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

*Matthew Gallagher,  
 Keith Scragg, and  
 Lisa Wilson*

## MEETING INFORMATION

### **\*\*Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting**

(held the second Sunday each month)

Sundays, July 9 and August 13, 2023

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts, 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, July 14 and August 11, 2023

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 NIGHTTIME Meeting**

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

\*(held the last Thursday of each month)\*

Thursdays, July 27 and August 31, 2023

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

New Hope United Methodist Church

**NEW LOCATION 121 N. Knights Ave.,  
 Brandon, FL**

**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 at new address listed above (same as daytime).**

\* Held different weeks during the holidays

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July 2023						

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August 2023						

Hopefully you are enjoying your summer. As usual, time is flying by. There is only a month or so left to go on vacation if you have children in school. I hope you are creating good memories, whether at home or away.

Debbie

# Chapter News

## Angel of Hope Information

[www.angelofhopetampabay.com](http://www.angelofhopetampabay.com)

Located at:

*Riverside Park*

*201 Riverhills Drive,*

*Temple Terrace*

Mailing Address:

*P. O. Box 2573, Lutz, FL 33548*

*813.784-6929*



[www.angelofhopetampabay.com/](http://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 & accident)	813-361-2946
Sandy Boehning (grandparent)	813-989-3255
Gregg Lalis (Death of young child)	813-778-2605
Julie Woofter (suicide)	813-754-4848
Sherry Reber (Sibling & Overdose)	813-598-2285
Rita Zvada (Se Habla Espanol)	813-961-1011
Barbara Dietrich {Death of only child)	813-340-9120

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](mailto: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

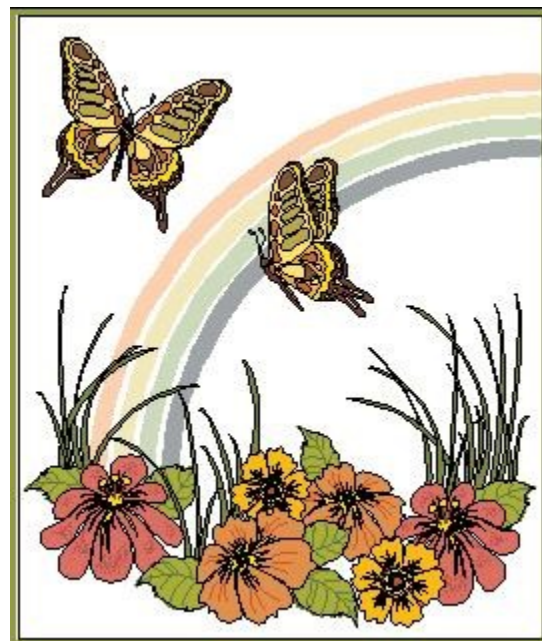
Some of us like to remember our child's birthday or the anniversary of his or her death by bringing a cake or cookies to the meeting that month. We would appreciate having you bring a special treat to any meeting. You may also want to bring and share a picture of your child.

## 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](mailto:debbie.bpnews@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# Lisa Wilson

4/14/78—7/5/10



## To our beautiful daughter Lisa

There is not a day that your mother and I don't think about you and memories we could be making with you! Our lives forever changed July 5th, 2010. Losing and

Living without you is still the worst pain to have ever endured.  
Lisa you are loved and missed with every sense of our being ! As you always wrote in our notes and cards you will always be "Forever Loved".

So proud,  
Your Mom and Dad





## July Birthdays

Banda, Selena  
7/6/2002 - 3/4/2004  
P - Richard & Susan Banda

Buth, Andy Armstrong  
7/21/1985 - 10/15/2010  
F - Joseph Buth  
M - Karen Olson

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

Corbett, Shaun  
7/8/1985 - 4/23/2003  
M - Ellen Corbett

Durr, Ssgt. Jacob Nathaniel  
7/16/1982 - 12/14/2009  
M - Karen Durr  
S - Danielle Roberts  
GP - Samuel & Margret Minton

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

Finchum, Tommy  
07/10/75 - 05/06/94  
P - Pete & Joyce Finchum  
B - John Finchum

Griner, Matthew Ian  
7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006  
P - George & Barbara Griner  
B - Daniel & Kurt  
GP - Bill and Ann Griner

Guo, Logan  
7/31/14 - 6/7/22  
M - Jamie Guo  
S - Oliver & Lucy

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

Hester, Debbie  
7/25/1998 - 10/14/61  
P - Buddy & Sue Butler

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

Lalis, Timothy  
07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001  
P - Gregg Lalis & Elisabeth Schulten  
B - Andrew & Klaus Lalis

Leonidas, Caitlin  
7/26/04 - 5/30/22  
M - Nicole Leonidas

Leyde, Darek  
7/17/1967 - 4/23/2003  
P - Vern & Julie Leyde  
S - Traci Gainforth

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

Moore, Maya  
7/16/05 - 9/23/20  
Mom - Maryam Ahmed  
Dad - Clarence Moore II  
Sister - Maha Smith  
Brother - Clarence Moore III  
Grandparents - Merv Love & Tahira Abuukar

Roberson, Richard Joseph  
07/23/1959 - 06/02/1997  
P - Richard & Jeannette Roberson  
S - Sue & Shelby  
B - Randy

Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette  
7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996  
M - Lillian Wiebeld  
F - Dick Russo  
B - Rick and Nelson Russo

Shelton, Emma Victoria  
7/8/2003 - 5/8/2005  
M - John & Jennifer Shelton  
Sibs - Jacob & Hannah  
GP - Peg & Jim Bishop, Tom Musolin,  
Art & Sam White, Rober & Judy

Sheppard, Chase  
7/7/87 - 5/17/15  
M - Lynn Sheppard

Slaven, Minnie Leona  
7/10/1972 - 8/11/2000  
M - Della LaGrone  
P - Delbert & Catherine Slaven  
S - Charlotte, Della, Betty, Lynn, Amelia & Sue  
B - Ronnie, Jack, Del, & Delbert Jr.

Steen, Donald Kenneth  
7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960  
M - Nancy Holdren  
B - Richard, David & Michael

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

Tarez, Kami  
7/1/1980 - 3/1/2006  
M - Leigh Tarez

Vallee, Scott Gerard  
7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004  
P - Gerry & Louise Vallee  
S - Kama Vallee  
GP - Roy & Mabel Parsons  
Spouse - Jessica Vallee

Webb, Eric Richard  
7/1/1985 - 4/2/1999  
P - William & Kathleen Webb  
B - David Webb

Wright, Travis  
7/16/1973 - 6/15/2001  
M - Joan Wright

Young, Billy  
7/14/2003 - 4/17/2006  
P-Bill & Sandy Young

B - Siobhan Castillo  
S - Brayden Castillo  
M - Charlotte Zorn



*Happy Birthday*

## July Anniversaries

Boyd, Anastasia "Nicole"  
5/4/1998 - 7/8/2004  
P - Anita Dennert & Thomas Boyd  
Sibs - Tara Lewis, Mike Boyd, Alan Boyd  
GP - Huey & Marie McDonald, Angus & Jewell Howell & Angus Grace

Brown, Linsey  
9/29/1983 - 7/4/2010  
M - Stacy Valdivia  
B - Matthew Brown

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

Carlan, Robert Hope  
06/02/78 - 07/25/99  
P - Arnold & Linda Carlan

Eddy, Steven  
9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008  
M - Marilyn Eddy  
S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy  
N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop

Gonzalez, Miriam  
12/10/1948 - 7/26/1995  
P - Fernando & Paula Lesprier  
S - Maria & Aida

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

Heath, Austin Noah  
4/6/2000 - 7/4/2000  
P - Isaac Heath & Regina Jacobs  
GM - Gigi Schools

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

Hidalgo, Christopher  
12/14/1989 - 7/5/2004  
M - Tammy Hidalgo

Holland, Jeffrey K. Moses  
9/10/1986 - 7/7/2009  
P - Thomas & Donald Holland & Henry Moses  
Sibs - Derrick Moses & Logan Holland  
GP - Beverly Cash, John & Steve Holland

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

Lagana, Joseph  
11/6/92 - 7/8/18  
P - Veronica & Rocco Lagana

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

Lalis, Timothy  
07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001  
P - Gregg Lalis & Elisabeth Schulten  
B - Andrew & Klaus Lalis

Lavalee, Grace  
5/3/2009 - 7/17/2010  
M - Natalia Lavalee

Littlechild, Will  
4/6/1979 - 7/4/2008  
M - Lula Richardson  
S - Patricia Littlechild

Martin, Brian James  
06/09/1979 - 07/18/1993  
P - Stan & Adrienne Martin  
B - Christopher Martin  
GM - Evelyn Golding

Mentor, Kenric  
11/26/87 - 7/2/97  
M - Jackie Mentor

Pegram, Jodi E.  
04/06/70 - 07/22/01  
P - Earl & Susan Pegram  
S - Robin Sue Pegram  
B - Scooter & Craig Pegram

## July Anniversaries cont'd

Pitts, Joseph David  
12/8/1971 - 7/16/1998  
P - Ruth & Richard Pitts

Ponder, Manda Lynn  
06/13/1995 - 07/03/1995  
P - Marilyn & William Ponder  
B - Travis & Mike Ponder  
S - Amanda Ponder  
GM - Grace Ponder

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

Robertson, Kristi Lee  
12/15/1969 - 7/29/1994  
M - Janice & Joe Robertson  
S - Kathy Sanchez & Karen Demeria  
GM - Mildred Trigg

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

Rusnak, Tamara  
4/6/1972 - 7/23/2004  
M - Donna Johnson

Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette  
7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996  
M - Lillian Wiebeld  
F - Dick Russo  
B - Rick and Nelson Russo

Rutkowski, Eric John  
4/11/1981 - 7/16/2003  
P - Linda & Ron Rutkowski  
GP - Ray & Doris Pomorski

Salas, David Jeremy  
4/16/94 - 7/8/15  
P - Sandy & Miguel

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

Steen, Donald Kenneth  
7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960  
M - Nancy Holdren  
B - Richard, David & Michael

Timothy, Joshua  
6/29/2004 - 7/18/2005  
P - Doug & Kerri Timothy  
GM - Mary Ann Negrete

Titer, Kenric  
11/26/1985 - 7/2/1997  
M - Jackie Mentor

Turner, Devon  
5/2/1986 - 7/28/2005  
M - Marie Lawson

Vallee, Scott Gerard  
7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004  
P - Gerry & Louise Vallee  
S - Kama Vallee  
GP - Roy & Mabel Parsons  
Spouse - Jessica Vallee

Williams, Alec Michael  
5/17/1996 - 7/27/1996  
P - Kathy & Michael Williams  
B - Chad & Chase  
GP - Frank & Robbie Edwards and  
Dwight & Melvalene Williams

Wilson, Lisa  
4/14/78 - 7/5/10  
P - Patti & David Wilson



## August Birthdays

Asci, Jason S.  
8/19/1979 - 2/7/2008  
F - Brian Asci  
M - Phoebe Asci  
Son - AJ  
Daughter - Adrianna  
GP - Forrest & Adella Asci

Antinora, Joseph A.  
8/18/1967 - 12/9/2006  
M - Susan Antinora  
S - Tina Baxter  
GP - Joseph Harnishfeger

Bishop, Krystal Lee  
8/1/1988 - 12/24/2001  
P - Pam & Rick Bishop  
S - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop  
B - Greg Bishop  
GM - Marilyn Eddy

Bowman, Vonda  
8/30/69 - 2/10/21  
Mom - Bernie Howard  
Son - Questin Harvey  
Brother - David Turner

Daniel, Michael John  
8/19/1990 - 4/1/2010  
P - Paul & Nadine Daniel  
B - James Daniel  
GP - Lewis John Daniel &  
Steve & Margaret James

Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic  
08/11/94 - 08/11/94  
P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo

Faber, Nicholas (Nicky) Paul  
08/13/89 - 06/08/95  
P - Paul & Kathy Faber  
S - Danielle Faber  
GP - Esther Kubler and  
Anna & Bobby Banks

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

Ferrera, Crista J.  
8/23/1975 - 03/11/1997  
P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera  
B - Paolo Ferrera  
GM - Magda Alvarez  
Aunt - Mirta Diaz  
Uncle - John Ferrera

Gallagher, Matthew  
8/18/92 - 12/12/11  
P - Kelly & Jim Gallagher  
B - Tim

Gallian, John Charles  
8/8/1963 - 3/21/1998  
M - Virgian Gallian  
S - Paige Mask

Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr.  
8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000  
P - Gary & Janelle Gardner  
B - Jacob Gary Gardner  
GP - Betty Thatcher, Marty  
Thomas

Goldman, Ariel Nicole Rothschild  
8/30/1989 - 5/15/2001  
P - Steve and Lynn Goldman

Graves, Matthew Regan  
8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000  
M - Linda Graves  
S - Serena Graves  
B - Dutch & Allen Jr.  
GF - Wilson Harmison

Harrington, Zachary Michael  
Evans  
8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992  
P - William & Barbara Evans-  
Harrington  
GP - Wm. & Barbara Evans

Harrison, Leigh Ann  
08/11/84 - 08/11/84  
P - Trudy & Tim Harrison  
GP - Bobbie & Jerry Meeks

Hoskins, Lauren Grace  
8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004  
M - Kim Hoskins

Howard, Steven T.  
8/11/70 - 6/30/1999  
M - Cay Pelaez

Marchetti, Katie  
8/4/1989 - 3/4/2006  
P - Vin & Laura Marchetti  
B - Andrew Marchetti

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

Muse, Jennifer Lee  
08/07/71 - 04/04/92  
M - Gretchen Muse  
F - Robert Muse, Jr.  
GP - Bob & Gladys Muse  
GM - Dorothy Deisch

Orsi, Kristen McCall  
8/5/1980 - 6/27/2002  
P - Kimberly & Leo Orsi  
GP - Wm. & Jeanne Armiger and  
Stephanie & Rich Orashen

Page, Alivia  
8/24/13 - 6/15/14  
M - Tiasha Page  
GM - Gloria Wells

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

Parrish, Scott Douglas  
8/9/79 - 1/1/02  
B - Siobhan Castillo  
S - Brayden Castillo  
S - Sabbrina Lee Shannon  
GP - Juanita Bodiford & Ada  
Smith

## August Birthdays cont'd

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

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

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

Rose, Kailyn Dyann  
8/22/2000 - 3/4/2003  
M - Evelyn E. Rose

Sampson, Charles Roy  
8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998  
P - Paul & Susan Sampson  
GP - Margaret & Clayton  
Sampson  
and Shirley & Charles Osborne

Scragg, Keith Joseph  
8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008  
P - Richard & Lori  
Son - Macklin  
B - Matthew  
S/O - Emily Popke

Shearer, Shane  
08/03/73 - 12/05/89  
M - Linda Shearer  
SF - Keith Gregory  
S - January Shearer

Sluder, Kathryn Elizabeth  
8/31/1966 - 3/16/2002  
P - Tom & Judy Sluder  
Son - Israel  
S - Theresa  
B - Tom III & Keith  
N/N - Brandon & Brandy,  
Keith II & Miranda

Steen, Michael Anthony  
8/4/1956 - 6/20/2003  
M - Nancy Holdren  
B - Rick, David & Donald  
Father to Jessica, Christine &  
Michelle  
Married to Doreen

Thornton, Jeremiah  
8/29/84 - 4/13/01  
M - Tim & Sue Thornton  
B - Jason  
S - Amanda



## August Anniversaries

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

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

Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic  
08/11/94 - 08/11/94  
P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo

Fernandez, Karen Irene  
03/08/68 - 08/23/88  
M - Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez  
B - Rik Fernandez

Flynn, Philip  
12/17/1977 - 8/8/2002  
M - Roseanne Flynn

Gilliam, Hayden Charles  
6/20/1999 - 8/4/2001  
P - Sean & Marion Gilliam  
Sibs - Sara & Cole  
GP - Joe & Nancy Gilliam, and  
Rosemarie Presbrey  
GGP - Mary Gilliam & Lora Flowers

Graves, Matthew Regan  
8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000  
M - Linda Graves  
S - Serena Graves  
B - Dutch & Allen Jr.  
GF - Wilson Harmison

Harrington, Zachary Michael Evans  
8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992  
P - William & Barbara Evans-Harrington  
GP - Wm. & Barbara Evans

Harrison, Leigh Ann  
08/11/84 - 08/11/84  
P - Trudy & Tim Harrison  
GP - Bobbie & Jerry Meeks

Holton, John William  
05/20/52 - 08/10/94  
M - Ann Holton

Hoskins, Lauren Grace  
8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004  
M - Kim Hoskins

Mohammed, Ian Roger  
04/19/73 - 08/02/92  
P - Judy & Rick Mohammed  
S - Alison Mohammed  
B - Cameron Mohammed

Peck, Trent  
12/5/69 - 8/27/13  
P - Bob & Sally Hoffman  
F - Frank Peck

Presley, Tristan  
12/1/2010 - 8/2/2011  
M - Brittany Presley

Roark, Kelli Colin  
4/30/1990 - 8/30/1998  
P - Joe & Angel Roark  
B - Kyle & Kaleb Roark  
GF - Ron Ellington

Rosas, Ricardo  
11/4/1991 - 8/12/2013  
M - Leticia Rosas  
S - Alejandra  
B - David and Daniel

Romines, Makayla Gabrielle  
4/3/96 - 8/27/15  
M - Christy Jones

Sampson, Charles Roy  
8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998  
P - Paul & Susan Sampson  
GP - Margaret & Clayton Sampson  
and Shirley & Charles Osborne

Shye, John David  
05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994  
P - Betty Jean & Charles Shye  
S - Lydia and Mary Shye  
B - Chuck, Mary, Lydia Shye  
Father of J.D. and Justin Shye

Slaven, Minnie Leona  
7/10/1972 - 8/11/2000  
M - Della LaGrone  
P - Delbert & Catherine Slaven  
S - Charlotte, Della, Betty, Lynn,  
Amelia & Sue  
B - Ronnie, Jack, Del, & Delbert Jr.

Varga, Jozsef  
6/11/1988 - 8/4/2007  
M - Carmen Varga  
B - Kiel & Bruce Senra  
GP - Dorothy & Gerald Senra

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



## *Hard Times*

How to hold on and how to let go....How to lose and how to keep...these are hard problems for the bereaved parent.

We want to keep the child in our life, we want to remember the child, we want to save those parts of our life which are tied to the child.

Yet, at the same time, we know that the child is dead - things cannot be as they were before. The memories of good times now bring pain; the memories of the bad times raise guilt and feelings of powerlessness.

The end of the grief process is a resolution of this tension between holding on and letting go.

We can remember and be sad; we can remember and be happy; we can remember and just be.

But it takes a long time for such a resolution to happen and while we are in the process, we find ourselves pulled to one side and then to the other.

Sometimes we want to leave the room exactly as it was,. Other times we want to put everything away so nothing reminds us of the child.

Some times we want to talk over and over again about the events of the death; other times we want to avoid the topic altogether.

Sometimes, when all we have left of our child is our sadness, we don't want to give up our grief for fear of giving up on our child.

All that is a normal process. We go through it at any death. When our parent dies, the problem is how to hold onto our childhood and youth and yet give up our childhood and youth. So, we find ourselves keeping a bit of our parents in ourselves by becoming a little more like them. I was once talking about this in a class when, suddenly, a woman blurted out, "So that's why I wanted to use the good china so much a year after she died."

It is a lot harder to give up the child and keep the child at the same time because, when our parents die, we have to lose and keep our past. When our child dies, we have to lose and keep our future.

In our grandparent's day, losing a child was an expected part of life. But it is not in our time. Few of us ever knew anyone else to whom it happened. So we have few models.

Each of us seems to have to find out our own way for ourselves. It is a hard and lonely journey. But the experience of others who have gone down this valley is that there is a resolution at the end. We can hold on and let go.

If we can, for a moment, share with others on the same journey, we can help others find directions and let them help us.

That is what Bereaved Parents is all about.

— Dennis Klass, Ph.D.  
Former Professional Advisor  
BP/USA

### 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





# HAPPY 31st BIRTHDAY TO YOU, MATT

**BALLOONS TO HEAVEN JUST FOR YOU  
WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU EVERY DAY**

**ALL OUR LOVE,  
Dad, Mom, Tim, Snickers, Emmy  
and  
All your relatives and friends**







# Happy 37th Birthday Keith!



**Keith Joseph Scragg**  
8/4/86 to 9/5/08

**Happy 37th Birthday !**

**We love you,**

**Mom, Dad, Matt, &  
Macklin**



## 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](mailto: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

**Reduced to only \$10.00**



This ornament is 2 1/2 inches high. We are out of the blue one shown, but we have **one pink and 2 gold** that are quite similar.

The cost is now \$10.00

These magnetic ribbons are approximately 5 or 6 inches. You write your child's name on it with permanent ink and then put it on your car (or whatever metal you choose).

The cost is now reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00



Listen to ***"Hope, Healing & Help"*** every Saturday from 11:00 til noon Pacific Time on KFIA 710AM Sacramento or [www.kfia.com](http://www.kfia.com). Can't listen in at that time? All of their programs are available to lis-

**Bereaved Parents National Gathering  
July 20 -23 in  
Washington D.C. - Dulles Hilton**

**Information can be found at  
[www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org)**



# 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.

We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA. We welcome you.

## A Symbol of Hope

A symbol of hope,  
a butterfly lights beside us  
like a sunbeam.  
And for a brief moment, its glory  
and beauty belong to this world.  
But then it flies again,  
And though we wish it could have  
stayed...  
We feel lucky to have seen it.

Unknown

**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.**

**Address Correction Requested**

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Please do not delay.

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