



Tampa Bay Chapter

P.O. Box 7034
Brandon, Florida
33508
www.bpusatampabay.com

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting
(held the second Sunday of the month)
Sunday September 13 and October 11, 2020
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 11 and October 16, 2020
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 24 and October 29, 2020
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.

The meetings at St Joseph's are currently not being held. We will update the website and send out notices when we begin to meet again. The Brandon meetings will be held in rooms 3-4 (take right when coming in instead of left).

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

*Caylee Marie Cepero,
Stephen John Gregory and
Keith Joseph Scragg*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2020						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
October 2020						

It is hard to believe that summer is over and school is back in session. Things have been so different in 2020. The pandemic has surely affected the lives of all of us. At this point we are concerned that we may not even be able to get into St. Joseph's for the Candle Lighting. We will be keeping you informed (see pages 8-9). We have decided to hold the 7th Annual Butterfly Release on Oct 4th. Please see page 3 for all the details.

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
Lori Scragg (Adult Child & Wrecks)	(813) 361-2946
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.

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



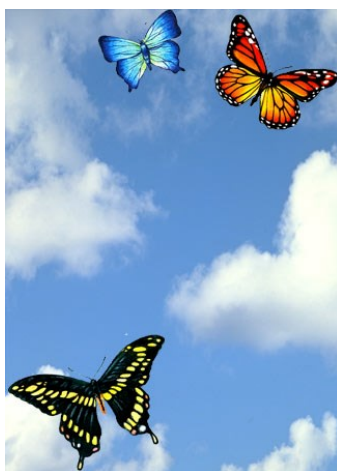
**Bereaved Parents
Tampa Bay Chapter
Seventh Annual
Butterfly Release**



WHEN:
October 4, 2020
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 paid
even
if unable to attend
as BP has already
paid for them)



BP USA Tampa Bay Chapter
c/o Lori Scragg
1406 Stephens Oak Ct.
Plant City, FL 33567

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

RSVP - ASAP
We need a count by **9/18**

Send order with checks to address below

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



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	Daly, Cole 9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001 M - Katie Brock	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	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
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	Donnarumma, Sophia Marie 9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004 P - Benjamin & Diane S - Olivia GM - Pat Donnarumma	Kelley, Christopher Shawn 09/07/1972 - 5/26/2012 M - Patricia L. Kelley F - Harry J. Kelley SM - Donna Kelley	Peel, Matthew Shane 9/9/92 - 9/9/92 A - Beth Biggs U- Eddy Biggs GM - Patricia Campbell
Brown, Linsey 9/29/1983 - 7/4/2010 M - Stacy Valdivia B - Matthew Brown	Eddy, Steven 9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008 M - Marilyn Eddy S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy B - Sonny N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop	Knight, Matthew A. 9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001 P - Ron & Sandy Knight GM - Jack & Mary Griffin & Doris I. Knight	Perrotti, Paul 9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995 F - Donald J. Perrotti
Brown, Tracy M. 9/10/74 - 3/26/16 M - Phoebe Brown F - Brian Ascii B - Justin Ascii Daughter - Taylor Rose Brown	Finucane, Peter 11/23/1997 - 9/1/2017 M - Cindy Finucane	Kushner, Jonathan 09/13/62 - 10/28/73 P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner B - Andy & David	Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi" 9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995 P - Carl & Lisa Will S - Megan & Rachel Will B - Zachary & Seth Will
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	Funk, Benjamin 9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001 P - Mr & Mrs Funk	Lane, Jim 9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005 M - Carol Lane	Williams, Travis Aaron 9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000 P - Bill & Linda Williams GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers & Edna Williams
Castellano, Lina 9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004 P - Sam & Jean Castellano	Gould, Richard J. 9/26/1981 - 3/3/2001 M - Cindy Phelps-Wise F - Ralph Gould B - Ryan, Bryan & Mark S - Karen	Mart, Aaron Paul 09/24/96 - 09/11/99 P - Hank & Donna Mart B - Daniel GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim	Zettles, DJ 9/25/93 - 6/13/16 P - Doug & Tammy Zettles GP - Fred & Barbara Coate
Cepero, Caylee Marie 9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005 P - Dawn and Lee Cepero B - Corbin S - Kennedy GP - Sandy Boehning	Gray, Jay 09/07/70 - 11/09/01 M - Dee Gray	Morrill, Daniel 9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007 M - Amelia Lubrano	
	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	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	



September Anniversaries

Carter, Cassandra D. "Casie" 2/22/1982 - 9/28/1999 P - Ted & Gayle Carter B - Justin Carter GP - Luna Carter	Finucane-Terlop, Peter 11/23/97 - 9/1/17 M - Cindy Finucane	Gregory, Stephen John 11/4/1962 - 9/1/2016 P - DeLores and John (stepfather) B+ Mike Gregory S - Pam Gregory	Henry, Sumara Raquel 07/12/88 - 09/18/93 P - Louis & Cindy Henry GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry
Cooley, Malena Rose 3/23/1998 - 9/4/2000 P - Scott & Traci Cooley B - Nolan S - Madelyn & Olivia	Gereau, Ryan 5/20/1987 - 9/12/2008 M - Laurie Gereau	Harris, Eric Michael 2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003 P - Mike & Pam Harris B - Mark GM - Joan Matthews & Verna Harris	Horst, Trey 4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000 P - Art & Linda Horst B - Todd & Thad S - Trisha & Tammy
	Gravette, Austin Lee 8/31/1993 - 9/26/2009 P - Randy & Pamela Gravette S - Jessica Lynne Beauchamp GP - Oscar & Penny Rodriguez		Hoyt, Scott 10/27/75 - 9/16/18 M - Kathy Kellinger

September Anniversaries cont'd

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 - Ana, 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, Karon 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

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

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

Hoyt, Scott
10/27/75 - 9/16/18
M - Kathy Kellinger

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.

Stephen John Gregory

November 4, 1962 - September 1, 2016

Steve, you beat us to the finish line here on Earth, but as our brother and son you will always be a part of our relay team. Your passion for sports connected us all in a wide variety of ways. Your vast knowledge of athletics molded you into a living encyclopedia we referenced frequently. Your ever-competitive spirit created an arena for laughter and fun. We miss your kindness, patience and lending us an ear, but the memories of your huge smile carry us each and every day.

You could not be loved more, now and forever.
Pam, Mike, Mom and John



2020 Candlelight Ceremony (December 13) Participation Form

(Please return this registration by November 30 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 13, 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 13, 2020 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 13, 2020. (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.



Keith Joseph Scragg!

8/4/86 to 9/5/08



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

Mom and Dad

The following were found at the following link:

<https://healgrief.org/grieving-the-death-of-a-child/>

Ways to cope with “parental grief” open

In our Understanding Grief section, you can find a list of ways to cope with grief. Below, you’ll find some ideas that are more closely related to parental grief after the death and loss of a child. The resolution of parental grief may seem like an overwhelming task, but it is possible. It’s important to be both realistic and optimistic — you will never get over the death and loss of your child. But you will survive it, even as you are changed by it. You will never forget your child or his or her death. As you go through each holiday, each season, each happy and sad occasion that may trigger another wave of grief, you will gain greater strength and better tools for coping with the pain.

Don’t hide from your guilt: After the death and loss of a child you have feelings of guilt — which are common but not always present — confront and admit them. Examine the reality of how your child died and your actual intentions and actions at the time. You may see your actions or reactions in a more positive light. Forgive yourself for being imperfect — you did and continue to do the best that you can.

Accept happiness: After the death and loss of a child one of the major hurdles parents experience in their return to the world of the living is their inability to accept pleasure — or acknowledging that it even exists. But happiness or enjoyment is one of the most important survival tools, even if for just a moment in your grief. It’s okay to laugh in the midst of tears, to smile at someone or something. You might feel that your laughter betrays your child’s memory, but you need to know you are not abandoning your grieving by enjoying yourself. The only way to survive bereavement is to step away from it occasionally.

Take small steps: After the death and loss of a child it is important to break down the future into small increments, an hour or a day, and deal only with one portion at a time. Focus on tasks — feed the cat, do the laundry. These little bits of normalcy and focusing on the moment at hand will make grief more bearable.

Remember the positive: Focus on the positive events and experiences in the relationship you had with your child. At some point, consider making a journal of all the details you want to remember about your child’s life. Review your family photographs and include some in your book. You may not feel ready to do this right away or you may take great comfort doing this in the early days — each person is individual in his or her needs.

Let others know your needs: After the death and loss of a child many people want to be supportive but are at a loss for what to do — they are unable to process this loss or know exactly what to say. Bereaved parents may have to be the ones to take the first step in reaching out to others. Let friends and family know your needs, and don’t be afraid to ask for help. If you’re afraid of running into someone who might say something about your child, ask a friend to do some shopping for you. Others could help you deal with daily tasks. Maybe you’d like someone to be available to listen to you or be around to ease your loneliness. Only you know what you need.

Surviving the death and loss of a child takes a dedication to life. As a parent, you gave birth to life as a promise to the future. Now you must make a new commitment to living, as hard or impossible as it may seem right now. You will survive this; however, the experience may change you.

How surviving children are affected

One of the most difficult roles for a mother or father after the death and loss of a child is to continue being a parent to the surviving children. Parents must continue to function in the very role they are grieving — an enormous challenge. But the surviving child or children shouldn’t feel that they are alone or have been set aside, as difficult as it may be to find the emotional reserves to support them. Parents have the difficult task of switching roles constantly, from being comforted to being the comforter, at a time when they have little ability to do so. Some parents swing to the other extreme and become extremely overprotective of their child, determined to keep them safe.

To learn more about how to support your surviving child/children during this challenging time, please visit the [Children and Grief](#) section. Children of all ages process grief differently. To ensure the healthy survival of your family, your children’s needs must be addressed not only by you but other family members who may have greater emotional reserves at this time. Others can help you help your child; you are critical to their healing process, but not the sole provider of comfort.

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.

<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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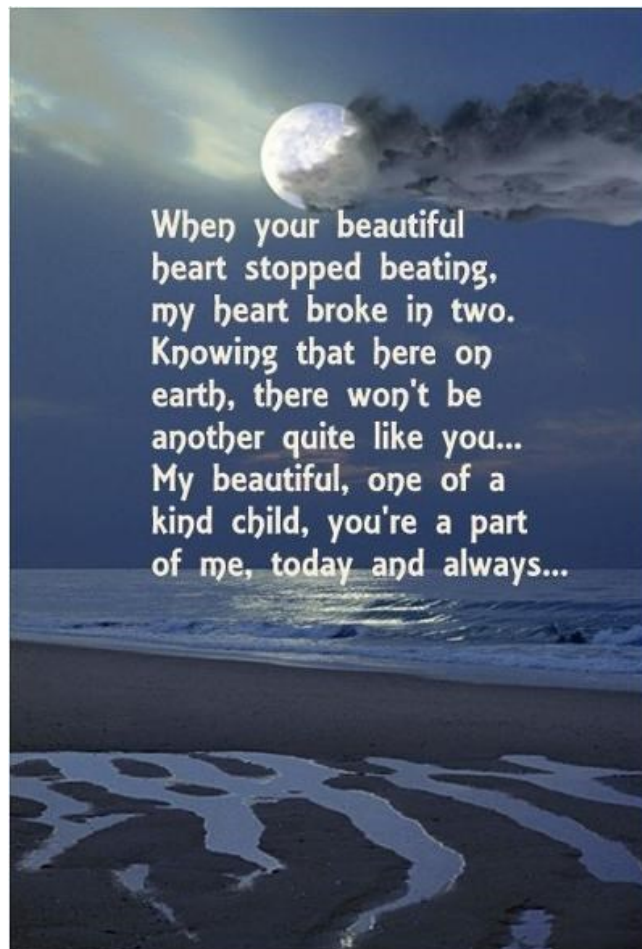
Welcome

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 another to every bereaved family, no matter how recent or long ago the death.



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