



Tampa Bay Chapter

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This month's newsletter is being sponsored by the families of: Matthew Gallagher, Robyn Michelle Nemitz, and "Kimie"

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sunday November 10, 2019

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, November 8 and December 13, 2019

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 November 21 and December 19, 2019

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.

Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 8, 2019

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts Auditorium

7 PM to 9 PM

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November 2019						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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December 2019						

I don't know where this year has gone. I can't believe we are down to the last two months. The holidays are here. We have Thanksgiving, our Candle Lighting, and then Christmas. With January comes the start of a New Year. I want to wish all of you a pleasant holiday season.

Debbie

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

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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.

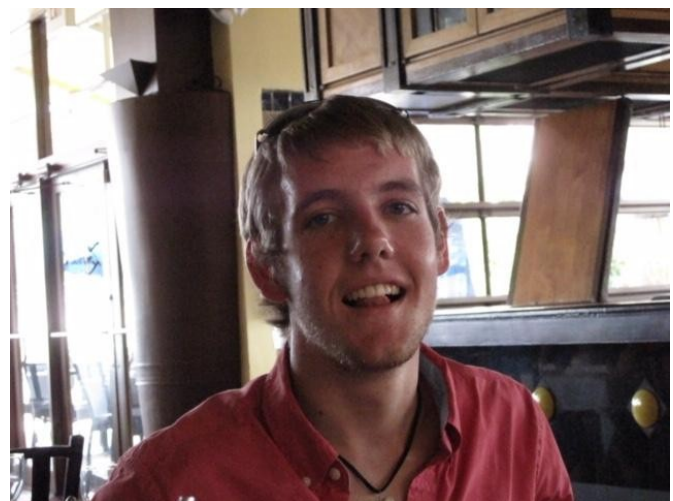
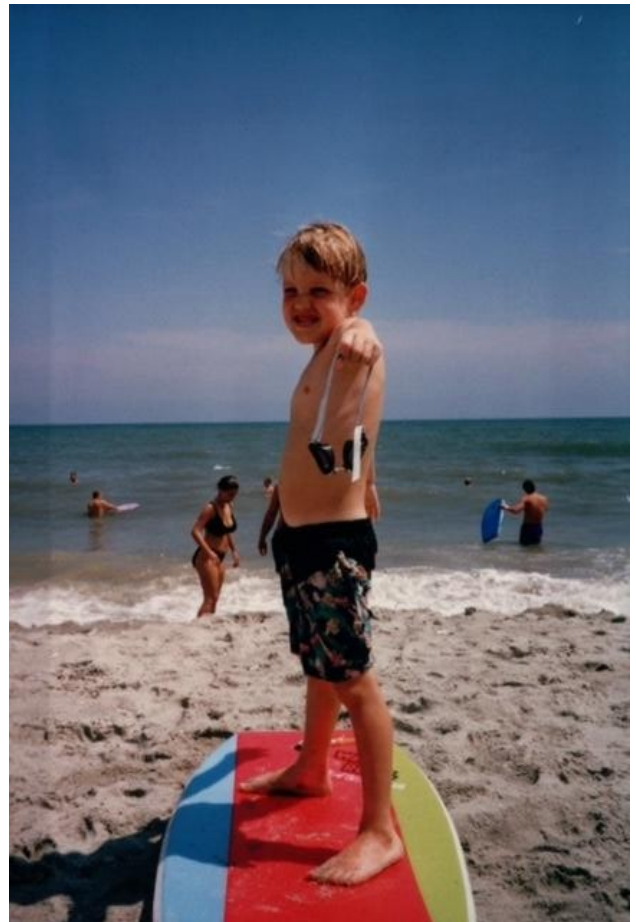
Newsletter Articles or Contributions

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.



Matthew Gallagher

8/12/92 to 12/12/11



**Missing and Sending You Our Love
on Your 8th "Angel" Birthday!**

**Mom, Dad, Tim and
All Your Family and Friends**





Our Children . . . Remembered

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

November Birthdays

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

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buz- bee-Reeves

Celestey, Shaun
11/16/1980-1/3/1980
P-Vick & Paula Celestey

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

Decosta, Brittany
11/19/87 - 04/07/91
M - Kay Decosta

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/20/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Dixon Jr., Anthony Howard
11/27/1978 - 4/1/1996
M - Brenda & Toney Dixon
B - David Dixon

Dominguez Mario
11/1/1987/
M-Sonia Dominguez

Douglas, Christopher
11/4/1977 - 12/22/1997
M - Laren & Michael
S - Stacy & Leigh
B - Clinton

Finucane-Terlop, Peter
11/23/1997 - 9/1/2017
M - Cindy Finucane

Garcia, Larry D.
11/8/1983 - 1/10/2007
M-Consuelo Rios

Gregory, Stephen John
11/4/62 -9/1/16
P - DeLores and John Durn (stepfather)
B - Mike Gregory
S - Pam Gregory

Hadley, Katrina
11/17/1961 - 2/4/2006
M-Grace Therman

Harless, Jessica Nicole
11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000
M - Heather Harless

Hinchey, Ronald
11/17/1974 - 12/10/1999
P - Ronald & Donna Hinchey
S - Tracy Foster

Jacobson, Nathan
11/9/1994-2/16/2008/
P-Amy & Pete Jacobson

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

Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

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

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

Loadholtz, Glenn Edward
11/25/1969 - 2/15/2005
P-George & Jackie Loadholtz
S-Gwen Walkowiak

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/4/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

Milam, Perry Edward
11/4/1974 - 10/1/1994
M-Nancy Milam
S-Suzanne Milam Clark

Miulli, Matthew Michael
11/27/1987-1/19/2005
P-Jim & Kathy Miulli
GP-Rudy Prehnal and
Mike & Sue Miulli

Nichols, Melissa
11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002
M-Terrena Nichols
F-Shannon Nichols
S-Brandy Nichols
B-Shannon Nichols, Jr.

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

Rivera, Damian Elijah
11/19/2001 - 01/10/2002
M-Nicole Rivera

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M - Denise Robles
F - Ronnie Greene
B - Shane

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

Russell, Melody
11/25/1985 - 11/25/1985
M-Karron Russell
GP - Ben & Sue Bowditch
S/B - Brytani and Derak Aunts
Aunts- Catherine and Roben

Schank, Jamie
11/3/1972-10/26/2003
P- Joan Schank

Scheurich, Annabelle
11/1/2013 - 11/1/2013
M - Kate Scheurich

Shockey, Ann
11/08/56 - 04/26/70
P - Dick & Connie Shockey

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

Toler, Jeremiah
11/8/1985 - 11/18/2013
M - Tracy Toler

Torres, Angel Luv
11/19/1982 - 11/2/1994
P-Aida & Angel Torres
B-Nicolas Torres
GP-Pola Lesprier

Walker, Nick
11/12/1983 - 1/11/2001
M - Denise Walker
GM - Shirley Walker

Wheeler, Clifford Denmark
11/1/1979 - 1 /18/1996
M-Donna Wheeler
B-John, James & Duane
GP-Lynn & Marcel Baker



November Anniversaries

Arnold, Ryan
9/1/1988-11/28/2007
P-Ron & Marcia Arnold
B-Jason & Matt
GP-Charlie & Kathy Arnold,
and Allan & Florence Knopf

Baker, Brendolyn Joyce Butterfly
1/1/1948 - 11/9/1990
M - Rebeckah Mitchell
SF - Daniel Mitchell
B - Daniel Leroy Mitchell
S - Sharolyn Mitchell, Rhondolyn
Shedrick, Lerolyn Capehart, and
Angelyn Capehart

Baker, Holly K.
02/11/84 - 11/15/96
M - Evonne M. Baker

Justin, Chris
10/3/1989-11/6/2007
P-Chris Black

Bridgmon, Matt
2/11/1978-11/4/2006
M-Jean Bridgmon

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

November Anniversaries cont'd

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buzbee-Reeves

Chartier, Eric
9/3/1978-11/2007
P-Linda Chartier & Joe
Phillips

Chilson, Candice
10/24/83 - 11/10/01
M - Wendy Chilson

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/20/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Ford, Kelli
4/21/88 - 11/10/16
M - Rose Ford

Gladen, Renee' Rose
4/21/1961-11/17/1999
S-Diana Gaden

Gray, Jay
09/07/70 - 11/09/01
M - Dee Gray

Harrigan, Kimaura
12/04/1995-11/1/2008
M-Kichma Nieves

Hines, Heather
4/28/1975 - 11/25/1998
M - Sue Hines

Horne, Kaitlyn
12/9/94 - 11/2/14
P - Katherine & John Horne

Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

Jakabowski, Jerome (Jerry)
2/9/1971-11/5/2009
M-Marsha Schemela
B-Jason Jakabowski

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

McCoy, Sean Patrick
3/17/06 - 11/23/13
P - David & Siobhan McCoy
B- Michael McCoy

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

Moore, Vanessa
9/3/1980-11/11/2005
M-Pat Moore

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M- Denise Robles
F-Ronnie Greene
S - Shane

Rogers, Dayna Andrew
3/12/1973 - 11/27/1994
M - Linda Heatherly
S - Misty Walker & Amber Roger

Ruiz, Marcus Nelson
12/29/1996 - 11/12/2000
P - Aleida & Nelson Ruiz
S - Illana



Decembers Birthdays

Baker, Jennifer
12/13/1973 - 10/15/1995
P-Terry & Susan Baker

Barnes Hannah D. M.
12/28/94 - 12/28/94
P - Alfred & Sabrina Barnes

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

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

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

Horne, Kaitlin
12/9/94 - 11/2/14
P - Katherine & John Horne

Horton, Ryan
12/21/1980 - 1/23/2005
M-Sue Horton

Libby, Josalin Katherine "Josie"
12/20/11 - 1/30/12
M- Katelin Abney
F- Joseph Libby
S - Sebbie Aronson

Lingefelt, Fiona
12/20/1989 - 10/15/2000
P - Karen & Douglas Lingefelt
B-Alexander & Andrew

Lloyd, Briana
12/12/96 - 4/17/15
P - Lucile and Ed Lloyd

Lovett, Sandra Sandy
12/3/1968 - 10/4/1997
M - Barbara Bryant

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

Montagano, Anthony J. "Tony"
12/02/91 - 01/02/01
P-Luli and Jim Montagano
S-Alessandra Montagano
GP-Henry and Eloisa Valenzuela

Murphy, Mark Lawrence
12/22/1968 - 2/21/2000
M - Rosalie Baum
B - John Murphy

Nemitz, Robyn Michelle
12/28/82 - 06/16/98
P - Debbie & Bill Nemitz
B - John Nemitz
GP - Laura Nemitz

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rucys, Elliott Joseph
12/19/2007-1/18/2008
P-Pete & Libbie Rucys
S-Sydney & Aiden Rucys
GP-Wynn,Cheryl,Jodi Elliott and
Joe & Sandra Rucys, Nancy Alvis

Ruiz, Marcus Nelson
12/29/1996 - 11/12/2000
P - Aleida & Nelson Ruiz
S - Illana

Saint Jaques, Myriam
12/4/80 -
M - Olliant Saint Jaques

Sasnett, Debbie Powell
12/14/1956 - 03/31/2000
P-Jackie & Billy Powell
B-Debbie & Tony
S-Penny

Thomas, Carol
12/16/1955-2/16/2003
M-Betty Thatcher
Sibs-Deb Waldfoge, Ellen Williams, on
Fran Thatcher & Gerri Hust

Waller, Lauren Marie
12/12/1990 - 4/16/2000
M - Kristine Colding & Bryan
Strahan
B-Christopher
S-Faith
GP-Joyce & Gene Waller

December Birthdays cont'd

Williams, Paul X.
12/2/1986-12/24/2005
P-Amber & Tracy MacDonald
Sibs-Molly & Daniel Williams
GP-John & Rosemarie Binder



December Anniversaries

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

Bailey, Destiny Taylor
1/7/1999 - 12/26/14
M- Stacey Bravick
B- William
S - Lena & Amber

Barnes Hannah D. M.
12/28/94 - 12/28/94
P - Alfred & Sabrina Barnes

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

Bliss, Lindsay Rebecca
4/26/1977 - 12/1/1991
P - Jim & Mary Beth Bliss
S - Shannon Bliss

Booker, Michelle Elizabeth
3/25/1987 - 12/1/2004
P-Michael & Bonnie Booker
B-Justine & Dillon Booker
GP-Betty Nichols and Ed & Janice Falcon

Cintron, Bella
2/5/13 - 12/8/18
P - Manuel & Angela Cintron
S - Rotsen, Dawson, Jackson, Nahiomy & Christopher

Daly, Cole
9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001
M-Katie Brock

Darby, Marc Steven
3/25/1986 - 12/12/1998
P - Steve & Lori Darby
S - Cody, Austin, Benjamin
GP - John & Linda Darby
Donnarumma, Sophia Marie
9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004
P-Benjamin & Diane
S-Olivia
GM-Pat Donnerumma

Douglas, Christopher
11/4/1977 - 12/22/1997
M - Laren & Michael
S - Stacy & Leigh
B - Clinton

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

Ellis, Douglas William
01/09/62 - 12/17/83
M - Alicia Ellis West
B-Harry Jr. & Edward Ellis

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

Hinchey, Ronald
11/17/1974 - 12/10/1999
P - Ronald & Donna Hinchey
S - Tracy Foster

Knight, Matthew A.
9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001
P-Ron & Sandy Knight
GM-Jack & Mary Griffin &
Doris I. Knight

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

Lespinasse, Bryan
3/8/1991 - 12/27/2004
M-Margarett Lespinasse

Mira, Anita
10/22/1992 - 12/4/2010
M - Patricia Mira

O'Berry, Michael Sean
09/13/94 - 12/15/97
P - Mike & Valerie O'Berry
B - Christopher O'Berry
GM - Linda Hoffman
A - Joyce Weil
U - Mike Kasrich

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

Pegram, Robin Sue
03/13/73 - 12/05/93
P - Earl & Susan Pegram
S - Jodi Pegram
B - Scooter & Craig Pegram

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

Sampson, "Little One"
11/15/99 to 11/15/99
P - Brad and Cindy Sampson

Schlechty, Michael
2/5/59 - 12/4/01
P - Nancy & Vernon Schlechty
Children - Michael Leann & Morgan Lynn
B - Mark
S - Amy

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

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

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

Williams, Paul X.
12/2/1986-12/24/2005
P-Amber & Tracy MacDonald
Sibs-Molly & Daniel Williams
GP-John & Rosemarie Binder

Woofter, Kimberly Ann. "Kimie"
2/24/1970 - 12/25/2006
P-Julie & Steve Woofter
Children -Michael & Dystin
Sibs-Angela Huntley & Donny

Zorn, Wayne
7/15/1964 - 12/30/2006
M-Charlotte Zorn



I want to let new members know that if you want your child listed in the newsletter during their birth and anniversary months, I need to hear from you. I need their full name, dates of birth and death and names of parents or siblings or even grandparents you want listed. I will list missed children in the next newsletter.

I have added a few new ones without having heard from the parent(s). Therefore if the last name of the child is different from yours, I have made an error. I also have not had siblings or grandparents to add. I apologize, but figured it was better to include even if an error or omission occurs. Please get in touch with me if you want additional information listed or have any corrections.



God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
He put his arms around you
And whispered, come to me.
With tears we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
With beautiful eyes to rest.
God broke out hearts to prove to us
That he only takes the best.
A million times we've needed you
A million times we've cried
If our love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly

In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
No one else can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you
The day God took you home.

- By Frances M. Coelho

Robyn Michelle Nemitz

12/28/82 to 6/16/98

To my dearest Robyn,

This is our 22nd holiday season without you. It is hard to believe that if you were still alive we would be celebrating your 37th birthday. You were a fantastic daughter. You had a smile that could light up a room. As you well know I loved our hugs. You were such an easy child to discipline as you wanted to please. When you died a part of us died too.. Life will never be the same, but we must try our best to live on. Dad and John join me in sending love. We miss you! Mom

Announcing an Evening with Alan Pedersen

February 1, 2020

St Joseph Hospital Medical Arts Building
Auditorium

Program with Alan sharing and singing
from 5 PM to 7 PM

Social hour from 7 PM to 8 PM

**This holiday season
There is one thing I ask
Could you maybe help me
Do this one little task?**

**Please share the memories
Even those that bring tears
Thinking you have forgotten
Is one of my biggest fears**

**It might seem awkward
And easier to ignore
Pretend nothing is different
That things are like before**

**This year let's celebrate
The love that still lives on
Let's talk and remember
Those who left, but are not gone**

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~Tanya Lord

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In Loving Memory Of "Kimie"

2/24/70 to 12/25/06

We Love and Miss You!

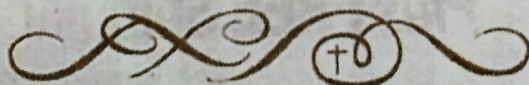
Michael & Dustyn (children),
Donnie (brother) and Angela (sister),
Julie (mom) and Steve (stepdad)



Heaven's Embrace

On Angel's wings
you were taken,
But in my heart
you'll stay,

In God's light
you will find joy,
till we meet
again someday.



A Messenger from Heaven

A gentle reminder that
We're never far apart.
My spirit will live on forever
There within your heart.

And when you see a butterfly,
Here to brighten your day,
Remember that I'm there with you,
And there I'll always stay.





Thanksgiving As Sacrifice

By Melanie Desimone

Rocking babies I never dreamed that one day my life would look like this. I never imagined that one of those tiny bodies I held close to my mama heart would not outlive me. Now I sit in the same rocking chair in the dark, thinking about how so many things I wouldn't have written into my story are now part of it. And if I'm honest, it can easily overwhelm my heart. It can carry me to a place of despair and desperation where there's no room for thanksgiving-not the holiday OR the feeling. Here we are-the fifth year of holidays without Dominic-and I'm no better at it than I was at first

Oh, I've figured out how to make my way through the day. I can lay out the plates, fill the pantry and put on a spread. I am not nearly as prone to tears as I once was-at least not while folks are watching.

But that easy flow of laughter and near chaos that once marked our gatherings has been replaced by a kind of mechanical plodding that moves from one moment to the next until the day has passed and I've survived once again.

I always expected our family to grow larger. I looked forward to the day we would no longer fit around the dining room table and we'd have to figure it out. Spouses and then grandchildren peopled my imagination with such clarity! While I never saw faces, I could hear the laughter and watch the motion of so. many. new. lives filling my home.

This year is especially strange.

Circumstances and work schedules and distance dictate that Thanksgiving will be spent with most of my family far away from my table.

So there won't be just one empty chair today, there will be several.

And if I stare too long or focus too closely on what I don't have, I can forget what I still possess. It's a temptation-always.

But temptation can be resisted. I am not doomed to follow that train of thought to the bottom of the pit of despair.

I refuse to let the darkness overwhelm the light.

I will be thankful for all the love this house has known, still knows and will know. I will be grateful that even though we are physically distant, we talk to one another, sharing laughter across the miles. I will cherish the moments I had with Dominic and rest in the knowledge that in eternity we will have so many more.

I can't fill that chair-no one can fill that chair except my son-but I can fill my heart with good things.

I can choose thankfulness even when it's hard.

Maybe that's what Thanksgiving is really about-not an unending list of all the sweet things in life-but a short list of beauty extracted from the hard places.

Thanksgiving isn't always bounty, sometimes it's sacrifice.

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.

Listen to ***“Hope, Healing & Help”*** every Saturday from 11:00 til noon Pacific Time on KFIA 710AM Sacramento or 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.

Welcome

We are the parents whose children have died. We are the siblings whose brothers and sisters no longer walk with us through life. We are the grandparents who have buried grandchildren.

We come together as Bereaved Parents of the USA to provide a safe space where grieving families can connect, share our stories, and learn to rebuild our lives.

We attend meetings whenever we can and for as long as we find helpful. We share our fears, confusion, anger, guilt, frustrations, emptiness, and feelings of hopelessness, knowing these emotions will be met with compassion and understanding. As we support, comfort and encourage one another, we offer hope and healing. As we confront the deaths of our loved ones, our shared grief brings us to a common ground that transcends differences, building mutual understanding across the boundaries of culture, race, faith, values, abilities, and lifestyle.

Together we celebrate the lives of our children, siblings, and grandchildren, sharing the joys and the heartbreaks as well as the love that will never fade. Together, strengthened by the bonds we create, we offer what we have learned from one

**We talk about them, not because
we're stuck or because we haven't
moved on, but we talk about them
because we are theirs, and they
are ours, and no passage of time
will ever change that.**

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