



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

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

Caylee Marie Cepero and Keith Scragg

MEETING INFORMATION

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

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tampa, FL

Call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly Brandon NIGHTTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

** (held the last Thursday of each month)

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

HCA Florida Brandon Hospital

119 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, FL

Cafeteria - Oak Room

Call Lori Scragg at 813-361-2946

for directions or information.

**** Due to Halloween, the tentative date for October's meeting is 10/17. It might be cancelled.**

*** This is our new meeting location.**

The Brandon Daytime Meeting has been cancelled until further notice due to lack of attendees.

We would be interested in knowing if any of you would be interested in attending a zoom meeting on a monthly basis. If interested, please send response to debbiebpnews@aol.com. Please also make a suggestion as to whether you would prefer weekday or weekend evening.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October 2024						

Summer is over, though the weather remains hot. Fall is here, and that means the beginning of the holiday season. Often the holidays are very difficult for bereaved parents, especially if this is the first year without their child. People have written articles making suggestions as to how to change up the celebration. I will include an article next month, but I invite you to try googling what can a bereaved parent do to make celebrating holidays without their child bearable.

I have included the information about the Candle Lighting on pages 8-9. Please try to RSVP as soon as you know if you are coming instead of waiting until the last minute. It makes it easier for us to prepare.

Hugs!

Debbie

Chapter News

Angel of Hope Information

www.angelofhopetampabay.com

Located at:

Riverside Park

201 Riverhills Drive,

Temple Terrace

Mailing Address:

24714 St Road 54, Lutz, FL 33559

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 & accident) 813-361-2946

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

Barbara Dietrich {Death of only child} 813-340-9120

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

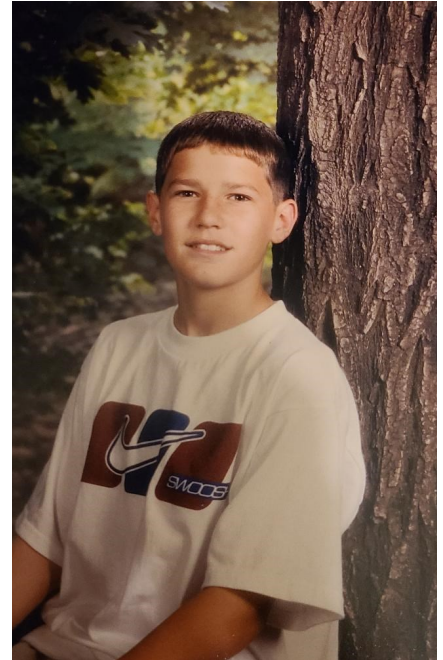
Some of us like to remember our child's birthday or the anniversary of his or her death by bringing a cake or cookies to the meeting that month. We would appreciate having you bring a special treat to any meeting. You may also want to bring and share a picture of your child.

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.

Keith Joseph Scragg

8/4/86 to 9/5/08



**We love and miss
you very much.**

**Mom, Dad, Matt,
and Macklin**



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. & Cinderella 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

mDaly, 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

Lopez, Jakub
9/6/06 - 11/2/22
P - Claudia and Julio
B - Julio Lopez Jr
S - Alexa Lopez

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

B - Siobhan Castillo
S - Brayden Castillo
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

Russo, Marilyn
9/3/45 - 11/10/18
S - Barbara Dietrich

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

Castillo, Schyler
2/5/12 - 9/1/22
F - Randall Castillo
B - Siobhan Castillo
S - Brayden Castillo

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

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

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

Guy, Reese
3/27/2002 - 9/23/2020
M - Tammy Guy
Dad - Josh Miller
Grandparents - Kelly & Kerry
Rhodes

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

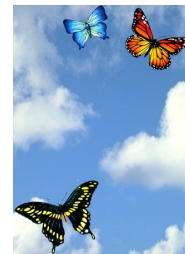
Horst, Trey
4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000
P - Art & Linda Horst
B - Todd & Thad
S - Trisha & Tammy

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

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

September Anniversaries cont'd

Kenefick, Aaron Michael 2/5/1979 - 9/8/2009 M - Susan Price Sibs - Jacque & Jade GM - Carol Price	Mink-Miller, Deborha 3/26/1965 - 9/27/1991 M - Diane Mink S - Renee Mink Crosby	Perrotti, Paul 9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995 F - Donald J. Perrotti	Schulman, Adam J. 6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004 M - Pat Schulman Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman
Kutz, Dylan 4/12/95 - 9/7/13 P - Marivic & Richard Kutz	Moore, Maya 7/16/05 - 9/23/20 Mom - Maryam Ahmed Dad - Clarence Moore II Sister - Maha Smith Brother - Clarence Moore III Grandparents - Mery Love and Tahira Abuukar	Pippin, Shawn 10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002 M - Anita Pippin	Scragg, Keith Joseph 8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008 P - Richard & Lori Son - Macklin B - Matthew S/O - Emily Popke
Lowe, Anna 1/30/1994 - 9/30/2007 M-Beth Lowe	Morrill, Daniel 9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007 M - Amelia Lubrano	Rainey, Wendy Michelle Price 3/7/1968 - 9/27/2006 M - Shelia Farmer B - Peter Price S - Emily Furst	Silva, Marina 7/3/99 - 9/3/23 M - Alicia Silva
Mack, Anthony Joe 5/31/96 - 9/28/14 P - Barbara & Rob Riches	Nichols, Melissa 11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002 M - Terrena Nichols F - Shannon Nichols S - Brandy Nichols B - Shannon Nichols,Jr.	Roberts, J. Michael 5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002 M - Ann Roberts Mitchel GP - Merle H. Brunson	Smith, Clay Daniel 10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996 P - Francia & Chuck Smith B - Jed & Kyle
Mart, Aaron Paul 09/24/96 - 09/11/99 P - Hank & Donna Mart B - Daniel GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim	Peel, Lee Anna Campbell 8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992 M - Patricia Campbell S -Beth Biggs B - Eddy Biggs GP - Estele & James Carleton	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	Thornton, Teresa E. 01/12/66 - 09/24/81 P - Ken & Mirta Thornton S - Lisa Buckner B - Nick Thornton GP - Tony & Berneda Pino
McMillion, James Christopher 7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003 GP - Ralph & Martha Hamilton	Peel, Matthew Shane 9/9/92 - 9/9/92 A - Beth Biggs U - Eddy Biggs GM - Patricia Campbell		
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			



October Birthdays

Baez, Roberto G 10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005 M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez	Casey, Ryan 10/15/86 - 5/4/12 P - Mike & Katie Casey S- Lauren Casey	Jayden, Ojeda 10/16/14 - 10/16/19 M - Alecia Ojeda S - Jorge, Sacari, Jenavecia	Mercer, Bret 10/5/1988 - 6/25/1992 P - Eddie & Darlene Mercer S - Lindy, Crystal & Kaley GP-Loren & Christine Mercer GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon
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	Cason, Todd 10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003 P-Earl and Kay Cason Child- Spouse-	Hester, Debbie 10/14/61 - 07/25/98 P - Buddy & Sue Butler	Miller, Tyler Lee 10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003 P-Perry and Barbara Miller
Black, Justin 10/3/1989-11/6/2007 F-Chris Black	Chilson, Candice 10/24/83 - 11/10/01 M - Wendy Chilson	Hoyt, Scott 10/27/75 - 9/16/18 M - Kathy Kellinger	Mira, Anita 10/22/1992 - 12/4/2010 M- Patricia Mira
Burger, Teresa 10/26/58 - 07/10/87 M - Cecelia Burger B - Hal & Curt Burger	Fitzpatrick, Brad R 10/8/72 - 10/27/2000 M - Barbara Fitzpatrick	Knight, Arleen Diane 10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004 P-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez S-Elaine Rogers Daughters-Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz, Katie Tuclula	Nichols, Shannon Jr. 10/5/1979 - 3/29/2004 M-Terrena Nichols F-Shannon Nichols S-Brandy& Melissa Nichols
Carpenter, Ben 10/3/1965-5/10/1995 P-Carl & Marilyn Carpenter	Fleming, Ibree 10/15/01 - 6/1/03 M - Vonetta Fleming S - Aniya B - Merquis and Martell	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	Ojeda, Jayden 10/6/04 -10/6/19 M - Alicia Ojeda B - Jorge Adiazole

October Birthdays cont'd

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

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

Rigney, Kyle
10/27/90 - 12/13/2020
F - Louis Rigney

Short, Kimberly
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, Thalana N/N-Israel,
Keith II and Miranda

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

B - Siobhan Castillo
S - Brayden Castillo
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

Verde, Alex
10/1/1987 - 11/14/16
M - Andria Verde
S- Amber Davis

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

Jayden, Ojeda
10/16/14 - 10/16/19
M - Alecia Ojeda
S - Jorge, Sacari, Jenavecia

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

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

Ojeda, Jayden
10/16/04 - 10/16/19
M - Alicia Ojeda
B -Jorge Adiazole
S - Sacaria and Jenavecia Ojeda

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





2024 Candlelight Ceremony Sunday December 8**Participation Form**

(Please return this registration by November 24 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: _____

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 take it (them) home afterwards)

Your Name _____

Address/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

December 8, 2024 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, 2024. (Please begin to arrive by 6:15 PM so that we can begin the program on time at 7). The ceremony will be held at: St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Arts Building.

This day is the day of 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 – This year we will be having a pot-luck dinner after the Candle Lighting as we have done in previous years. We encourage all to participate in the dinner. During this time, we will be announcing the winners of the raffled gift baskets.

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 used 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. The raffle tickets will be \$1 for one ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, and \$10 for 15 tickets and \$20 for 35 tickets.

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.

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.

We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA. We welcome you.

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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