



Tampa Bay Chapter

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This month's newsletter is being sponsored by the families of:
Caylee Marie Cepera
Stephen John Gregory and
Keith Joseph Scragg

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

Sundays September 8 and October 13, 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, September 13 and October 11, 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 September 26 and October 31, 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2019						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October 2019						

I hope that all of you have enjoyed the summer and perhaps have had some good vacations to make new happy memories. I can't help but wonder where has the summer gone? Of course the weather is still hot, but the children are back to school and the holidays are soon to be upon us. It seems the holidays start with Halloween which is almost here. Please note that we are already beginning to plan for our Candle Lighting. See pages 10-11. We wish you a good transition from summer to fall (ahhh...that's right...we don't usually have a fall here). In all seriousness, I hope that you will have good months until I write again.
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

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.

ANGEL OF HOPE

The Fall Brick Dedication
is being held on
October 19, 2019.

Orders are due on
August 17, 2019

For more information :
<http://www.angelofhopetampabay.com/>

BEREAVED PARENTS Annual Candle Lighting

December 8, 2019
Medical Arts Bldg at
St. Joseph's Hospital
7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30)
Raffle Baskets and reception
following the ceremony

FAITH that we will be together again, **HOPE** that it's
for eternity, and **LOVE** that withstands all time.





Our Children . . . Remembered

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

September Birthdays

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

Brady, Mark A.
09/27/57 - 01/03/89
M - Margaret Brady
S - Margaret J. Bruner
B - Hayward L. "Bubba" Brady, Jr.
GP - Wallace & Josephine Bagley and
Wm. & Cinderalla Brady

Brown, Linsey
9/29/1983 - 7/4/2010
M - Stacy Valdivia
B - Matthew Brown

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

Cash, Christopher
9//13/1977 - 8/23/2004
M - Rita & Thomas Zvada
F - Charles & Mika Cash
Child - Leah Cash
B - Charles Cash II
GP - Gustavo & Ida Arencibia

Castellano, Lina
9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004
P - Sam & Jean Castellano

Cepero, Caylee Marie
9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005
P - Dawn and Lee Cepero
B - Corbin
S - Kennedy
GP - Sandy Boehning

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

Dechant, Matt
9/26/1984 - 4/14/2007
F - Tom Dechant

Donnarumma, Sophia Marie
9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004
P - Benjamin & Diane
S - Olivia
GM - Pat Donnarumma

Eddy, Steven
9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008
M - Marilyn Eddy
S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy
B - Sonny
N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop

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

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

Gould, Richard J.
9/26/1981 - 3/3/2001
M - Cindy Phelps-Wise
F - Ralph Gould
B - Ryan, Bryan & Mark
S - Karen

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

Holland Jeffrey K. Moses
9/10/1986 - 7/7/2009
P - Thomas & Donna Holland and
Henry Moses
Sibs - Derrick & Logan
GP - Beverly Cash, Joan & Steve Holland

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

Kelley, Christopher Shawn
09/07/1972 - 5/26/2012
M - Patricia L. Kelley
F - Harry J. Kelley
SM - Donna Kelley

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

Kushner, Jonathan
09/13/62 - 10/28/73
P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner
B - Andy & David

Lane, Jim
9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005
M - Carol Lane

Mart, Aaron Paul
09/24/96 - 09/11/99
P - Hank & Donna Mart
B - Daniel
GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael &
Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

Morrill, Daniel
9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007
M - Amelia Lubrano

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

O'Neil, Clark Dean
9/1/1962 - 10/24/2004
P - Larry and Jeanne O'Neil
B - Kevin & wife Rene'
S - Kitty & husband Joseph;
Jennifer & husband Randy

Peel, Matthew Shane
9/9/92 - 9/9/92
A - Beth Biggs U- Eddy Biggs
GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul
9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995
F - Donald J. Perrotti

Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi"
9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995
P - Carl & Lisa Will
S - Megan & Rachel Will
B - Zachary & Seth Will

Williams, Travis Aaron
9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000
P - Bill & Linda Williams
GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers
& Edna Williams

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



September Anniversaries

Carter, Cassandra D. "Casie"
2/22/1982 - 9/28/1999
P - Ted & Gayle Carter
B - Justin Carter
GP - Luna Carter

Cooley, Malena Rose
3/23/1998 - 9/4/2000
P - Scott & Traci Cooley
B - Nolan
S - Madelyn & Olivia

Finucane-Terlop, Peter
11/23/97 - 9/1/17
M - Cindy Finucane

Gereau, Ryan
5/20/1987 - 9/12/2008
M - Laurie Gereau

Gravette, Austin Lee
8/31/1993 - 9/26/2009
P - Randy & Pamela Gravette
S - Jessica Lynne Beauchamp
GP - Oscar & Penny Rodriguez

Gregory, Stephen John
11/4/1962 - 9/1/2016
P - DeLores and John (stepfather)
B+ Mike Gregory
S- Pam Gregory

Harris, Eric Michael
2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003
P - Mike & Pam Harris
B - Mark
GM - Joan Matthews & Verna Harris

Henry, Sumara Raquel
07/12/88 - 09/18/93
P - Louis & Cindy Henry
GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice
Henry

September Anniversaries cont'd

Horst, Trey
4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000
P - Art & Linda Horst
B - Todd & Thad
S - Trisha & Tammy

Kowall, Spec. Corey J.
2/1/1989 - 9/20/2009
M - Kelly Kowall
Sibs - Kyla & Kristen
GP - Marshall & Marty Schoeff

Kenefick, Aaron Michael
2/5/1979 - 9/8/2009
M - Susan Price
Sibs - Jacque & Jade
GM - Carol Price

Kutz, Dylan
4/12/95 - 9/7/13
P - Marivic & Richard Kutz

Lowe, Anna
1/30/1994 - 9/30/2007
M-Beth Lowe

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

Mart, Aaron Paul
09/24/96 - 09/11/99
P - Hank & Donna Mart
B - Daniel
GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael
&
Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

McMillion, James Christopher
7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003
GP - Ralph & Martha Hamilton

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

Mink-Miller, Deborah
3/26/1965 - 9/27/1991
M - Diane Mink
S - Renee Mink Crosby

Morrill, Daniel
9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007
M - Amelia Lubrano

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

Peel, Lee Anna Campbell
8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992
M - Patricia Campbell
S - Beth Biggs
B - Eddy Biggs
GP - Estele & James Carleton

Peel, Matthew Shane
9/9/92 - 9/9/92
A - Beth Biggs U - Eddy Biggs
GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul
9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995
F - Donald J. Perrotti

Pippin, Shawn
10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002
M - Anita Pippin

Pispitos, Richard John
01/23/72 - 09/14/98

P - Catherine Webb & Philip Finkelstein
S - Michelle Webb
GP - Anne & Owen Beglane

Rainey, Wendy Michelle Price
3/7/1968 - 9/27/2006
M - Shelia Farmer
B - Peter Price
S - Emily Furst

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



Russell, Karron Michelle
1/20/1967 - 9/12/2000
P - Ben & Sue Bowditch and
Children - Brytani, Derak & Melody
Sisters - Catherine, Roben & Laurie
Bobby Jr. & Scott
GP - Cathren Dickerson and Jimmy
& Kay Senseney

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

Scragg, Keith Joseph
8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008
P - Richard & Lori
Son - Macklin
B - Matthew
S/O - Emily Popke

Smith, Clay Daniel
10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996
P - Francia & Chuck Smith
B - Jed & Kyle

Thornton, Teresa E.
01/12/66 - 09/24/81
P - Ken & Mirta Thornton
S - Lisa Buckner
B - Nick Thornton
GP - Tony & Berneda Pino

October Birthdays

Baez, Roberto G
10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005
M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

Baker-Dixon, Lori Kathleen
10/29/1975 - 4/12/2001
Child - Ryan
Spouse - Rusty
P - Donna & Ron Budd and
Marie & Bill Baker
S - Tracy Goodson & Phylcia Baker
B - Jamey Baker

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

Burger, Teresa
10/26/58 - 07/10/87
M - Cecelia Burger
B - Hal & Curt Burger

Carpenter, Ben
10/3/1965-5/10/1995
P-Carl & Marilyn Carpenter

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

Cason, Todd
10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003
P-Earl and Kay Cason
Child- Spouse-

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

Fitzpatrick, Brad R
10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000
M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Hester, Debbie
10/14/61 - 07/25/98
P - Buddy & Sue Butler

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

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
GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Miller, Tyler Lee
10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003
P-Perry and Barbara Miller

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

Nichols, Shannon Jr.
10/5/1979 - 3/29/2004
M-Terrena Nichols
F-Shannon Nichols
S-Brandy & Melissa Nichols

Peters, Chalama
10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005
P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis

Pippin, Shawn
10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002
M-Anita Pippin

Short, Kimberley
10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993
P - Terrance & Sue Short

Sluder, Theresa Elaine
10/14/61 - 11/17/2008
P-Tom & Judy Sluder
S-Kathryn
B-Tom III & Keith
Children-Brandy & Brandon
Grandchildren-Romeo, Thaliana N/N-Israel,
Keith II and Miranda

October Birthdays cont'd

Schmedlen, Nathan
10/27/1968-2/2/1990
M-Rose Schmedlen

Smith, Clay Daniel
10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996
P-Francia & Chuck Smith
B - Jed & Kyle

Snyder, Janna Marie
10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995
GP - Marian & Paul Bullard
P - Dana & Connie Snyder
B - Jeff Snyder

Thesiault, George L.
10/13/1951 - 6/1/1996
P - Mae Theriault

Thomas, Destiny Jean
10/1/1990 - 4/24/1998
F-Craig Thomas
B-Braxton and tin
GP-Augie & Betty Thatcher and
Marty & Carol Thomas

Thompson, Timothy A.
10/27/70 - 01/07/93
P- Bettie & Richard Thompson

Wallowicz, Michael (Mikey) Kevin
10/23/1981 - 4/28/1990
P - Jim & Judy Wallowicz
B - Jimi Wallowicz
GM-Josie Varselona

Welch, Kimberly Michelle
10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003
M-Nancy Welch
Child-

Wynne, Adam Charles
10/13/1971 - 4/24/1993
P-Chuck & Gloria Judson
S-Lori Wynne
Father to Morgan Wynne



October Anniversaries

Baez, Roberto G.
10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005
M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

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

Ferrera, Alex
8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997
P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera
B - Paolo Ferrera
GM - Magda Alvarez
Aunt - Mirta Diaz
Uncle - John Ferrera

Fitzpatrick, Brad R.
10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000
M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr.
8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000
P - Gary & Janelle Gardner
B - Jacob Gary Gardner

Gonzalez, Tarik C.
1/16/1976 - 10/12/2007
M-Susan Zapata
GM-Jacqueline Rodriguez

Griner, Matthew Ian
7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006
P-George & Barbara Griner
B-Daniel & Kurt
GP-Bill and Ann Griner

Gugliotta, Dan & Nadine
3/26/1976 - 10/14/2003
P-Dan & Nadine Gugliotta
Son-Jason

Howard, Joseph
3/14/1985-10/5/2002
M-Krista Howard

Johnston, Nathan
8/22/1981-10/19/2005
M-Indra Johnston-Wilhour

Kelley, Emmanuel
2/27/1987-10/25/2006
M-Cynthia Kelley
A-Deitra Luropler
C-Angel Kelley

Knox, Patricia Lynn
7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997
M - Shelby Jean McClure

Kushner, Jonathan
09/13/62 - 10/28/73
P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner
B-Andy & David

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

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

Martinez, Joseph
4/23/1972 - 10/13/2007
M-Josie Martinez
S-Patty Camuns

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/04/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

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

Miller, Tyler Lee
10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003
P-Perry and Barbara Miller

O'Neil, Clark Dean
9/1/1962 - 10/24/2004
P-Larry and Jeanne O'Neil
B-Kevin & wife Rene'
S-Kitty & husband Joseph; Jennifer & husband Randy

Parrish, Tyler Stephen
8/6/1991 - 10/24/1991
P - June & Terry Parrish

Peters, Chalama
10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005
P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis

Rayburn, Geoffrey (Jeff) Ware
3/2/1970 - 10/15/1995
P-Robert and Sue Moos
B-Bobby Moos
S-Amy Rayburn
GP-Richard & Jeannette Roberson
and Josephine Rayburn

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

Schneider, Adam
01/29/71 - 10/23/75
P - Bill & Georgia Schneider

Simone, Benjamin Arthur
3/29/1975 - 10/10/1997
P - David & Kathy Simone
S - Dawn Figueroa

Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi"
9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995
P - Carl & Lisa Will
S - Megan & Rachel Will
B- Zachary & Seth Will



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.



**Three years have passed since we lost you, Steve,
But you have left us with many meaningful memories.
They lift us up and bring us smiles.**

**Love you,
Pam, Mike, Mom and John**



Keith Joseph Scragg!

8/4/86 to 9/5/08



**We Love and Miss You More
Than Words Can Express!**

Mom and Dad



GRIEF MASKS

by Andrea Gambill

October makes me think of Halloween, and Halloween makes me think of masks, and masks remind me that sometimes when we're grieving, we wear masks without even realizing it. We may never stop to think about how other people perceive our appearances, our images and our behaviors. Over time, we may gradually drift into a pattern of "being" that is so familiar to us we never realize that others might be seeing us in a totally different way.

Our pain may have caused us to have an outwardly distorted appearance, even when inwardly we may actually feel we are reconciling to our losses. Some people appear to be continually angry and bitter, when in fact it is only a reflection of their sadness. Even though their inward hostilities have begun to soften and resolve, on the outside they have kept their protective masks of fierceness. In reality, they are starved for love and companionship, but they are afraid to let their true feelings show. What if they were ridiculed, violated or abandoned and therefore hurt anew? On the other hand, there are those who have adopted a perpetually "sunny" countenance that covers an internal sorrow. Their hearts and minds and faith may be splintered, but they are determined that the people around them will never guess their secret. They may believe that showing sorrow is a weakness that will drive away the people they think they need.

It would appear that masks are psychological props that seem to protect us from something we fear. For some people, self-disclosure is as repulsive as public nudity! It seems safer for mask-wearers to endure the lack of support and attention they so sorely need rather than to honestly reveal their innermost feelings.

I wonder what would happen if we all let down our guards and allowed our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers to discover our real pain. Would our revelations really make us any more weak or vulnerable? Would we really be at any more emotional risk? Could we be hurt any more than we've already been?

Naturally, if we take the chance of disclosing our true selves, revealing where we are weak or frightened or hurt, there is always the possibility that we might become prey for the predators. The vultures seem always to be circling. But there is also the chance that we will provide an opportunity for the intelligent, strong and compassionate of our peers to offer their support. Where there is evil, there is also good. Where there is pain, there is also healing. Nature teaches us that in life, there is balance.

Precisely because we have suffered the ultimate wound -- the death of one who was truly loved -- perhaps eventually we can afford to take more risks. It's a tough issue: Dare we risk the pain of being hurt again if we disclose? Or have we become strong enough and brave enough to take a chance on the rediscovery of love and the richness of new attachments? Is it true that what does not kill us makes us stronger?

Perhaps it becomes a question of giving ourselves enough time to form scar tissue. We may need to proceed cautiously, taking baby-step risks at first, trusting our most private thoughts, feelings and needs to only one or two close and dependable friends. We may need to test the formation of delicate new bondings -- even in old relationships!

Gradually, we may be able to uncover enough of our hidden courage to feel safe in abandoning our protective masks and revealing our true feelings -- not only to the world at large, but more importantly, to ourselves.

(found in BP National Newsletter for Sept—Oct)



2019 Candlelight Ceremony (December 8) Participation Form

(Please return this registration by November 28 to have your child's name / picture appear in the Program. Send to: BP/USA, c/o Lori Scragg, 1406 Stephens Oak Ct., Plant City, FL 33567

I (family) will be attending the service on December 8, and will light a candle in remembrance of my child/children

Number of people attending _____

I have enclosed a picture for the Presentation OR Please use the picture from last year's Presentation.

I will be unable to attend the service, but would like to have a candle lit in memory of my child / children. NOTE: Due to time restraints, **only picture for parents ATTENDING the Ceremony will be shown**. Thank you for understanding.

Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Son or Daughter of _____ Sister or Brother
of _____

Grandson or Granddaughter of _____

I would like to furnish _____ for the reception.

NOTE: Please try to furnish food (sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, etc.) since we seem to have an abundance of desserts.

I am enclosing a donation in the amount of \$_____ in memory of my child / children.

I would like to donate ___ poinsettia(s) in the amount of \$10.00 each in memory of my child / children to be used for decorating at the Candle Lighting. (you may take it (them) home afterwards)

Your Name _____

Address/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

December 8, 2018 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter, will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 PM. on Sunday December 8, 2018 (Please begin to arrive by 6:15 PM so that we can begin the program on time at 7). The ceremony will be held in The Medical Arts Building (MAB) Auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. This day is also the Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting event (created and shared by TCF) where candles will be lit around the world in memory of all children that have died in every time zone starting at 7:00 PM. Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. Any bereaved parent or family member and friends are invited to participate. For those of you who are newly bereaved, we encourage you to attend. This service can make handling the holiday season a little easier.

KEEPSAKE VOTIVE - Each family who attends will light a candle in honor of their child and take the candle home to light throughout the holidays. Due to a decrease in the amount of donations we have received, we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per person. *

RECEPTION -We will have a reception following the ceremony, and we invite you to bring if possible, your child's favorite food (i.e. vegetables, chips, snacks, sandwiches, etc.) to share with others. We normally have an abundance of desserts.

PICTURE PRESENTATION-A Special Slide Picture Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, email a picture of your child to debbiebpnews@aol.com or mail a picture of your child to: Lori Scragg, 1406 Stephens Oak Ct., Plant City, FL 33567. Either way include their full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation and also the birth and death dates, NOTE: Due to time restraints, only pictures of children whose parents are attending the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for your understanding.

Picture should be of your deceased child only. If your child's picture was included in previous year's candle lights, any of the National Gathering closing ceremonies, or Chapter Newsletters and you want to use the same photo, just let Debbie Nemitz know that. Pictures mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service - please pick them up at the registration desk. You can scan the picture yourself and email to debbiebpnews@aol.com, but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi.. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Nemitz at 813-501-9567.

BUTTONS- We have the equipment to make picture buttons. Bring a picture no smaller than 3" x 5" and picture will be cut and become the button. Buttons are round and measure approximately 2.25" in diameter. Cost per button is only \$3.00. (picture wanted in button should have plenty of space around it)

NO BOUTIQUE-There will be FUNDRAISING RAFFLE OF GIFT BASKETS. You can donate a basket in memory of your child/children or you can send a donation in with your registration and we will do one for you in memory of your child/children. Please call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946 if you have questions.

PARTICIPATION FORM-For planning purposes, or to ensure your child's name appears in our candle lighting program, or if you wish to have a candle lit for your child in your absence, please complete and submit the form attached and send it in before November 30 to: BP/USA Tampa Bay Chapter, c/o Lori Scragg, 1406 Stephens Oak Ct., Plant City, FL 33567

* If you have votives from previous years that you would like to donate, please get in touch with us so that we can plan accordingly. You may call either Lori at 813-361-2946 or Debbie at 813-501-9567.

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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