and she is telling you how I made her crazy here with the AC always so cold...lol. Now things are perfect for you and mommie.. Your sons are great and so happy. Life is good for all of us considering the year 2020.

We all love you. Every day your memories are etched deeper into my heart,
Love,
Your best (only) sister, Pamela

Happy Birthday!

Destiny Taylor Bailey

01/07/1999 - 12/26/14



We know if you were here you would be rescuing animals, painting works of art, and mastering horror makeup. We would have gone to Evanescence concerts, and you would have spent the day with Amy Lee. You would have visited Japan and graduated early to start college. We miss you and all the hopes and dreams you had. Each day we are grateful for the time we shared, but would give anything to have you back.



Love,
Mom, Lena, Will, and Amber



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.

<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



This ornament is 2 1/2 inches high. We have ordered them in blue as shown, but also in pink and silver.

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.

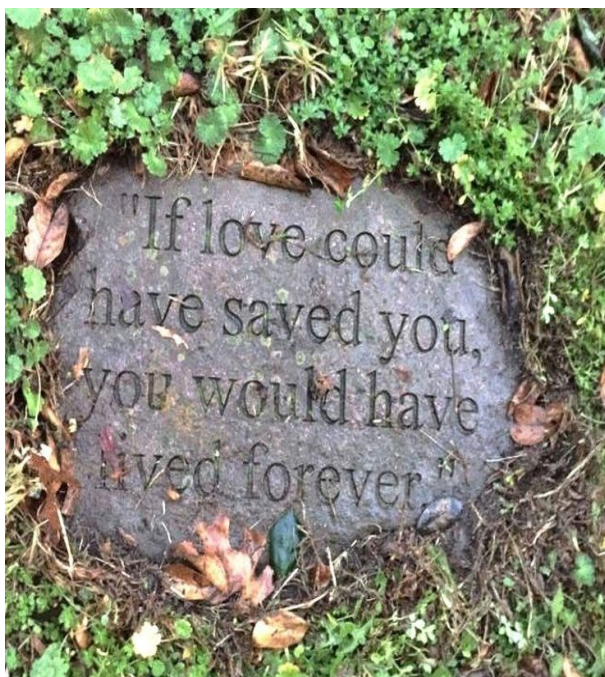
Welcome

We are the parents whose children have died. We are the siblings whose brothers and sisters no longer walk with us through life. We are the grandparents who have buried grandchildren.

We come together as Bereaved Parents of the USA to provide a safe space where grieving families can connect, share our stories, and learn to rebuild our lives.

We attend meetings whenever we can and for as long as we find helpful. We share our fears, confusion, anger, guilt, frustrations, emptiness, and feelings of hopelessness, knowing these emotions will be met with compassion and understanding. As we support, comfort and encourage one another, we offer hope and healing. As we confront the deaths of our loved ones, our shared grief brings us to a common ground that transcends differences, building mutual understanding across the boundaries of culture, race, faith, values, abilities, and lifestyle.

Together we celebrate the lives of our children, siblings, and grandchildren, sharing the joys and the heartbreaks as well as the love that will never fade. Together, strengthened by the bonds we create, we offer what we have learned from one another to every bereaved family, no matter how recent or long ago the death.



“What the caterpillar thought was the end of life, the butterfly knew was just the beginning.”

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