



# Tampa Bay Chapter

P.O. Box 3226  
Tampa, Florida  
33601-3226  
[www.bpusatampabay.com](http://www.bpusatampabay.com)

## July/August 2008

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

*Tyler Wade Head*

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting**  
(held the second Sunday of the month)  
Sunday, July 13 and August 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Medical Arts Building, Auditorium  
3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
(We will have separate break out sessions for  
men and women)  
Call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175  
for directions or information.

**Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting**  
Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas  
(held the second Friday each month)  
Friday, July 11 and August 8, 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce  
330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511  
Please call Linda Delk at 813-661-0680  
for directions or information.

**Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting**  
(held the fourth Thursday each month)  
Thursday, July 24 and August 28, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
South Florida Baptist Hospital  
301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City  
in the Community Conference Room  
Call Sue Bowditch at 813-661-9334  
for directions or information.

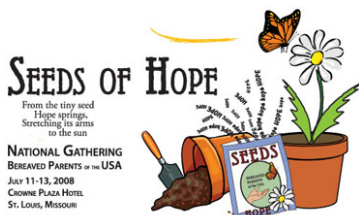
### Upcoming Events:

**Angel of Hope monthly meeting**  
Please call Beverley Hurley 813-832-3175 for info!  
Next meeting August 4, 7:00 pm



### MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS

- July** – Do you need a vacation from your grief?
- August** - Grief - Do we ever "just get over it"?
- September** – Back to school- for who?
- October** - Surviving the Holidays!
- November** - Gift donations!
- December** - Candle Light Service!



**BP/USA 2008 National Gathering**  
**July 11—13, 2008**  
St. Louis, MO  
[www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org) OR  
[www.2008gathering@bereavedparentsusa.org](mailto:www.2008gathering@bereavedparentsusa.org)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri  | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
|     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4    | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | JULY |     |

| Sun | Mon    | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |   |
|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
|     | AUGUST |     |     |     |     | 1   | 2 |
| 3   | 4      | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   |   |
| 10  | 11     | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |   |
| 17  | 18     | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  |   |
| 24  | 25     | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |   |

### The Photo Album of My Mind

*By Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville Indiana*

The photo album of my mind,  
Holds treasured thoughts of you,  
And I can almost see again  
The things we used to do.

I hear your voice, I see your smile,  
I feel you close to me.  
The photo album of my mind  
Shows how we used to be.

Time may have changed us through the years,  
But I will always find,  
You're just as I remember in  
The album of my mind.

And, as I turn page after page,  
Such precious scenes I see,  
The photo album of my mind  
Is very dear to me.

It holds the pictures of our past,  
Like reels of film unwind.  
I cherish all those photos in  
The album of my mind.

# Chapter News



## ANGEL OF HOPE UPDATE

Please check out our NEW improved website at [www.angelofhopetampabay.com](http://www.angelofhopetampabay.com)  
 Angel of Hope, P.O. Box 2573, Lutz, FL 33548

### Angel of Hope monthly meeting

Please call Beverley Hurley 813-832-3175 for info! Next meeting August 4, 2008.

### Angel of Hope Pins

We have available our specially designed **Angel of Hope pins**. You have a choice of a pair of angels with boy and girl with a heart and butterfly and the words **Hope**, or a lapel pin with angel wings, a heart, a butterfly and the word **Hope**.

Size of boy and girl pin - Wing span to wing span is 2 inches, top to bottom about 1 1/4 inches.

**\$20.00**



Size of angel wing lapel pin – Wing span to wing span is 1 1/4 inches, top to bottom about 3/4 inches.

**\$10.00**



Please call Julie Leyde to order at 813-784-6929!!

### Angel of Hope Memorial Bricks

Please get your order in for a memorial brick in memory of your child, grandchild, sibling, niece or nephew.



### Telephone Friends

Need to talk? 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.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Linda Delk (General Information)                | (813) 661-0680 |
| Theresa Farmer (Homicide)                       | (813) 994-0707 |
| Traci Cooley (Drowning)                         | (813) 300-6877 |
| Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent)             | (727) 410-2308 |
| Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)              | (813) 335-7628 |
| Debbie Nemitz (Long Term Illness)               | (813) 907-1441 |
| Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)                 | (813) 810-7169 |
| Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez<br>(Se Habla Espano) | (813) 996-4281 |
| <b>CRISIS CENTER</b>                            | <b>211</b>     |

## Love Gifts

Debbie & Bill Nemitz  
 In loving memory of their daughter  
**Robyn Michelle Nemitz**  
 12/28/82 - 06/16/98

Shelia Farmer  
 In loving memory of her daughter  
**Wendy Michelle Rainey**

Rita and Thomas Zvada  
 In loving memory of her son,  
**Christopher Cash**  
 9/13/1977 - 8/23/2004

Linda and Serena Graves  
 In loving memory of their son and brother  
**Matthew Regan Graves**  
 8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000

### 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, including the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

### A Special Way To Remember Your Child: Sponsor A Newsletter Page

Anyone can sponsor a page in this newsletter in memory of their child. The price for a full page is \$60 which includes one black and white scan of one color or black and white photograph and your tribute to your child, which can include poems, stories or whatever you like. Your contribution supports the chapter and helps pay for the printing of the newsletter.

The newsletter page will also be posted on our new and improved website for one year on the *Our Children* page!

To sponsor a newsletter page, contact Beverley Hurley at (813) 832-3175 (email [bee.hurley@gte.net](mailto:bee.hurley@gte.net)). Please note that sponsorship pages are **due by the 15th of the month BEFORE the publication month.**



## CHECK THIS OUT!

Most families do not have the resources to cope with the incredibly difficult grieving process following a traumatic loss, especially when young children and teenagers are involved. The Suncoast Kid's Place provides understanding and support in a safe, nurturing environment, where children, teens, and families can share their experience as they move through the process of grieving the loss of a loved one.

Through peer groups, discussion, education, and play, Suncoast Kid's Place provides the resources necessary to help families grieve a devastating loss, while finding strength and joy in the shared memories of someone special. Here, participants will have the opportunity to meet others who also have experienced the death of a parent, primary caretaker, brother, sister, or friend.

For more information, a schedule, or to pre-register, please call 813.990.0216. For information about the program itself, visit [www.suncoastkidsplace.org](http://www.suncoastkidsplace.org).

**Bereaved Parents/USA National Office**  
**Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466**  
**Phone/Fax: (708) 748-7866**  
**[www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org)**



## Our Children . . . Remembered

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

### July Birthdays

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Banda, Selena<br>7/6/2002 - 3/4/2004<br>P-Richard & Susan Banda   | Henry, Sumara Raquel<br>07/12/88 - 09/18/93<br>P - Louis & Cindy Henry<br>GP-James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry | Roberson, Richard Joseph<br>07/23/1959 - 06/02/1997<br>P-Richard & Jeannette Roberson<br>S-Sue & Shelfy<br>B-Randy   | Supple, Bart Patrick<br>07/25/59 - 02/14/94<br>P - Bart & Toni Supple   |
| Brown, Michael<br>7/20/2006<br>P-Heather & Darrell Brown  | Knox, Patricia Lynn<br>7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997<br>M - Shelby Jean McClure  | Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette<br>7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996<br>M - Lillian Wiebeld<br>F - Dick Russo<br>B - Rick and Nelson Russo   | Tarez, Kami<br>7/1/1980 - 3/1/2006<br>M-Leigh Tarez   |
| Butler, Mark Anthony<br>7/7/1977 - 11/24/2001<br>P-Ray & Chris Butler<br>GM-Alice Butler                        | Kass, Jeffrey Scott<br>7/22/1963-10/3/2007<br>M-Beverly Kass  | Shelton, Emma Victoria<br>7/8/2003 - 5/8/2005<br>M-John & Jennifer Shelton<br>Sibs-Jacob & Hannah<br>GP-Peg & Jim Bishop, Tom Musolino,<br>Art & Sam White, Rober & Judy                   | Vallee, Scott Gerard<br>7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004<br>P-Gerry & Louise Vallee<br>S-Kama Vallee<br>GP-Roy & Mabel Parsons<br>Spouse-Jessica Vallee |
| Corbett, Shaun<br>7/8/1985 - 4/23/2003<br>M-Ellen Corbett   | Lalis, Timothy<br>07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001<br>P - Gregg & Elisabeth Lalis<br>B - Andrew & Klaus                  | Slaven, Minnie Leona<br>7/10/1972 - 8/11/2000<br>M-Della LaGrone<br>P-Delbert & Catherine Slaven<br>S-Charlotte, Della, Betty, Lynn,<br>Amelia & Sue<br>B-Ronnie, Jack, Del, & Delbert Jr. | Webb, Eric Richard<br>7/1/1985 - 4/2/1999<br>P - William & Kathleen Webb<br>B - David Webb  |
| Engdahl, Andrew<br>07/15/87 - 02/05/94<br>P - Rick & Vicky Engdahl<br>S - Stephanie Engdahl<br>B - Joey Engdahl | Leyde, Darek<br>7/17/1967 - 4/23/2003<br>P-Vern & Julie Leyde<br>S-Traci Gainforth                              | Steen, Donald Kenneth<br>7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960<br>M-Nancy Holdren<br>B-Richard, David & Michael  | Wright, Travis<br>7/16/1973 - 6/15/2001<br>M - Joan Wright  |
| Finchum, Tommy<br>07/10/75 - 05/06/94<br>P - Pete & Joyce Finchum<br>B - John Finchum                           | McMillion, James Christopher<br>7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003<br>GP-Ralph & Martha Hamilton                             | Young, Billy<br>7/14/2003 - 4/17/2006<br>P-Bill & Sandy Young  | Zorn, Wayne<br>7/15/1964 - 12/30/2006<br>M-Charlotte Zorn   |
| Griner, Ian<br>7/10/1985-10/27/2006<br>M-Barb Griner  | Ojeda, Baby Angel<br>7/2/2007<br>P-Sergio & Alicia Ojeda  |  |   |



### July Anniversaries

|  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Boyd, Anastasia "Nicole"<br>5/4/1998 - 7/8/2004<br>P-Anita Dennert & Thomas Boyd<br>Sibs-Tara Lewis, Mike Boyd, Alan Boyd<br>GP-Huey & Marie McDonald, Angus & Jewell Howell & Angus Grace<br>GP-(Preceded in Death)Arthur & Vivian Boyd | Kelly, Amanda Jean<br>11/15/1986 - 7/7/1987<br>P-John & Brenda Kelly<br>S-Matthew & Ryan<br>GP-John Keller & Elizabeth Kelly                      | Powers, Geoffrey A.<br>1/23/1983 - 7/1/2005<br>M-Diane Tower<br>Sisters-Lana & Nikki Powers  | Steen, Donald Kenneth<br>7/25/1960 - 7/26/1960<br>M-Nancy Holdren<br>B-Richard, David & Michael  |
| Burger, Teresa<br>10/26/58 - 07/10/87<br>M - Cecelia Burger<br>B - Hal & Curt Burger   | Kranendonk, Thomas James<br>3/25/1991-7/6/2008<br>P-Mary Jane & James Kranendonk<br>B-John and Robert   | Robertson, Kristi Lee<br>12/15/1969 - 7/29/1994<br>M - Janice & Joe Robertson<br>S - Kathy Sanchez & Karen Demeria<br>GM-Mildred Trigg | Tower, Geoff<br>1/23/1983-7/1/2005<br>M-Diane Tower  |
| Carlan, Robert Hope<br>06/02/78 - 07/25/99<br>P - Arnold & Linda Carlan  | Lalis, Timothy<br>07/29/1996 - 07/11/2001<br>P - Gregg & Elisabeth Lalis<br>B - Andrew & Klaus  | Rodriquez, Edwin (Eddy) Jr.<br>1/11/1971 - 7/28/1993<br>M-Bertha Dominquez   | Timothy, Joshua<br>6/29/2004 - 7/18/2005<br>P-Doug & Kerri Timothy<br>GM-Mary Ann Negrete  |
| Dukes, Steven<br>12/15/1957 - 7/16/1998<br>P-C.W. & Betty Dukes  | Lawson, Devon<br>5/2/1986-7/28/2005<br>M-Marie Lawson   | Rusnack, Tamara<br>4/6/1972 - 7/23/2004<br>M-Donna Johnson   | Turner, Devon<br>5/2/1986 - 7/28/2005<br>M-Marie Lawson  |
| Gonzalez, Miriam<br>12/10/1948 - 7/26/1995<br>P-Fernando & Paula Lespier<br>S-Maria & Aida   | Martin, Brian James<br>06/09/1979 - 07/18/1993<br>P - Stan & Adrienne Martin<br>B - Christopher Martin<br>GM - Evelyn Golding                     | Russo-Afeld, Angela Musette<br>7/10/1969 - 7/21/1996<br>M - Lillian Wiebeld<br>F - Dick Russo<br>B - Rick and Nelson Russo             | Vallee, Scott Gerard<br>7/4/1974 - 7/10/2004<br>P-Gerry & Louise Vallee<br>S-Kama Vallee<br>GP-Roy & Mabel Parsons<br>Spouse-Jessica Vallee                          |
| Head, Tyler Wade<br>2/21/1995 - 7/15/2004<br>M-Tammy Hill<br>F-Jerry Toloff<br>GF-German Toloff  | Pegram, Jodi E.<br>04/06/70 - 07/22/01<br>P - Earl & Susan Pegram<br>S - Robin Sue Pegram<br>B - Scooter & Craig Pegram<br>GM-Betty Jennings      | Rutkowski, Eric John<br>4/11/1981 - 7/16/2003<br>P-Linda & Ron Rutkowski<br>GP-Ray & Doris Pomorski                                    | Williams, Alec Michael<br>5/17/1996 - 7/27/1996<br>P - Kathy & Michael Williams<br>B - Chad & Chase<br>G - Frank & Robbie Edwards<br>G - Dwight & Melvalene Williams |
| Heath, Austin Noah<br>4/6/2000 - 7/4/2000<br>P - Isaac Heath & Regina Jacobs<br>GM - Gigi Schools  | Pitts, Joseph David<br>12/8/1971 - 7/16/1998<br>P - Ruth & Richard Pitts  | St. Martin-Hamm, Sydney Chanel<br>1/9/1997 - 7/21/2003<br>M-Joy St. Martin & the late Rusty Hamm<br>GP-Ramon & Rita Hamm               |  |
| Hester, Debbie<br>10/14/61 - 07/25/98<br>P - Buddy & Sue Butler  | Ponder, Manda Lynn<br>06/13/1995 - 07/03/1995<br>P - Marilyn & William Ponder<br>B - Travis & Mike Ponder<br>S - Amanda Ponder<br>GM-Grace Ponder |  |  |
| Hidalgo, Christopher<br>12/14/1989 - 7/5/2004<br>M-Tammy Hidalgo   |   |  |  |

#### Our Apologies

*The following name had an incorrect date on our June Anniversary list:*

Nicholas Faber  
8/13/1989 to 6/8/1996  
P - Paul & Kathy Faber  
S - Danielle Faber

GP - Esther Kubler & Anna Banks (deceased) & Bobby Banks



## August Birthdays

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Asci, Jason<br>8/19/1979-2/7/2008<br>F-Brian Asci  | Goldman, Ariel Nicole Rothschild<br>8/30/1989 - 5/15/2001<br>P - Steve and Lynn Goldman   | Muse, Jennifer Lee<br>08/07/71 - 04/04/92<br>M - Gretchen Muse<br>F - Robert Muse, Jr.<br>GP - Bob & Gladys Muse<br>GM - Dorothy Deisch   | Sampson, Charles Roy<br>8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998<br>P - Paul & Susan Sampson<br>GP - Margaret & Clayton Sampson and Shirley & Charles Osborne                              |
| Bishop, Krystal Lee<br>8/1/1988 - 12/24/2001<br>P-Pam & Rick Bishop<br>S-Angie Valente & Missy Bishop<br>B-Greg Bishop<br>BM-Marylynn Eddy                           | Graves, Matthew Regan<br>8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000<br>M - Linda Graves<br>S - Serena Graves<br>B-Dutch & Allen Jr.<br>GF-Wilson Harmison | O'Brian, Toby Lee<br>8/10/1966-5/16/2006<br>M-Bonnie O'Brian  | Shearer, Shane<br>08/03/73 - 12/05/89<br>M - Linda Shearer<br>SF - Keith Gregory<br>S - January Shearer   |
| Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic<br>08/11/94 - 08/11/94<br>P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo   | Harrington, Zachary Michael Evans<br>8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992<br>P - William & Barbara Evans-Harrington<br>GP Wm. & Barbara Evans        | Orsi, Kristen McCall<br>8/5/1980 - 6/27/2002<br>P-Kimberly & Leo Orsi<br>GP-Wm. & Rich Orashen  | Sluder, Kathryn Elizabeth<br>8/31/1966 - 3/17/2002<br>P-Tom & Judy Sluder<br>Son-Isreal<br>S-Theresa<br>B-Thomas III & Keith<br>N/N-Brandon, Keith II, Brandy & Miranda |
| Faber, Nicholas (Nicky) Paul<br>08/13/89 - 06/08/95<br>P - Paul & Kathy Faber<br>S - Danielle Faber<br>GP - Esther Kubler & Anna Banks                               | Harrison, Leigh Ann<br>08/11/84 - 08/11/84<br>P-Trudy & Tim Harrison<br>GP-Bobbie & Jerry Meeks                                     | Parrish, Randy<br>08/22/57 - 02/10/97<br>M - Juanita Bodiford<br>B - Dough Parrish  | Smith, Aiden Christopher<br>8/17/2006<br>P-Cody & Amber Smith   |
| Ferrera, Alex<br>8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997<br>P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera<br>B - Paolo Ferrera<br>GM - Magda Alvarez<br>Aunt - Mirta Diaz<br>Uncle - John Ferrera       | Hoskins, Lauren Grace<br>8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004<br>M-Kim Hoskins   | Parrish, Scott Douglas<br>8/9/79 - 1/1/02<br>P - Doug Parrish and<br>P - Karla & Rick Brown<br>S-Sabrina Lee Shannon<br>GP - Juanita Bodiford & Ada Smith   | Steen, Michael Anthony<br>8/4/1956 - 6/20/2003<br>M-Nancy Holdren<br>B-Rick, David & Donald<br>Father to Jessica, Christine & Michelle<br>Married to Doreen             |
| Ferrera, Crista J.<br>8/23/1975 - 03/11/1997<br>P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera<br>B - Paolo Ferrera<br>GM - Magda Alvarez<br>Aunt - Mirta Diaz<br>Uncle - John Ferrera | Hutchcraft, Sharon<br>8//21/1935 - 2/12/1997<br>M-Lois Hutchcraft   | Parrish, Tyler Stephen<br>8/6/1991 - 10/24/1991<br>P - June & Terry Parrish   | Thornton, Jeremiah<br>8/29/84 - 4/13/01<br>M - Tim & Sue Thornton<br>B - Jason<br>S - Amanda  |
| Gallian, John Charles<br>8/8/1963 - 3/21/1998<br>M-Virgian Gallian<br>S-Paige Mask   | Marchetti, Katie<br>8/4/1989 - 3/4/2006<br>P-Vin & Laura Marchetti<br>B-Andrew Marchetti  | Peel, Lee Anna Campbell<br>8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992<br>M - Patricia Campbell<br>S - Beth Biggs<br>B - Eddy Biggs<br>GP - Estele & James Carleton<br>Rose, Kailyn Dyann<br>8/22/2000 - 3/4/2003<br>M-Evelyn E. Rose | Tucker, Vince<br>8/3/1972-4/26/2005<br>M- Glena Tucker  |
| Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr.<br>8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000<br>P - Gary & Janelle Gardner<br>B - Jacob Gary Gardner   | May, Philip<br>8/1/1975 - 1/1/2000<br>P-Deryl & Jennifer May<br>McCranie, Clarissa<br>8/1/1971-1/5/2007<br>F-Carlos Noguera         |   |   |



## August Anniversaries

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Blanchard, Eric Anthony<br>2/19/1976 - 8/3/1998<br>P - Barbara & Wayne Blanchard<br>S - Lisa, Tammy, Dawn<br>B - Chris & Michael<br>Daughter - Samantha                                | Harrington, Zachary Michael<br>Evans<br>8/4/1992 - 8/7/1992<br>P - William & Barbara Evans-Harrington<br>GP Wm. & Barbara Evans | Pittman, Micah Daniel<br>12/22/1989-8/17/2003<br>M-Jan Pittman  | Slaven, Minnie Leona<br>7/10/1972 - 8/11/2000<br>M-Della LaGrone<br>P-Delbert & Catherine Slaven<br>S-Charlotte, Della, Betty,<br>Lynn, Amelia & Sue<br>B-Ronnie, Jack, Del, &<br>Delbert Jr. |
| Cash, Christopher<br>9//13/1977 - 8/23/2004<br>M-Rita & Thomas Zvada<br>P-Charles & Mika Cash<br>Child-Leah Cash<br>B-Charles Cash II<br>S-Colleen & M??<br>GP-Gustavo & Ida Arencibia | Harrison, Leigh Ann<br>08/11/84 - 08/11/84<br>P-Trudy & Tim Harrison<br>GP-Bobbie & Jerry Meeks                                 | Roark, Kelli Colin<br>4/30/1990 - 8/30/1998<br>P - Joe & Angel Roark<br>B - Kyle & Kaleb Roark<br>GF - Ron Ellington  | Varga, Jozsef<br>6/11/1977-8/4/2007<br>M-Carmen Varga   |
| Darrigo, Anthony & Domenic<br>08/11/94 - 08/11/94<br>P - Sam & Vanessa Darrigo   | Holton, John William<br>05/20/52 - 08/10/94<br>M - Ann Holton   | Sampson, Charles Roy<br>8/29/1998 - 8/29/1998<br>P - Paul & Susan Sampson<br>GP - Margaret & Clayton Sampson<br>and Shirley & Charles Osborne               | Welch, Kimberly Michelle<br>10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003<br>M-Nancy Welch<br>Child-   |
| Fernandez, Karen Irene<br>03/08/68 - 08/23/88<br>M - Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez<br>B-Rik Fernandez   | Hoskins, Lauren Grace<br>8/18/2004 - 8/18/2004<br>M-Kim Hoskins   | Shye, John David<br>05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994<br>P - Betty Jean & Charles Shye<br>S - Lydia and Mary Shye<br>B - Chuck Shye<br>Father of J.D. and Justin Shye |   |
| Gilliam, Hayden Charles<br>6/20/1999 - 8/4/2001<br>P - Sean & Marion Gilliam<br>S - Sara<br>B - Cole<br>GP-Joe & Nancy Gilliam, and Rosemarie<br>Trescrey                              | Mohammed, Ian Roger<br>04/19/73 - 08/02/92<br>P - Judy & Rick Mohammed<br>S - Alison Mohammed<br>B - Cameron Mohammed           |   |   |
| Graves, Matthew Regan<br>8/8/1979 - 8/31/2000<br>M - Linda Graves<br>S - Serena Graves<br>B-Dutch & Allen Jr.<br>GF-Wilson Harmison  |   |   |   |



*"Indeed, they are not gone  
who have passed beyond our grasp;  
for they walk safely  
in our thoughts by day  
and in our dreams by night."*

*author unknown*

## Tyler Wade "Bubby" Head

February 21, 1995 – July 15, 2004



It will be 4 years since you got your wings this month, and there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you. Tyler you touched so many lives and everyone misses you very much. Because of you I know that I am a better person. I will always carry you in my heart. I am glad that I had 9 wonderful years of memories of you.

Tyler was my Little T-Man and here is a poem that I wrote for him

### A Special Memory

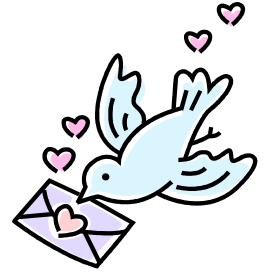
Burned into my mind,  
I still see your sweet face.  
A special memory of a  
Special time and place,  
The day you were born,  
One of the happiest in my life,  
The day you died one in the same,  
And the pain cuts like a knife.  
The loss in my eyes that others see,  
Is only a glimpse of the pain inside of me?  
I lie down at night and fight back the tears,  
I wake each morning and wish you were here,  
The days go on soaked in sorrow,  
I pray each night to make it through tomorrow.

Written by: Tammy Hill  
In Memory Of Tyler Wade Head

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.  
Love leaves memories that no one can steal.  
Forever gone from my life, but forever in my heart you will stay. I will always love you son. Love Your  
Momma

## May 2008

I want to take this time to tell you a story of a family I met through our group. They are a loving, giving one and I wish everyone could meet them.



They want no accolades for anything they have done or do. They are bereaved parents as we all are, yet they have the capacity to encompass everyone around them and let them know that as they struggle through all their pain and anguish, they still have time to reach out and hold a hand and say "Here, take my hand, let me help you.", in anything that a person might need that day. They have been to the lowest low and are still sometimes in that abyss yet can look up, not down and see that others are suffering and take time to ask, "What do you need?" What a blessing it is to have these people in my life and all the other lives they touch. Not once have you been asked a question that you did not give a thoughtful and careful answer. You have shared your family and stories with us and even in the times of great pain, you have never faltered to share your innermost feelings.

I apologize to you (as you know who you are) for making you feel that I am putting you on a pedestal but I am showing people that no matter how bad the pain, no matter how low the lows, you are always a shining example of love. Love is what the world is all about and your family represents that with a big L. Compassion, truth, strength, sorrow, tears, searching for answers and help yourselves, and so many other words I cannot come up with right now is the TRUE YOU. If God had to give us some sorrow, then he also gave us some hope, love, compassion and a need for people like you. I am in awe of the hope and love you give us. I pray that one day you will understand what we are trying to say to you and that you will know that your wisdom shows us that we CAN get through this. We are NOT alone and when you reach out your hands and knowledge to us, we all are richer for that.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a huge part of our group and of our lives. Please know that we too are here for you in anything you need and most of all, We love you both.

As a matter of fact, this could fit a lot of people in our groups. Does this sound familiar? May each of you know how important you are in our lives and that without you, we would be walking this journey alone. Thanks for holding out your hand and saying "You don't have to do this alone, come walk by my side and we will help each other." "One day I will hold you up and another day, you will hold me up, we will share smiles, tears and our children."

Written to you by grateful friends in hopes that you will be proud of what you have done and what you have given to each other. Hope and love is the cornerstone of life.

When we lost our children, we lost a part of ourselves but in our journey's we have found some wonderful people and have made some wonderful friends. A bond that no one else can break is the bond that binds all of the bereaved parents together. God bless each and every one of you.

*Author Almost Unknown*

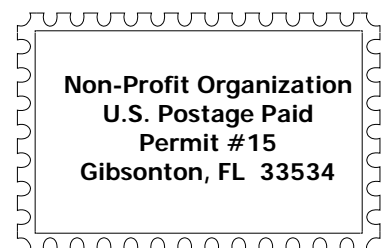
It's OK to do strange things, anything that gives your heart a sense of peace, as long as you don't hurt someone. Whether you are running down the beach, standing in the shower, or riding in your car screaming at the top of your lungs. Releasing balloons with notes attached, talking to an empty chair, wearing their clothes, baking a cake for their birthday, signing their name on cards, decorating their graves with the things that they loved, or collecting angels in their memory—it's OK!

No excuses are necessary, You have learned to do what your heart needs and that is a big step.

*By Elaine Stillwell MA, MS*



The Bereaved Parents of the USA  
P.O. Box 156  
Gibsonton, FL 33534



**July/August 2008**

POSTMASTER - Dated Material

Please do not delay.



**Address Correction Requested!**