



## Tampa Bay Chapter

P.O. Box 7034  
Brandon, Florida  
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### MEETING INFORMATION

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

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays, May 14 and June 11, 2017

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, May 12 and June 16 2017

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 May 25 and June 29, 2017

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)

*This newsletter is lovingly  
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*Michael David Holmberg &  
Robyn Michelle Nemitz*

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**Spring will be ending and the summer beginning. We also will be celebrating ourselves during the coming months on Mother's Day and Father's Day. The problem is that we often have difficulty getting into the enjoyment because of our loss. Even if we don't have other children we are still a mother or father (we always will be). But in that instance we don't have to worry about celebrating. If we do have other children, we must be prepared to enjoy the day with them and not let our sadness overshadow our happiness. Wishing you peaceful days.**  
**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  
813.625-1468*



[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

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](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.



### Dandelions From Heaven

Mothers Day is coming...and I wanted to send you a sign...  
Something you can tell others..."Is from an angel of mine".  
So I searched the Heavens high and low for that perfect thing..  
And low and behold I found it....and a smile I hope it will bring.

So when you look to the Heavens...and see the yellow stars in the sky...  
Just think of me...your angel... in the Heavens way up high...  
And just imagine those stars...are dandelions up above...  
Yes! Dandelions are also in Heaven...,which you know how much I love.

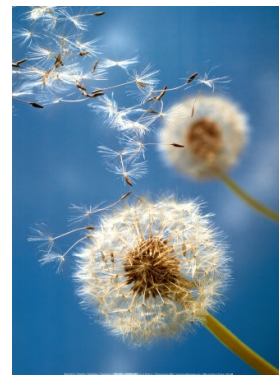
So on this Mothers Day... when you awake and feel blue...  
You will notice those yellow stars...are no longer in view...  
So just look to the meadows and the dandelions you see....  
Are the ones I've tossed down this Mothers Day from me!

And when you find a dandelion that has turned from yellow to white...  
You're supposed to make a wish...and then blow with all your might.  
For you will be blowing kisses... to me in Heaven above....  
And I will be catching them and blowing them back...sent with all my love.

Please know that I am with you...on this Mothers Day...  
And also in the days ahead...God and I will never stray...  
We will be with you in the morning...when you wake and see the sun..  
We will be with you when you say your prayers...when the day is done.

For God and I will never be...very far from your side...  
For I can now be everywhere...and God will be your guide...  
So...remember when you see dandelions...its your guarantee...  
That I am always close to you....  
For dandelions are free to roam.....now just like me.

I will always be with you Mom....  
Happy Mothers Day  
Love, Your Angel in Heaven.







## Our Children . . . Remembered

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

### May Birthdays

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 GP - (Preceded in Death) Arthur & Vivian Boyd	Kinchen, Kevin 5/18/1985 - 3/16/2008 P - Eugene & Cynthia Kickner W - Chelsey Kinchen D - Kaylee, Tessa S - JoyKay & Hailey Kinchen B - Robert Kinchen	Morrow, Mark 5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005 P - John & Joan Morrow	Turner, Devon 5/2/1986 - 7/28/2005 M - Marie Lawson
Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard	Lavalee, Grace 5/3/2009 - 7/17/2010 P - Natalia Lavalee	Pfister, Megan Lynn 5/2/1990 - 3/3/1999 P - Frank & Stephanie Pfister	Waller, Albert Marcus 5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000 P - Marc & Charlotte Waller
Collum, Brian H. 5/11/1965 - 3/7/2005 M - Diana Reams B - Reid Collum	Loftis, Tabitha Marie 5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009 M - Misty Lamm GM - Harriet Lamm	Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M - Ann Roberts Mitchel GP - Merle H. Brunson	Williams, Alec Michael 5/17/1996 - 7/27/1996 P - Kathy & Michael Williams B - Chad & Chase G - Frank & Robbie Edwards G - Dwight & Melvalene Williams
Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman	Mack, Anthony Joe 5/31/96 - 9/28/14 P - Barbara & Rob Riches	Robinson, Ashley Lauren 05/20/94 - 01/16/96 P - Sara & Tim Robinson S - Morgan Ashley Robinson	Zalewski, Christine 5/2/66-3-/3/13 P - Louie & Eileen Zalewski
Holton, John William 05/20/52 - 08/10/94 M - Ann Holton	Makowski, Anthony 5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005 M - Cathy Makowski	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	
Holmberg, Michael David 5/15/1976 - 3/02/2011 M - Mary Ellen Holmberg B - Kristian and Stephen	McKaughan, Michael 5/19/1989 - 11/3/2000 P - Darlene Lack Sibs - Andrew & Lauren GP - Virginia Dosci	Shye, John David 05/27/1964 - 08/07/1994 P - Betty Jean & Charles Shye S - Lydia and Mary Shye B - Chuck Shye Father of J.D. and Justin Shye	
Keithly, DeAnne 5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993 P - John & Peggy Keithly S - Dawn & Karen B - Dustin & Kevin GP - Clark & Frances Keithly and Alice Pugh	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	Stolley, Allison 5/5/82 - 12/12/14 P - Robin & Dan Stolley	
		Thompson, Kimberly Karlin 5/5/1976 - 12/6/1999 P - Sam & Ingrid Thompson	



### May Anniversaries

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh 5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002 P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard	Casey, Ryan 10/15/86 - 5/4/12 P - Mike & Katie Casey S - Lauren Casey	Delp, Jeff 5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001 M - Karen Kornman	Ellington, Timothy 03/06/62 - 05/25/91 F - Ron Ellington
Buchanan, Sierra Lan 03/07/96 - 05/25/96 P - Kim & Bryan Buchanan S - May Linh Buchanan	Colla, Aaron Dante 11/15/01 - 05/24/02 P - Amanda Colla GP - Jana & Frank Colla A - Danielle B - Dylan	Dixon, Austin Ryan 03/18/97 - 05/18/98 P - Carrie & Robert Dixon S - Sara Ryan Dixon	Finchum, Tommy 07/10/75 - 05/06/94 P - Pete & Joyce Finchum B - John Finchum
Caldwell - Faught, Thomas E. 2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003 M - Shannon Caldwell	DeLosSantos, Ailen 1/6/1975 - 5/5/2009 M - Elena Franklin B - Orlando DeLosSantos Jr.	Domzalski, Kristin 3/8/1974 - 5/6/1982 F - Bob Domzalski	Goldman, Ariel Nicole Rothschild 8/30/1989 - 5/15/2001 P - Steve and Lynn Goldman
			Harless, Jessica Nicole 11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000 M - Heather Harless

## May Anniversaries cont'd

Holdren, Scott  
4/10/1986 - 5/31/2007  
M - Donna Henry

Howard, Christopher L.  
3/27/1975 - 5/18/2000  
M - Cay Pelaez

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

Keithly, DeAnne  
5/24/1976 - 5/12/1993  
P - John & Peggy Keithly  
S - Dawn & Karen  
B - Dustin & Kevin  
GP - Clark & Frances Keithly  
and Alice Pugh

Knight, Arleen Diane  
10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004  
P - Arthur & Ethel Fernandez  
S - Elaine Rogers  
Daughters - Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz,  
and Katie Tuclula

Loftis, Tabitha Marie  
5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009  
M - Misty Lampp  
GM - Harriet Lampp

Morrow, Mark  
5/19/1978 - 12/7/2005  
P - John & Joan Morrow

Pike, Taylor  
11/9/1985 - 5/14/2007  
P - Bob & Connie Pike  
S - Megan Pike

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

Sluder, Keith Joseph  
4/25/1964 - 5/11/2006  
P - Tom & Judy Sluder  
Children - Keith II and Miranda  
Granddaughters - Kali & Ella Mae  
S - Theresa & Kathryn  
B - Tom III  
N/N - Israel, Brandon & Brandy

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



## June Birthdays

Brown, Alex Marie  
6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995  
P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

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

Eggly, Keiran Catherine  
6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004  
M - Elizabeth Eggly

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

Hayes, Douglas  
6/3/1969 - 6/3/1969  
P - Martha & Michael Hayes  
Sibs - Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes  
GM - Mary Neeld

Johnson, Georgina  
6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003  
P - Laurie & George Johnson

Lane, Catherine Novak  
6/8/1967 - 12/13/2008  
M - Christina Daws  
B - Michael, John & Richard Lane

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

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

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

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

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

Price, Karissa Danielle  
6/19/90 - 12/8/12  
P - Karen and Dan Price  
S - Kaleigh  
GP - Eleanor Arnold and  
Jerry and Kathie Sealock

Ramirez, Arthur, Jr.  
6/10/1951 - 12/30/1997  
M - Helen Ramirez

Rivera, Erick  
6/4/1988 - 3/21/2010  
P - Maricela & Jose Rivera

Schulman, Adam J.  
6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004  
M - Pat Schulman  
B - Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Skalski, Brian  
6/2/1968 - 1/6/2011  
P - Nick Skalski & Marty Hayes

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

Rivera, Erick  
6/4/1988 - 3/21/2010  
P - Maricela & Jose Rivera

Schulman, Adam J.  
6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004  
M - Pat Schulman  
B - Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Skalski, Brian  
6/2/1968 - 1/6/2011  
P - Nick Skalski & Marty Hayes

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

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

Weber, Barbara Jean  
6/4/1953 - 12/14/1994  
P - Weldon & Jean Weber  
S - Kristi, Teresa, & Pamela



## June Anniversaries

Alvarez, Dean  
4/28/1965 - 6/12/2000  
M - Diana Stenglein  
B - Nadie Alvarez  
S - Athena & Lynette Alvarez

Bray, Debbie (Hurley)  
11/14/1967 - 6/1/1990  
M - Beverley (Bray) Hurley  
S - Kimberly Gonzalez

Brown, Alex Marie  
6/6/1995 - 6/6/1995  
P - Jane Ann & Thomas Brown

Andrew Glenn Butler  
1/8/2009  
GP - Rosemary Perry

Combs, Phillip J.  
3/24/1986 - 6/12/2004  
P - Lisa Pyche' & Phil Combs  
B - Travis Combs  
GP - Thomas & Sharon Pyche'

Cowen, Chad  
3/31/1973 - 6/7/1997  
P - Mary "Pete" & Mike Cowen  
S - Tiffany Larson

Eggly, Keiran Catherine  
6/4/2004 - 6/4/2004  
M - Elizabeth Eggly

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

Jonathan Lee Fernandez  
12/ 13/1986 - 6/20/2010  
M - Elaine Fernandez

Funk, Benjamin  
9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001  
P - Mr & Mrs Funk

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

Hayes, Douglas  
6/3/1969 - 6/3/1969  
P - Martha & Michael Hayes  
Sibs - Cheri Hayes Knapp & Travis Hayes  
GM - Mary Neeld

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

Johnson, Georgina  
6/10/2003 - 6/10/2003  
P - Laurie & Goerge Johnson

Kellogg, Benjamin  
6/7/2002  
P - John & Barbara Kellogg

Landrum, Mark  
03/03/79 - 06/24/94  
M - Joan Landrum  
Adams-Hilliard  
F - Steve Landrum  
B - John Landrum

Martin, Amanda Louise  
12/31/1971 - 6/19/2008  
P - Toni Martin

**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 and  
Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Mosquero, Brando J.  
4/21/85 - 6/15/24  
P - Yolando & Ozzie Patino  
S-Samantha-Rose Patino  
GP - Rosa abd Ralph Lucerna

Nemitz, Robyn Michelle  
12/28/82 - 06/16/98  
P - Debbie & Bill Nemitz  
B - John Nemitz  
GM - Laura Nemitz  
A & U - John & Linda Goodman &  
Marty & Carol Nemitz

Noriega, Aiden  
4/4/2001 - 6/18/2001  
P - Rick & Ethal Noriega

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

Patet, Nathan Gabriel  
12/18/88 - 06/10/90  
P - Maritza & Jeff Patet  
S - Mallory Patet & Gina Patet  
GP - Gus & Lourdes Arenas and  
Don and the late Betty Patet

Prescott, Alexandria  
3/25/1990 - 6/28/2010  
Stephanie & Tracy Knox

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

Sorrells, Blake Austin  
06/03/1998 - 06/03/1998  
P - John & Monica Sorrells  
S - Cassidy Sorrells

Zettles, DJ  
9/25/93 - 6/13/16  
P - Doug & Tammy Zettles  
GP - Fred & Barbara Coate



## 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.

Authur Unknown





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL!

**MICHAEL DAVID HOLMBERG**  
**May 15, 1976 - March 2, 2011**

*A son, and  
a brother,*

*a nephew,  
an uncle,  
a friend,  
a student,  
a writer,  
a poet,  
...chasing  
his dreams*

*forever loved, forever remembered, forever missed*

From all of us who miss you every day.....  
Mom, Kristian, and Stephen



*Journey of the survivor*

There will come a day, when the tears of sorrow will flow into tears of remembrance, and your heart will begin to heal. The grieving will be interrupted by moments of joy, and whispers of hope.

There will come a day, when you will welcome the tears of remembrance, as a rainbow of the soul, a turning of the tide, a promise of peace.

There will come a day, when you will begin to live forward, finding your new normal, and treasuring each tear.

The above was on page one of the Bereaved Parents Generic Newsletter for April 2017.

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 listen to on their website, [www.hopehealinghelp.com](http://www.hopehealinghelp.com).

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



# Robyn Michelle Nemitz

## 12/28/82 - 6/16/98



My Dear Robyn,

Another year has passed. It seems like a million years since I last saw your beautiful smile and got one of your “stand-up” hugs. We miss you more than words can express. I decided to show one of your happier pictures in this newsletter. I also want to acknowledge **Suncoast Dream Funds** for their generosity in supplying this pool as your “wish”. This was during a happier time of your “cancer days”. You had started getting back your hair the first time after your initial loss (came back looking bad after the bone marrow transplant). Even after you relapsed you were able to enjoy the pool most days.

I know you must be enjoying heaven. That is how I can cope with being without you. I hate it when I’m told that “you are in a better place”. I am selfish and wish you were here to make our lives happier. But I do believe that you are better off. You don’t have to worry about sickness and the problems of this world anymore. Be happy and continue smiling.

Love,  
Mom, Dad & John

### A Face In The Crowd

I thought I saw you  
in the crowd  
They walked like you  
Their stance was proud

Their hair the same  
Their profile too  
I really thought  
It could be you.

Then I remembered  
You were gone  
My heart fell flat  
As I walked on.

I see your face  
Wherever I go  
Guess I just thought  
That you should know

Still hear your laugh  
And see your smile  
Though you’ve been gone  
For quite a while

I miss you more  
Than words can say  
Wish it had been you  
That I saw today.



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## 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. 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



### **Don't cry for Me Daddy**

Don't cry for me Daddy,  
I'm right here.  
Although you can't see me  
I see your tears.  
I visit you often,  
I go to work with you each day,  
And when it's time for you  
to close your eyes ,  
On your pillow is where I lay.  
I hold your hand &  
stroke your hair,  
And whisper in your ear.  
If you're sad today Daddy,  
Remember, I am here.  
God took me home.  
This we know is true.  
But you'll always be My Daddy  
Even though I'm not with you.  
We will never be apart,  
For everytime you think of me,  
Please know I'm in your Heart.....

*~Author Unknown*

### **A Father's Grief**

It must be very difficult  
To be a man in grief,  
Since "men don't cry"  
and "men are strong"  
No tears can bring relief.

It must be very difficult  
To stand up to the test,  
And field the calls and visitors  
So she can get some rest.

They always ask if she's all right  
And what she's going through.  
But seldom take his hand and ask,  
"My friend, but how are you?"

He hears her crying in the night  
And thinks his heart will break.  
He dries her tears and comforts her,  
But "stays strong" for her sake.

It must be very difficult  
To start each day anew.  
And try to be so very brave-  
He lost his baby too.

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# 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.

## ***In Our Hearts***

**We thought of you with  
love today, But that is  
nothing new.**

**We thought about you  
yesterday, And days be-  
fore that too.**

**We think of you in si-  
lence. We often speak  
your name. Now all we  
have is memories, And  
your picture in a  
frame. Your memory is  
our keepsake, With  
which we'll never part.  
God has you in his  
keeping, We have you  
in our heart.**

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