

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

Michael David Holmberg & Robyn Michelle Nemitz



Tampa Bay Chapter

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MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays May 13 and June 17, 2018

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 11 and June 8, 2018

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 each month)

Thursdays May 31 and June 28, 2018

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

New Hope United Methodist Church

121 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL

Call Charles L'Homme at 813-335-7628

for directions or information.

(note: We are now meeting in the Church building rather than the office building.

After entering the sanctuary doors, go left and enter the first door on right.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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May 2018						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
June 2018						

We are well into Spring and Summer is around the corner (actually seems like it is already here). School is almost out for the summer holidays. Many will go on vacations. Both May and June have holidays which are meaningful for all of us. Yes, I'm speaking of Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. They can be difficult for those of us who have lost a child. Some who lost their only child sometimes feel that they are no longer a parent and those of us who have other children find it difficult to celebrate when all of our children aren't here. It is probably the holiday I have the most problem with. I would like to wish you all a peaceful holiday. Enjoy your summer.

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
813.784-6929*



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. 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.

Featuring Alan Pedersen performing songs from his Angels Across the USA Tour



Bereaved Parents of the USA
NATIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE
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Mitch Carmody



Pam Vredevelt



Stephane Gerson



Ann Irr Dagle

www.bereavedparentsusa.com

Walk Towards Hope and Healing

At the
BPUSA National Gathering
Sunday, August 5, 2018, 8 AM

This is a fundraising event that is being held to benefit the National Board of Directors of Bereaved Parents. They are in charge of marketing the BPUSA name so that we can be found by those who need us. They are also in charge of planning the National Gatherings. Many legal issues are handled by them such as setting up our status as a non-profit organization, finding liability insurance for our chapters and other necessary items. Lori will be participating in the walk. She will be carrying a sign with pictures of those children whose parents (grandparents or siblings) have made a donation. All donations are encouraged regardless of the amount.

<https://www.classy.org/team/161179>

Robyn Michelle Nemitz

12/28/82 to 6/16/98



Dear Robyn,

Words can't begin to express how I feel. I can't believe that 20 long years have passed. Had you lived you would be 35. Nothing has been the same or as good since you died. All of us miss you! I especially miss your beautiful smile and your hugs. You were such a sweet child and eager to please. The only positive thing I can say regarding your death is that you don't have to worry about anything anymore...especially about your health.

I am sure you are happy in your new home with God. The fact that we will see each other again is something that brings me peace. Dad and John send love too.

Love,
Mom

You Are Loved and Missed



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

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh
5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002
P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell
GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Collum, Brian H.
5/11/1965 - 3/7/2005
M - Diana Reams
B - Reid Collum

Delp, Jeff
5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001
M - Karen Kornman

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

Holmberg, Michael David
5/15/1976 - 3/02/2011
M - Mary Ellen Holmberg
B - Kristian and Stephen

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

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

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

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

Mack, Anthony Joe
5/31/96 - 9/28/14
P - Barbara & Rob Riches

Makowski, Anthony
5/20/1983 - 4/24/2005
M - Cathy Makowski

McKaughan, Michael
5/19/1989 - 11/3/2000
P - Darlene Lack
Sibs - Andrew & Lauren
GP - Virginia Dosci

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

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

Pfister, Megan Lynn
5/2/1990 - 3/3/1999
P - Frank & Stephanie Pfister

Roberts, J. Michael
5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002
M - Ann Roberts Mitchel
GP - Merle H. Brunson

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

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

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

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

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

Waller, Albert Marcus
5/2/1994 - 6/16/2000
P - Marc & Charlotte Waller

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

Zalewski, Christine
5/2/66 - 3/3/13
P - Louie & Eileen Zalewski



May Anniversaries

Bracewell, Madisyn Nevaeh
5/8/2002 - 5/8/2002
P - Jessica & Joshua Bracewell
GP - Mark & Pamela Leonhard

Buchanan, Sierra Lan
03/07/96 - 05/25/96
P - Kim & Bryan Buchanan
S - May Linh Buchanan

Caldwell - Faght, Thomas E.
2/9/1997 - 5/24/2003
M - Shannon Caldwell

Casey, Ryan
10/15/86 - 5/4/12
P - Mike & Katie Casey
S - Lauren Casey

Colla, Aaron Dante
11/15/01 - 05/24/02
P - Amanda Colla
GP - Jana & Frank Colla
A - Danielle
B - Dylan

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

Delp, Jeff
5/15/1972 - 5/30/2001
M - Karen Kornman

Dixon, Austin Ryan
03/18/97 - 05/18/98
P - Carrie & Robert Dixon
S - Sara Ryan Dixon

Domzalski, Kristin
3/8/1974 - 5/6/1982
F - Bob Domzalski

Ellington, Timothy
03/06/62 - 05/25/91
F - Ron Ellington

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

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

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

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

May Anniversaries cont'd

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 - Marilyn & 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



Happy Birthday

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 & George 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



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.

The following got in touch with me after the last newsletter asking me to add their children to the list:

Tracy M Brown
9/10/74 - 3/26/16
M - Phoebe Brown
F - Brian Asci
Daughter - Taylor Rose Brown



G. Randy Jones
9/6/90 - 4/9/17
M - Cristina Jones
F - Charlie Jones
B - Brian Jones
GP - Jorge and Maria Rodriguez and
Gilbert Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL!!!



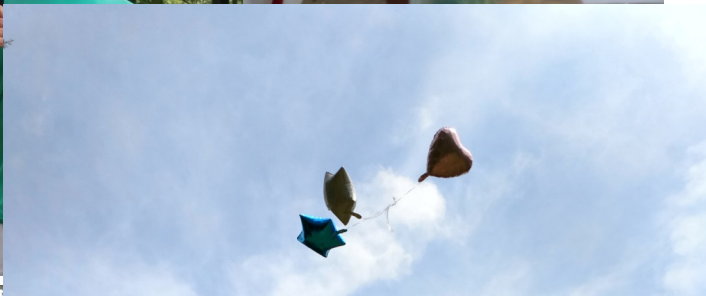
“and I never minded being on my own, then something broke in me and I wanted to go home. To be where you are. But even closer to you, you seen so very far. And now I’m reaching out with every note I sing. And I hope it gets to you on some pacific wind, wraps itself around you and whispers in your ear, tells you that I miss you and I wish that you were”. (song by Florence and the Machine)

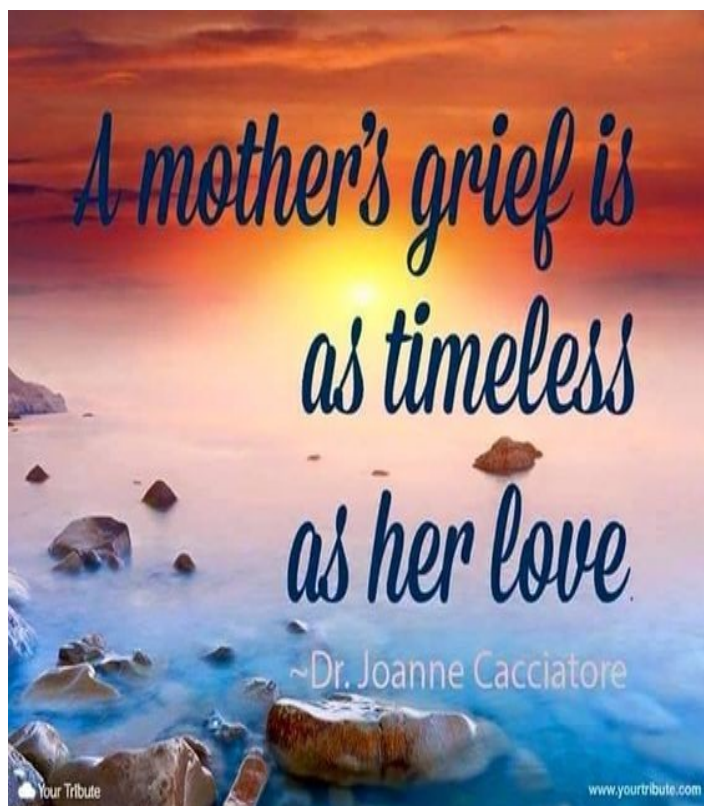
Love, for all eternity, mom

Thanks to all of you who participated in the BP 5th Annual Butterfly Release. It was held on May 6th at the Angel of Hope Park in Temple Terrace. Unfortunately we had rain off and on, but we didn't allow it to ruin our event. We raffled off baskets and released the butterflies. The balloons were taken home by Lori and released later. Below are some pictures that I hope you will enjoy.



Many of the butterflies chose to hang around before flying out into the rain.





All came from BPUSA Generic Newsletters., June 2017 & May 2018

THE SILHOUETTES OF FATHERHOOD

The silhouettes of fatherhood
From another time and place,
Grief has cast it's shadow
On his cheerful father face.

The contour of his happiness
Created sometime long ago,
Darkened by his agony
And the truth he's come to know.

The profile of his peacefulness
Embraced in days gone by,
Shaded by his loneliness
And the many tears he's cried.

The shape of all good things to come
Yearned for in future days,
Blackened by reality
Of death that's come his way.



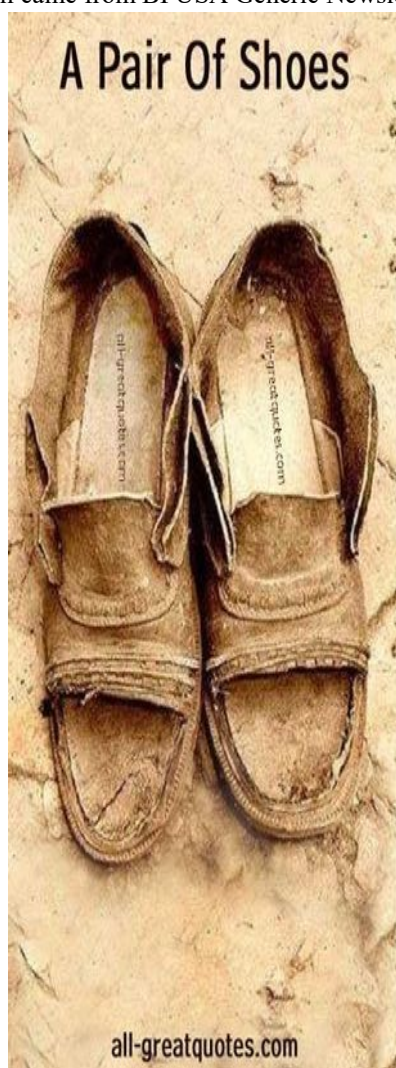
The form of his existence
In the life he thought he'd live,
Clouded by his pleading
That his life he'd gladly give.

The figure of fulfillment
From yesterdays desires,
Obscured by constant mourning
And all that it requires.

The likeness of tomorrow
Won't bring the things it should.
Soon he'll find the light within
The Silhouettes of fatherhood.

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~ in memory of Lucas Christopher
Ross 1979 - 2001



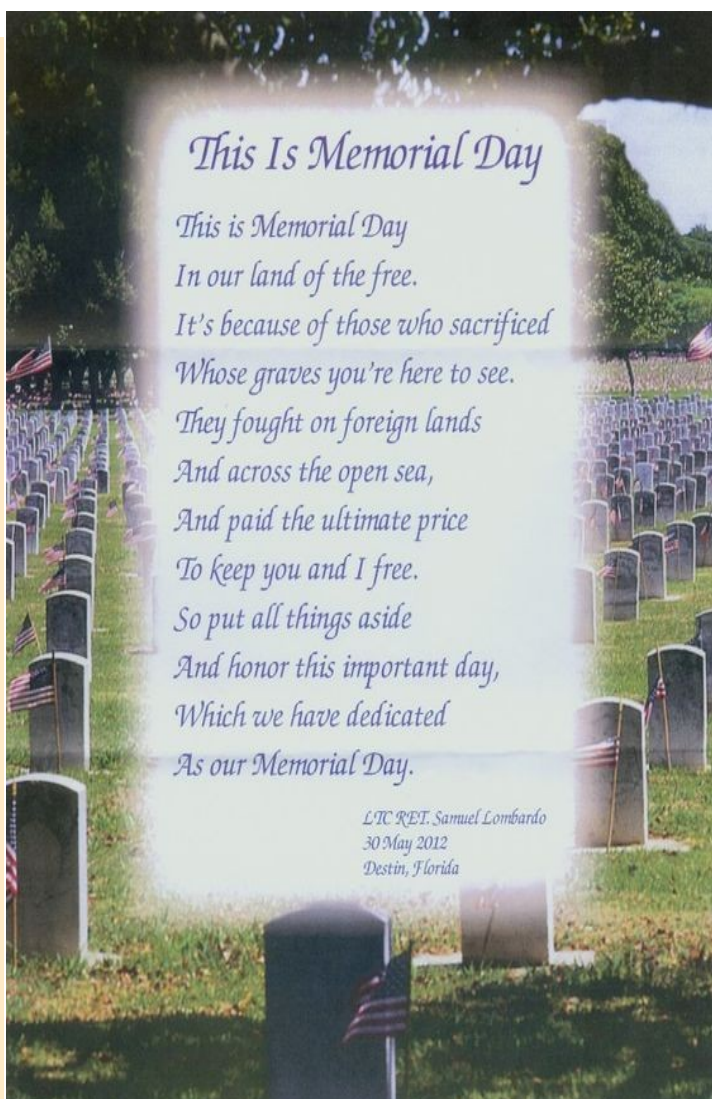
I am wearing a pair of shoes.
They are ugly shoes.
Uncomfortable shoes.
I hate my shoes.
Each day I wear them,
and each day I wish
I had another pair.

Some days my shoes hurt so bad that
I do not think I can take another step.
Yet, I continue to wear them.
I get funny looks wearing these shoes.
They are looks of sympathy.
I can tell in others eyes that they are
glad they are my shoes and not theirs.
They never talk about my shoes.
To learn how awful my shoes are
might make them uncomfortable.
To truly understand these shoes
you must walk in them.

But, once you put them on,
you can never take them off.
I now realize that I am not the only
one who wears these shoes.
There are many pairs in this world.
Some women are like me and ache daily
as they try and walk in them.
Some have learned how to walk in
them so they don't hurt quite as much
Some have worn the shoes so long that
days will go by before they
think about how much they hurt.
No woman deserves to wear these
shoes. Yet, because of these shoes

I am a stronger woman.
These shoes have given me
the strength to face anything.
They have made me who I am.
I will forever walk in the shoes
of a woman who has lost a child.

all-greatquotes.com



This Is Memorial Day

*This is Memorial Day
In our land of the free.
It's because of those who sacrificed
Whose graves you're here to see.
They fought on foreign lands
And across the open sea,
And paid the ultimate price
To keep you and I free.
So put all things aside
And honor this important day,
Which we have dedicated
As our Memorial Day.*

LTC RET. Samuel Lombardo
30 May 2012
Destin, Florida

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. 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



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

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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.

Messenger of God
Oh, Little Butterfly,
Messenger of God,
When I see you in the sky
I cannot help but nod.
You bring me respite
From grief and despair
Every time I see you
Sailing through the air.
You renew my faith
In all God's wondrous plan,
And I know it's all in FAITH,
Not in what I understand.
Kathryn Poland (4-12-01)

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