

**Tampa Bay, FL**  
**2025 May/June**



## “MISSION

Helping grieving parents and families rebuild their lives following the death of a child.

# Tampa Bay Chapter

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

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## **Contact us to**

- Contribute a Story, Article, Poem or Artwork
- Share Your Thoughts and Feelings with Our Chapter
- Share Helpful Links

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BPUSA

Where grief meets hope and healing for parents, siblings and grandparents.

# Meeting Information

Call Lori Scragg at 813- 361-2946  
for directions or information

## SUNDAY

Regular Monthly **SUNDAY** Meeting  
(held second Sunday of each month)

**Tampa area**

**May 11 and June 8**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital  
Medical Arts, Auditorium  
3001 M L K Jr. Blvd., Tampa, FL.

05

MAY  
2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## THURSDAY

Regular Monthly **THURSDAY** Meeting  
(held last Thursday of each month)

**Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas**

**May 29 and June 26**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

HCA Florida Brandon Hospital  
Cafeteria - Oak Room I  
119 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, FL

06

JUNE  
2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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29	30					



# Chapter News

## May Activities

### May 4, 2025

- 11th annual Butterfly Release at Angel of Hope Memorial in Riverside Park
- International Bereaved Mother's Day is observed on the first Sunday in May every year.



### May 11 and 29, 2025

- Mother's Day Poem
- Memorials for our children to be Shared at National Gathering in Pittsburgh in July.
- Special Mother's Day craft (Bring a wallet sized picture of your child. Everything else is provided. I also have a laminator that I bring a laminate it afterwards)

## June Activities

### June 8 and 26, 2025

- Open Discussion-topic tbd
- Continue with Memorials for those not at May meeting
- Gift for Fathers in attendance.

## 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 {Long term illness}	813-501-9567
Lori Scragg (Adult child & Accident)	813-361-2946
Barbara Dietrich {Death of only child}	813-340-9120
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
Crisis Center	211

# Sponsorship, Contribution and Charitable Donations

## Sponsor a Newsletter Page

**Anyone can sponsor a page in this newsletter in memory of a child to support our chapter.**

**Full Page:** The price for a full page is \$30 which includes photographs and your tribute to your child (poems, stories or whatever you like).

**Half Page:** The price for a half page is \$15.

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 Newsletter Editor at:  
[news.bptampabay@gmail.com](mailto:news.bptampabay@gmail.com)

Please note that sponsorship pages are due by the 25th of the month before the publication month. We publish every 2 months.

## Charitable Donation / Love Gift

### 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.**

## Newsletter 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. Contact the Editor if you have any questions.



# Eleventh Annual Butterfly Release



## Bereaved Parents Tampa Bay Chapter Eleventh Annual Butterfly Release



**WHEN:**  
May 4, 2025  
2 PM to 3:30 PM  
RAIN OR SHINE

**WHERE:**  
Angel of Hope Park  
201 S. Riverhills Dr.  
Temple Terrace, FL

**COST:**  
\$10 for each  
butterfly  
(Must be ordered and  
**paid** for prior to  
April 15th. There  
will be NO EXTRAS.)  
**RSVP - ASAP**



Raffles will be held for gift baskets. Tickets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10 or 35 for \$20 .

Send order with checks to the address below.

If you choose not to participate in the entire event, you may order a butterfly and come by and pick

*Angel  
of Hope*  
MEMORIAL GARDEN

## Angel of Hope Memorial Garden Information

Riverside Park  
201 S. Riverhills Drive, Temple  
Terrace, Florida

Parking lot is across the street and up a hill on the left as you turn onto S. Riverhills Drive from 56th. Street.

Follow either path to the back to the ANGEL!



# Mother's Day Poem

## 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.

Written by Laura / Heavenly Lights Childrens Memorial

## 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

Hassan,Gabe  
5/10/06 - 2/10/24  
P - Mac & Lily Hassan  
S - Sophia

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



## May Birthdays

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

Rhoda, Kevin  
5/11/95 - 4/3/22  
M - Sandy Rhoda

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



**When those special days, anniversaries, or holidays stir up all the emotions, it can feel like too much to handle. Grief burnout is real, and it can show up as losing interest in things you once loved, constant headaches, restless nights, anxiety, feeling scattered, and unexpected mood swings. If this sounds familiar, just know you're not alone in feeling this way.**

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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

Bobak, John Michael  
6/25/02 - 5/1/23  
M - Denise Bobak

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 - Faight, 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

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

Leonidas, Caitlin  
7/26/04 - 5/30/22  
M - Nicole Leonidas  
Loftis, Tabitha Marie  
5/25/1984 - 5/21/2009  
M - Misty Lampp  
GM - Harriet Lampp

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

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

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

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

Sluder, Keith Joseph  
4/25/1964 - 5/11/2006  
P - Tom & Judy Sluder  
Children - Keith II and Miranda  
Grandaughters - 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



Sean Richard Reber

1-30-1986

5-28-2018

Seven Years

gentle, caring, smart

**YOUNGEST**  
OF FIVE BROTHERS

Loved Music

**NATURE**  
color blue

# Father's Day Poem

## Whispers

Dear daddy, please try to remember  
that I love you more than anything.  
The moment I came to your heart  
I heard the Angels softly sing.

I went to them to have a listen  
to their lullabies so sweet,  
and wrapped in gentle wings of tender  
my dearest daddy: I fell asleep.

I wish that I could dry your tears  
each day, as I watch over you.  
And when you say my name at night  
I whisper:

Dad, I love you too



## June Birthdays

Bobak, John Michael  
6/25/02 - 5/1/23  
M - Denise Bobak

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

Hunter, Eve  
6/19/04 - 11/4/22  
P - Melissa & Doug Hunter

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

Troxell, Jacquelyn  
6/11/85 - 12/2/16  
M - Beth Troxell

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

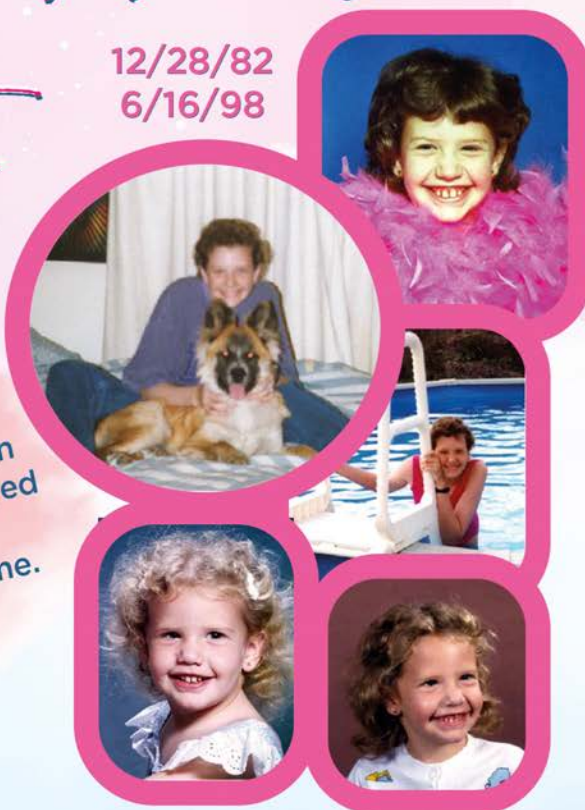
Weber, Barbara Jean  
6/4/1953 - 12/14/1994  
P - Weldon & Jean Weber  
S - Kristi, Teresa, & Pamela



*Robyn Michelle  
Nernitz*

12/28/82  
6/16/98

Dearest Robyn,  
You have now been in heaven  
for 27 years. You are still loved  
and missed everyday.  
Life has never been the same.  
You are forever in my  
heart! XOXOXO  
Mom



### A Child Of Mine By Edgar A. Guest

I will lend you, for a little time,  
A child of mine, He said.  
For you to love the while he lives,  
And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may be six or seven years,  
Or twenty-two or three.  
But will you, till I call him back,  
Take care of him for Me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,  
And should his stay be brief.  
You'll have his lovely memories,  
As solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth return.  
But there are lessons taught down there,  
I want this child to learn.  
I've looked the wide world over,  
In search for teachers true.  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,  
I have selected you.  
Now will you give him all your love,  
Nor think the labour vain.  
Nor hate me when I come  
To take him home again?  
I fancied that I heard them say,  
'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!'  
For all the joys Thy child shall bring,  
The risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known,  
Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him,  
Much sooner than we've planned.  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,  
And try to understand.



## June Anniversaries

Alvarado, Marisa  
3/16/01 - 6/23/21  
M - Becky Null  
F - Jose Alvarado  
B - Jose Flores, Kenny Perez, Odir, Jose Sorto  
S - Carmen Alvarado, Zulma Sorto

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

Butler, Andrew Glenn  
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

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

Fleming, Ibree  
10/15/01 - 6/1/03

M - Vonetta Fleming  
S - Aniya  
B - Merquis and Martell

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

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

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  
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

Parnel, Jordan  
6/6/85 - 12/23/17  
M - Polly Parnell

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



# 2025 NATIONAL GATHERING

*Conference*



Bereaved  
Parents  
OF THE USA



PITTSBURGH, PA

*Celebrating*



Bereaved  
Parents  
OF THE USA

30 years

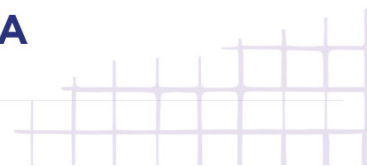
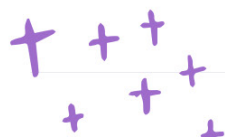
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# “WELCOME



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 grand children. 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.